

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

Matthew 7:12

27/9/24

Dear Family,

On Thursday morning we celebrated our whole school mass with Fr Nick and fellow parishioners from St Frances of Rome Church. This was a lovely way to start the new term and as always the children read and sang beautifully, Thank you to Fr Nick for leading this.



At this time of the year we take time to give thanks for our food and all those who produce it. We are fortunate to live in an area where children see crops and fruits grow and harvested which helps too.

On Monday 30th September we will start our Harvest Collection. For the local foodbank. If you are able to contribute to the collection for the Ross Food Bank we will be setting out a table in the Central Area. Please do not send in fresh food, as the Food Bank cannot store these. The items the food bank particularly need are: tinned soup, pasta meals, instant noodles, biscuits, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, toilet rolls. Thank you as always for your continued support.



Food Collection

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

LEARNING IN ACTION THIS WEEK!

As part of Science, Abba class have been learning about animals. This week the children have been learning about fish and the parts of a fish including the gills, the dorsal and pectoral fins, scales, eyes and tail. The children then looked at a fish to identify these parts and then drew their own fish and labelled it. Super learning everyone. 😊





FREE



PICKLEBALL SESSIONS

with

ACTIVATE
SPORTS EDUCATION

Wednesdays
4:30–6:30pm

BOOKING NOT REQUIRED REGISTRATION FORM TO BE COMPLETED ON THE DAY

St Josephs Primary School, The Avenue,
Ross-on-Wye HR9 5AW

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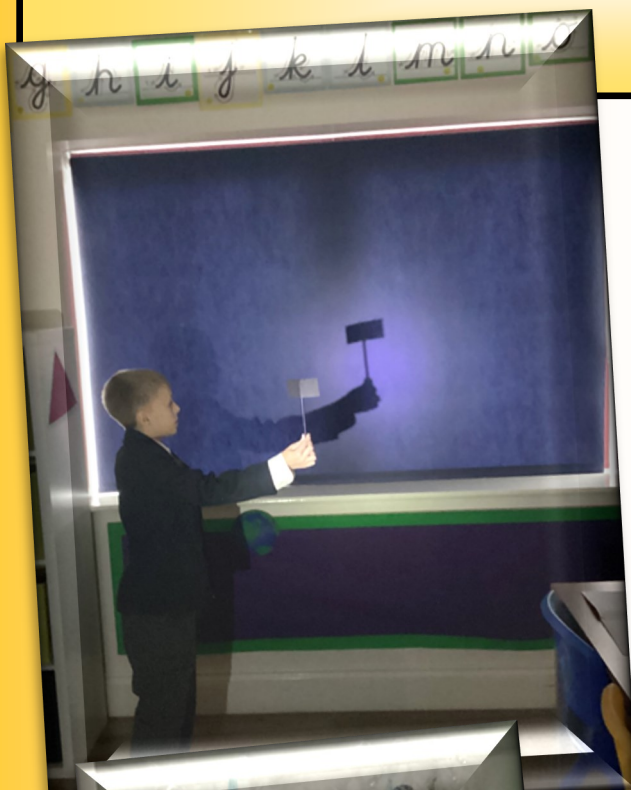
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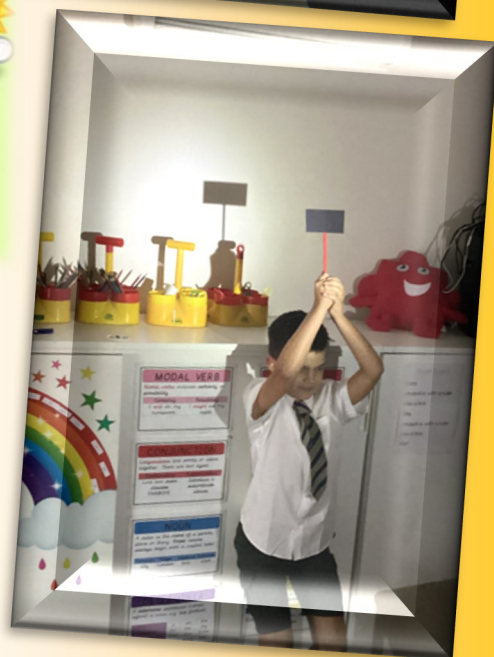
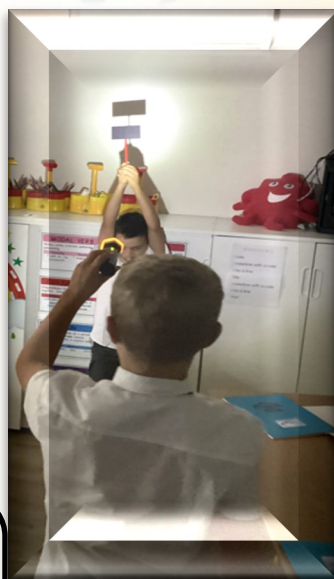
Hans Zimmer Class have been working hard in reviewing their place values of 10 to 100 in maths this week. In English they have been learning about and writing about King Minos. Theseus and Ariadne. They even created their own labyrinth in hopes to escape the Minotaur!



In science Year 6 are exploring and investigating how light travels and what they can change about a shadow. They enjoyed doing an investigation to find out about how shadows can grow bigger or smaller depending on where an object is compared to its light source.



Light & Shadow



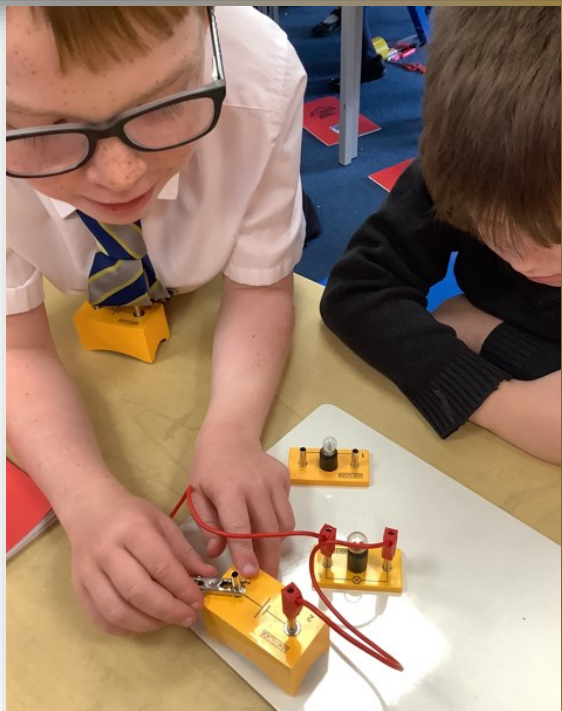
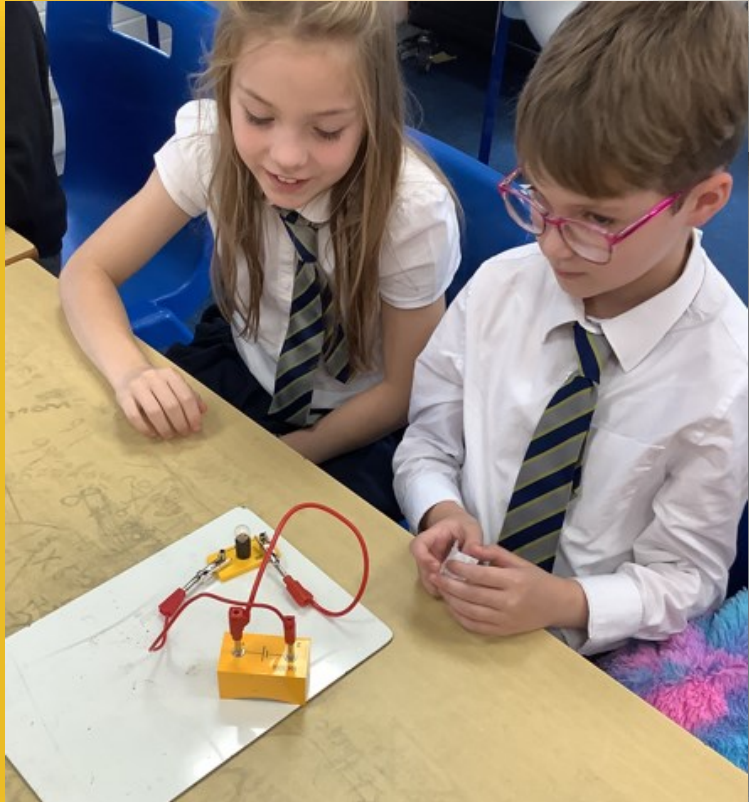
I really enjoyed looking into how the shadows grew bigger the closer we got to the light and how they changed again the further we went away. Amelia L

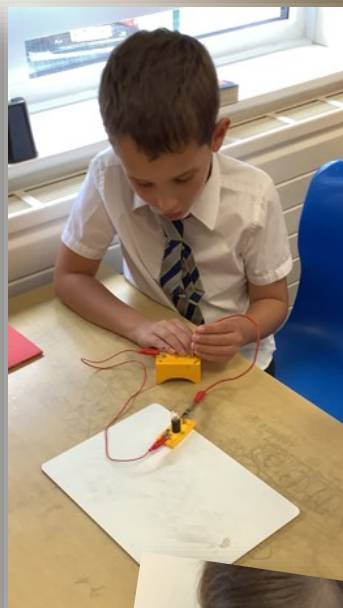
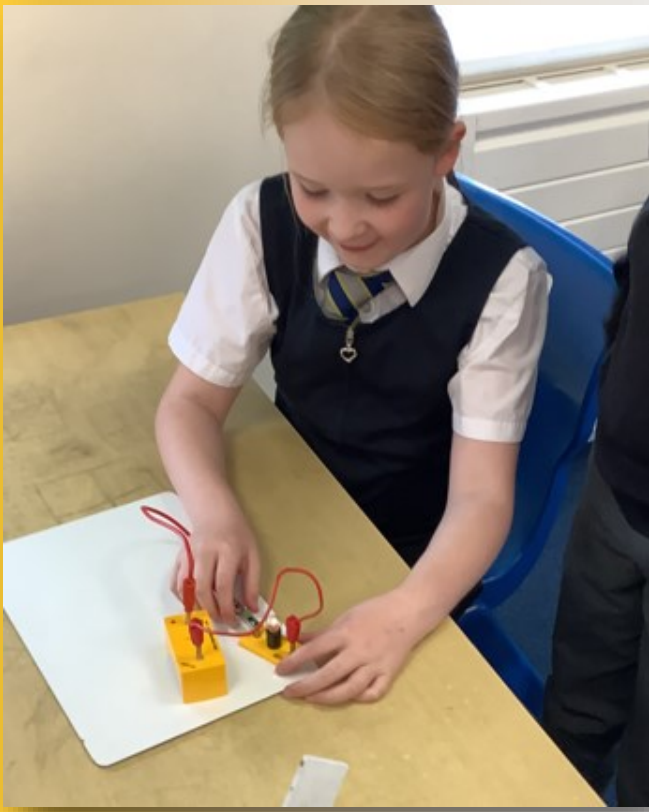
We had fun making our own objects to create fun shadows and also seeing how they changed with different distances to the light.

Ellie R



This week Year 4 began their Science learning, focused on electricity. They have worked in teams to piece electrical components together following a modelled diagram to create complete circuits. The children have also problem solved independently to correct incomplete circuits and use the vocabulary needed when drawing their own diagrams.





YEAR 2 AT THE COMMUNITY GARDENS!

Year 2 had a fantastic afternoon with Tim and his team today @ Ross-on-Wye Community Garden. We were fortunate with the weather too, as the sun decided to make an appearance for us! The children enjoyed learning about the the different plants, flowers and vegetables that are growing during this season, as well as making and colouring plant measurers, to use in their own gardens.

We made the most of the afternoon playing games in the sunshine and completing a nature walk, whilst also taking a sneak peek at the hedgehogs snuggled up in their houses, Thank you again and we look forward to our next visit!

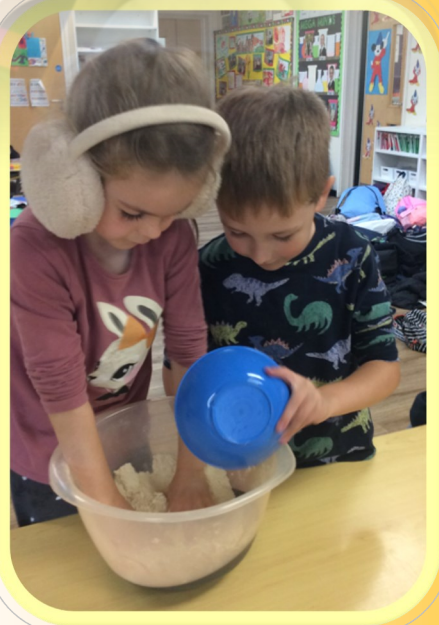




Cooking Club

A message from Miss Sadler....

This week at Cooking Club, the children helped to bake scones. We first rubbed the flour and butter together to create a breadcrumb consistency. We then added our sugar and buttermilk, stirring our mixture with a knife before putting our hands in to make a dough. We then kneaded our dough and used a cup to cut the dough into circles. We then added an egg wash to the top before adding them to the oven.





PSQM

Primary Science
Quality Mark

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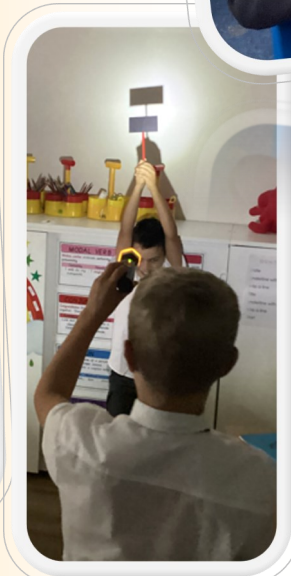
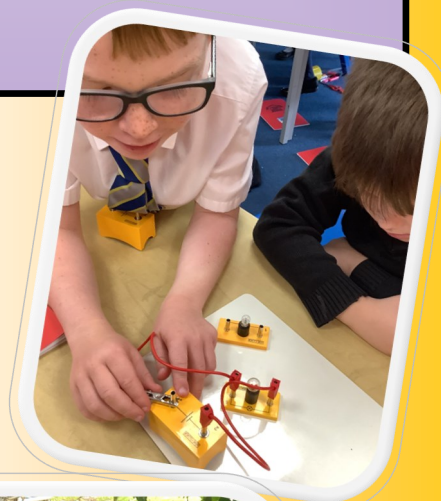
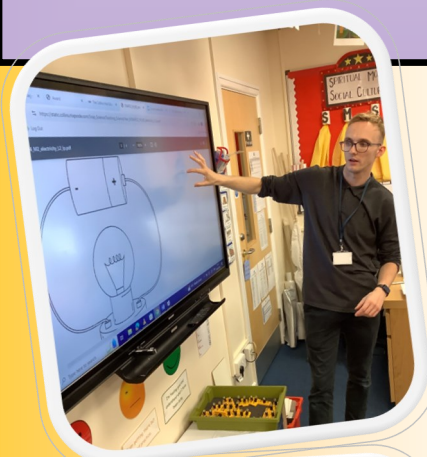
Valid 2024 – 2027

We are excited to announce that our school has been awarded the “Primary Science Quality Mark”.

This prestigious recognition celebrates our dedication to delivering exceptional science education and inspiring a love for science among our children.

A huge congratulations to our incredible team and children for all of their hard work. Together, we are making science fun, exciting and relevant!

Congratulations to Mr Mason and Mr Gunter, who led us on this



Year 5 and 6

2025

Summer residential!



Next year our year 5 and 6 residential will be to Cornwall. We will be staying at the OA Surf Club overlooking Widemouth Bay.

We will be leaving school on Monday 30th June and returning to school on Friday 4th July.

We will be travelling by coach and staying at the Surf Club, with breakfast, packed lunches and evening meals provided. Let-

ter have been sent home to parents and we are asking for a £50 deposit to be paid via parentpay by 30th September 2024 to secure the booking.

We look forward to this truly unique and unforgettable experience for next year's residential. Further information will follow throughout the year.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



***A very HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all our
September birthdays!***

***Wishing you all a very special day celebrating with
family and friends!***



Next Tuesday afternoon 1st October, Year 3 will be venturing down to the Community Gardens for the afternoon. The children will need to bring in some old, comfortable clothes to change into.

We will be leaving after their lunch at 12:45pm.



We have a collection booked on Thursday 3rd October for the rags2riches4schools recycling scheme.

For this collection we do not have branded bags so please put your items in a bin bag.

Please bring your bags of clothing to school on the morning of the collection date and leave them by the school gate.

Many thanks as always for your continued support.



On Tuesday the 8th of October we will be representing the school at the School Games Values Festival at Hereford Leisure Centre. Some of our KS2 children will be participating in a selection of activities which include: multi sports, multi skills and tri golf. The festival is focused on values that are important to demonstrate when playing team sports. The School Games values are Respect, Teamwork, Passion, Determination, Self-Belief and Honesty. Please can we have Tag Rugby slips returned by this Monday and School Games Values Festival slips returned by next Friday. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help at these events and for the £5 donations to support with funding for the travel to the School Games Values Festival.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Reception admissions for 2025-2026

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 15 January 2025
(to commence September 2025)

Applications can be completed from
16 September 2024 online
(scan QR code) or visit:



www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions

Please note: a place at a nursery does not
guarantee a place at the associated primary
school, therefore you must still apply.

For further information please contact the school
admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or
schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk

NURSERY IN ACTION THIS WEEK
A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO

The children have been thinking about and talking about their emotions this week - putting their faces on the emotions board every morning to let us know how they are feeling and painting faces to show how they feel. We have been drawing our faces in shaving foam and singing songs about our emotions.



Star of the Week

Medeea for coming in smiling and communicating more with the staff and her peers.



COMING SOON



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



Our Parent Voice Representatives for this academic year :

Reception: Chloe Mason-Wenn (Bethany's mum)

Year 1: Nikki Cunningham-Smith (Illy's mum)

Year 2: Rebecca Griffiths (Joshua's mum)

Year 3: Zoe Wooding (Dexter's mum)

Year 4: Hayley Legge (David's mum)

Year 5 : Tiffany Preece (Bradley's mum)

Year 6: Tammy Smith (Toby's mum)

Our first meeting will take place on Thursday 8th October @ 2:00pm. Please speak to your class representative if you would like to add an item to our agenda.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 1st October	Year 3 Community Gardens Visit PM
Tuesday 8th October	Turn up Tuesday with Mrs Gurney – School nurse visiting @ 1:30pm
Monday 7 th October	Harvest Assembly @ 2:00pm
Tuesday 8th October	Year 4 Community Gardens Visit PM
Thursday 10 th October	School Photo Day
Tuesday 15th October	Year 5 Community Gardens Visit PM
Friday 25 th October	FSJ Pumpkin Party
Friday 25 th October	Break up for half term



WELL DONE SOFIA!!!!

This week Sofia in Year 5, had her first training session last with Alan Hawkins at his goal keeping academy. He is also a talent scout. Alan was a professional goal keeper and used to play in goal for West Bromwich Albion.

He was really pleased with her first session! Great job Sofia, we are super proud!



SWIFTIES	98%
ABBA	98.89%
FANTASIA	98.82%
ZIMMER	97%
ALISHA	96.15%
MIRANDA	96.09%
SHEERIOS	98%



Pot of Gold



This week's winners are:
Joey, Abigail, Isla H, Leo H,
Ned, Henry S, Connie,
Miles, Arthur, Isobel and
Harrison.

Well done!!



Enjoy your weekend.

God Bless

Mrs Francis

