

'Treat others the way you want to be treated.'

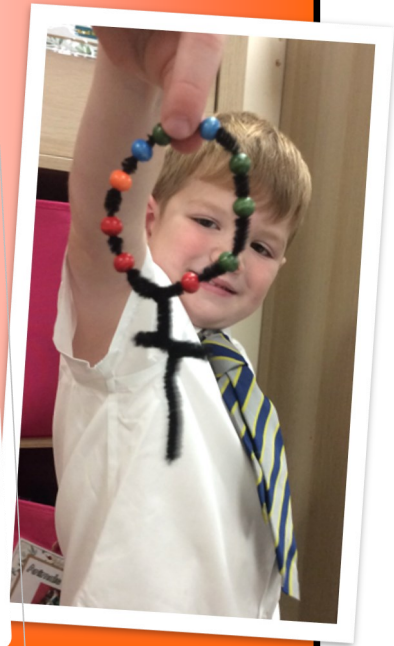
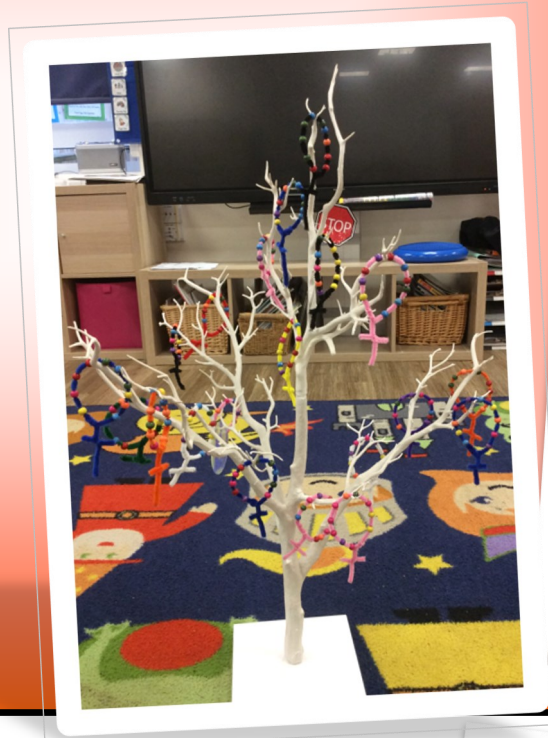
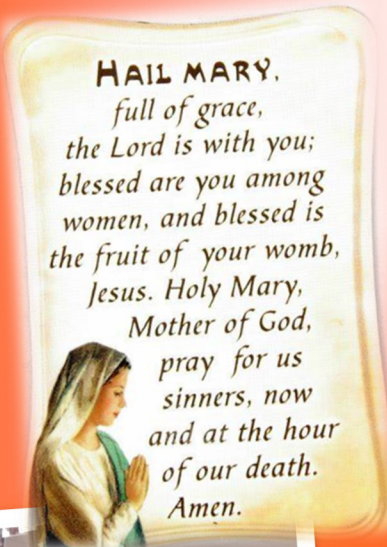
Matthew 7:12

18/10/24

Dear Family,

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. We have been celebrating this special month in Reception, by making our own rosary beads. We have also been learning about Mary, the mother of Jesus and her significance in our faith. The children have been learning the 'Hail Mary' Prayer and understanding why it is important.

October Month of The Holy Rosary



'Treat others as you would like to be treated.'

YEAR 5 VISIT THE COMMUNITY GARDENS!

Year 5 had such a lovely time at the Community Gardens on Tuesday afternoon! The weather was dry and bright and we all enjoyed exploring the gardens to begin with, collecting nature treasures and investigating the different colours and textures that could be found at this time of year. Each of the children had their own tray of discoveries and it was lovely to see the variety of things that had been gathered. After that, the children had a drink and some play time, before planting their very own daffodil bulbs in pots to take home! A

very big thank you to Tim and his team for such a wonderful experience for the children.





A PERFECT
Autumn
day

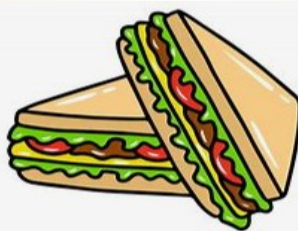


LEARNING IN ACTION THIS WEEK!

At forest school this week, the children made Gruffalo sandwiches! We first read the Gruffalo in class and talked about what natural resources we could put into our Gruffalo Sandwich. We then ventured to forest school and enjoyed filling our sandwiches with mud, leaves and conkers. As we were exploring, we noticed one of our sandwiches had a huge bite taken from it and were so excited to try and find where the Gruffalo was hiding!



I'm having a feast
with a gruffalo.



**YEAR 2
MATHS IN
ACTION!**



This week, Year 2 have been playing maths games to develop their addition and subtraction vocabulary. We have been using the terms add, subtract, more, less and plus to describe our mathematical equations.





Christmas

Dates for your diary

Although we still have 8 weeks to go until our Christmas festivities begin here in school we would like to keep you updated of our plans for Christmas visits and celebrations here in school.



On Monday 16th December, our Reception children will be visiting Clearwell Caves.

This will be an amazing experience for the children and a perfect way of getting into the spirit of Christmas, with our school friends. During this magical tour, the children will be visiting Santa and receiving a gift, then stopping off at Beechenhurst, for a picnic and some outdoor games on the way home.



Year 1 and 2 we will be visiting Santa Safari on Tuesday 17th December.

They will be venturing on a safari through the park, getting close up to all of the animals, as well as visiting Santa and receiving a gift! They will stay for cookies and milk before heading back to school.



Our Key stage 2 children will be stepping into the magical winter wonderland and beating heart of the home of Welsh rugby at the Principality Stadium on Tuesday 17th December. We are super excited and have an action-packed day for the children!

KEY STAGE 2 ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA 2024

Monmouth Girls School Theatre

Friday 20th December @ 6:00pm



RECEPTIONS ADMISSIONS

September 2025

Do you have a child
born between
1 September 2020
and 31 August 2021

If so you will need to
apply for a school
place by 15th Jan 25
(to commence Sept 25)

*St Joseph's Primary School is a thriving
and happy primary school, providing a
broad and balanced curriculum.*

*To arrange a visit, please contact us on
the details below.*



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COMPETITION TIME FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS!



Gritter naming competition

Herefordshire Council is running a very special competition for primary school pupils to help name our fleet of gritters that are in action to keep our roads safe during the colder months.

It's a great opportunity for Herefordshire children to get thinking creatively over half term. Attached is also an optional colouring sheet so entrants can use their crayons, pencils or felt tips and have fun creating their own gritter!

The competition is open to the following age groups:

- 3 to 5 years
- 6 to 7 years
- 8 to 11 years

All entrants have to do is visit the official [competition page](#), enter a few key details so that we can contact the winners, and submit their suggested name for one of our gritters.

Each winner will be invited to attend the Balfour Beatty Living Places depot to meet their gritter in person, along with some of the winter heroes who maintain and operate them. They will also be awarded their own competition winner certificate to take home with them.

But this isn't all - a new online system is launching this winter that will allow people to see the locations and progress of the gritters in real time. This means the competition winners will be able to follow their named gritter as they work hard to keep Herefordshire roads safe during the colder months.

The deadline for entries is Tuesday 27 October 2024.

If you have any questions about our gritter naming competition, please email submit@herefordshire.gov.uk

Diary Dates

Monday 4 th November- Friday 8 th November	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Week!
Tuesday 5 th November	Year 4 Community Gardens visit PM
Friday 8 th November	FSJ Football Fundraiser
Friday 8 th November	Curry and Quiz Night
Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 11 th November	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 12 th November	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 27 th November	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 5 th December	Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity
Friday 6 th December	Christmas Fayre
Thursday 12 th December	Nursery Nativity @ 2:30pm
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Dinner Day and Afternoon Show
Monday 16 th September	Reception visit to Clearwell Caves
Tuesday 17 th December	Key Stage 1 Santa Safari
Tuesday 17 th December	Key Stage 2 Santa at the Stadium
Thursday 19 th December	End of Term Mass
Friday 20 th December	Nursery Christmas Party @ 11:00am
Friday 20 th December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance
Friday 20 th December	End of Term
Monday 23 rd December	HOLIDAY CLUB
Monday 30 th and Tuesday 31 st December	
Thursday 2 nd and Friday 3 rd January	
Monday 6 th January	Children return to school for Spring Term

Cooking Club

A message from Miss Sadler....

This week at Cooking Club, the children helped to bake chocolate and raspberry pastries. We first started by mashing our raspberries to make a puree. We then rolled out our pastry on a floured table and added either raspberry puree, chocolate chips or both! We then rolled our pastries to try and create a croissant shape. We sprinkled these with sugar before adding them to the oven.



HOME LEARNING UPDATE FROM MR PATEL...

After consultation with parents and staff, I am pleased to put forward our plans for Home-Learning starting this week. Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey and to our parent voice group for your valuable input. As a result, home-learning will be as follows:

- Year 1 - 3 Families,
- After consultation with parents and staff, I am pleased to put forward our plans for Home-Learning starting this week. Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey and to our parent voice group for your valuable input. As a result, home-learning will be as follows:
- 10-15 minutes of daily reading
- Fortnightly cycle of Home-learning to be given out, starting this Friday and returned 2 Wednesdays later
- Each child will come home with a red home-learning book and their tasks stuck in. These will include
- Maths task
- Time to Talk: RE, science and history or geography (There is no written expectation for 'Time to Talk')
- Each task will equate to approximately 15 minutes, but will vary from child to child
- ED SHED spelling logins will be stuck to the inside cover of the home-learning books for spelling practice (Years 2 and 3 only). The QR code works if you have the app downloaded – You are also able to access the learning via the website edshed.com
- Half termly projects will be assigned for each class. This is an opportunity to for our learners to be as creative as possible. Choose just one of the project options to complete, and hand in the project by the advertised due date.

Year 4-6 Families,

- 15-20 minutes of daily reading
- Weekly cycle of home-learning to be given out, starting this Friday and returned the following Wednesday
- Each child to bring home maths and grammar CGP books to complete set tasks
- In addition, Years 5 and 6 will have a reading comprehension to complete
- Tasks will also be set for ED SHED spellings. The children will be given their logins this Friday. The QR code works if you have the app downloaded – You are also able to access the learning via the website edshed.com
- Each task will equate to approximately 15 minutes, but will vary from child to child
- Half termly projects will be assigned for each class. This is an opportunity to for our learners to be as creative as possible. Choose just one of the project options to complete, and hand in the project by the advertised due date.

MARK THIS ON YOUR
CALENDAR

QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT

JOIN US FOR OUR QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL AND NURSERY. THERE WILL BE QUESTIONS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

THERE WILL BE A CHICKEN CURRY AND VEGETABLE CURRY KINDLY DONATED TO US BY HAZELHURST NURSING HOME AND A LICENSED BAR.

TICKET INCLUDES
QUIZ ENTRY, A
RAFFLE TICKET
AND A CURRY

FRIDAY 8TH NOV

5:30PM-9PM

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS: ADULT £10 / CHILDREN £5

MAXIMUM 10 PEOPLE PER TEAM

AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



HALF TERM HOLIDAY Club

28TH OCT TO
1ST NOV 2024

Monday to Friday
9am-3pm

2-11 YEARS

Breakfast club from 8am.
Wrap around care till
5.30pm

**UNIQUE THEMES
EVERY DAY**

Snacks and drinks provided
throughout the day
*(Cooked or packed lunches also
available at an additional cost)*

CONTACT US

01989 564655

holidayclub@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk





Friday 25th October

***We will be hosting our annual
PUMPKIN PARTY in the sports hall.***

***Please bring costume/party wear in a bag for the children
to change into if you would like, this is optional.***

***Please be considerate of any 'props' children may like to
bring as part of their costumes.***

***£4 per child, includes a snack
bag (bookable through parent pay)***

Entertainment and disco!

KS1: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

KS2: 5pm – 6pm



**PARENTS EVENING
COMING SOON!**

***We will be holding our Autumn term Parents' Evening on Monday 11th
and Tuesday 12th November. Parents will be sent an email link next
week to book an appointment online.***

***These meetings are important for parents and teachers to work to-
gether and openly communicate about the children's progress and
wellbeing. We look forward to welcoming you to these in a few weeks
time.***

FSJ NEWS!

On the 8th of November the FSJ are hosting a football fundraiser so that we can buy some lovely new PE equipment for the children to use in their lessons.

We will be emailing out sponsorship forms so that you can ask your family and friends for sponsorship over half term.



FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER

WE ARE RAISING MONEY FOR

NEW PE EQUIPMENT

HOW FAST CAN YOU KICK IT?

WIN



FAMILY TOUR OF WEMBLEY STADIUM



EVENT DATE

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

SPONSOR DEADLINE

TUES 5TH NOV 2024 | 5:00pm

To ensure your child receives their prizes on the day of the event, all sponsor money must be donated online before the date and time shown above.

**NURSERY IN ACTION THIS
WEEK**

**A MESSAGE FROM MRS
LEREGO**

This week we have been reading the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' The children have been practicing their scissor skills by cutting Goldilocks hair and exploring the small world sensory goldilocks tray.

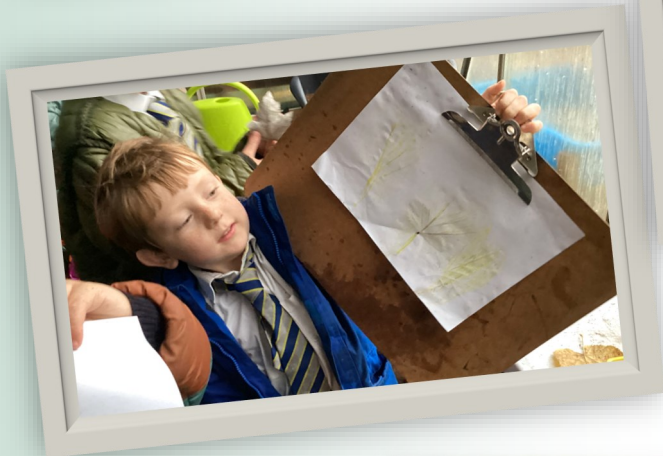
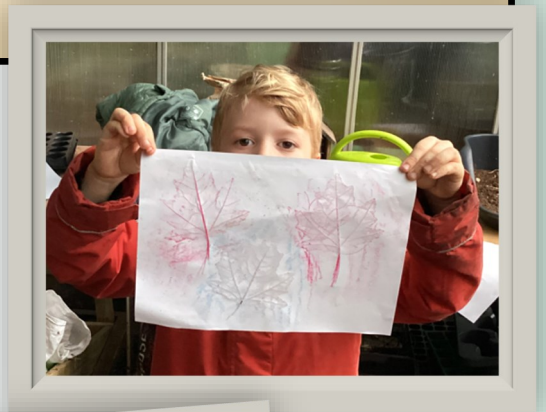
We have also been making our own hedgehog using paper plates, paint and sticks and the children have made their very own holy rosary for our display!



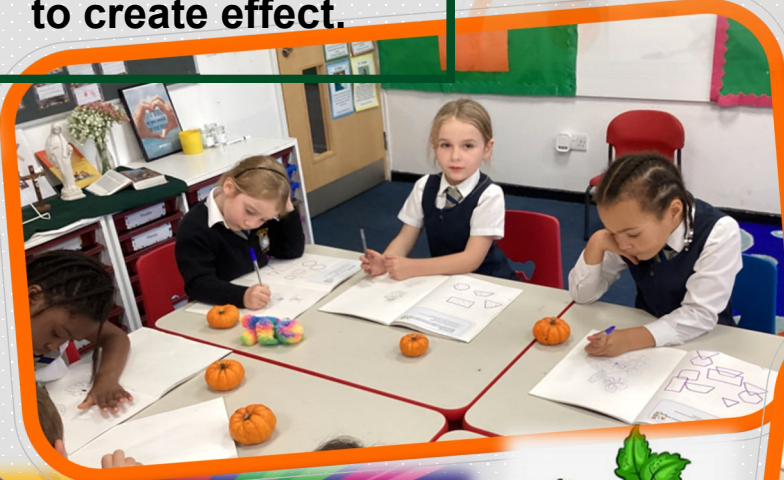
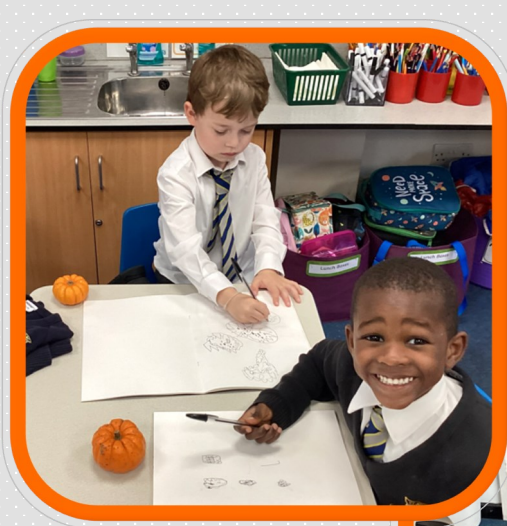


**A message from
Mrs Hodges...**

In this weeks gardening club, we were grateful for the warmth of our lovely greenhouse while we listened to the torrential rain outside while we worked. We divided and planted some garlic cloves in a trough, another example of how we can multiply food, the children all loved the smell too! We looked at a lovely plant identification box given to us by Kew Gardens and look forward to a drier day to get out and use it! We finished off with picking some of our favourite leaves to do some beautiful leaf rubbings



Abba Class have been practising their observational drawing skills during their Art lesson this week. In keeping with our Autumn season, they have been drawing mini pumpkins and produced wonderful pieces of art, using light and shade and different lines to create effect.



GREAT Attendance

SWIFTIES	98%
ABBA	97%
FANTASIA	97.3%
ZIMMER	98%
ALISHA	98.46%
MIRANDA	97.8%
SHEERIOS	98.5%

SCIENCE



MEGAMIND



Pot of Gold



Enjoy your weekend.

God Bless

Mrs Francis

CHOOSE
kindness