

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



23/1/26

'Treat others the way you want to be treated'

Matthew 7:12

Dear Families,

It's been a fun packed week in school, with so much happening alongside our daily curriculum. Our Reception children began the week with an important mission in our community. On Monday, they headed into town to lead their very own protest to help save the River Wye and raise awareness of how we can all play our part. It was a huge success, and we are incredibly proud of them.

On Tuesday, our Key Stage 2 children travelled to Stratford upon Avon to watch the Royal Shakespeare Company perform The BFG. It was an unforgettable experience, and we were all blown away by such a fantastic production.

On Wednesday, we joined the community non-uniform day in support of the Mayor's charity—Help the Aged. The Mayor visited St Joseph's to meet the children and personally thank them for their support.

Later that afternoon, Mr Harber's class delivered a brilliant assembly all about the Amazon rainforest. It was an inspiring performance—well done, Year 4!

It's been another wonderful and successful week.

Maths- Workshop 6 - for Parents



A big thank you to our parents and grandparents who were able to join us on Tuesday for our Year 1 Mastering Number workshop. The children loved playing games with their adults, exploring strategies and sharing their sense of number. We're now looking forward to our final workshop with Reception next week.







Mayor Visits St Joseph's



On Wednesday, we joined neighbouring schools in celebrating a non-uniform day in support of the Mayor's chosen charity—Help the Aged UK. Thanks to the generosity of our families, we raised £110 for this wonderful cause. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed; your support truly makes a difference.

We were also delighted to welcome the Mayor to our school, where he personally thanked the children for their efforts and the positive impact they are helping to create. We look forward to welcoming him back again soon.

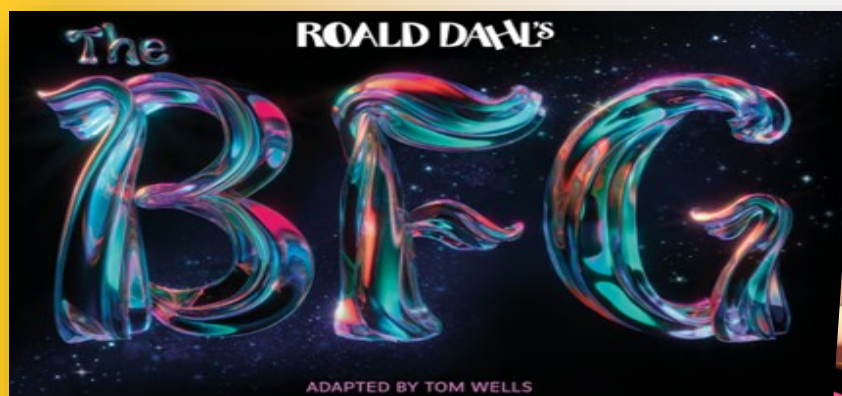


Freddie has been working incredibly hard towards his Superkindness Award and has shown outstanding commitment and compassion throughout. He delivered a confident, informative talk to his mountain bike coaching club about staying safe and wearing the correct protective gear. He also showed wonderful generosity by donating his old baby clothes to families in need.

In addition, Freddie created a striking anti-bullying poster and helped raise awareness of the Amazon rainforest through his performance in the class assembly.

Well done, Freddie — we are so proud of everything you've achieved!





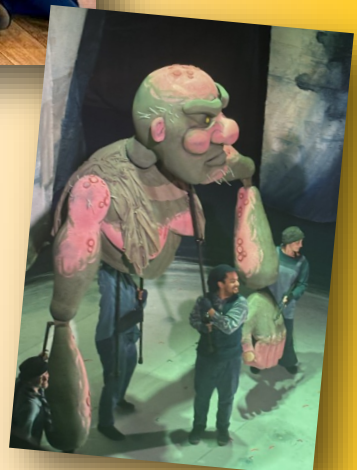
Our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed a wonderful trip to Stratford upon Avon on Tuesday to see The BFG performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company. The production was truly enchanting, and the children were captivated from beginning to end.

We're excited to offer more inspiring theatre experiences in the future.





Wizzpopping





On Wednesday afternoon, we enjoyed Year 4's fantastic class assembly all about the Amazon Rainforest, which links to their current Geography topic. The children were absolute superstars — their acting, dancing and singing made it a truly sensational performance. A big thank you to our Year 4 families for coming along to support them!



TROPICAL RAINFOREST





On Thursday afternoon, our Chair of Governors, Mrs Wise, visited the school and spoke with children from across the year groups about life at St Joseph's. The children enjoyed sharing what they like most, what they would like to see more of, and areas of school life they feel could be improved. Thank you for your feedback children, we always value your important contributions!



We feel safe in school and we try to be kind to everyone .

Defne Year 4



All the teachers are kind and we feel safe because we can always speak to them if we need them.

Holly Year 4

We shared our thoughts on what it's like to be a pupil at our school. We love coming to school—it's nice!

Viktor Year 4



Welcome to our Nursery



A message from Mrs Lerego....

The children have loved reading The Gruffalo's child and making Gruffalo footprints this week - Stomping in the paint and stamping on the bubble wrap to make prints.

The seedlings made come lovely cotton wool sheep and the Oakleaves have been going for lots of walks and asking questions about the natural environment.

Star of the week: Harry for doing really well with his toilet training!







A message from Miss Sadler...

As part of our class project and our work toward the Super Kind Award, Reception have been learning how to protect our local environment, focusing especially on the River Wye. Inspired by our class name, the children created bright posters and banners to encourage others to care for the river.

We then took our messages into Ross, sharing them in the Market Place with great confidence and teamwork. It was a brilliant example of kindness in action, and the children even caught the attention of the Ross Gazette.







DAY	CLUB	AGE GROUP	START TIME & DATE
Monday	KS1 Football Club	Years R, 1 & 2	3.30-4.30pm – 23rd February—23rd March
Monday	KS2 Football Club	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.30-4.30pm 23rd February—23rd March
Monday	Homework Club with Mrs Murray	All year groups (<i>KS1 and KS2</i>)	3.30-4.15pm 23rd February—23rd March
Monday	Show stoppers!	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3:30 pm – 4.30pm 23rd February—23rd March
Tuesday	Cooking Club	All year groups (<i>KS1 and KS2</i>)	3.30pm – 4.030pm 24th February—24th March (No club on 17th March)
Tuesday	Drama Club – Fiddler on the roof	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.30pm – 5.00pm 24th February—24th March (No club on 17th March)
Wednesday	Dance Fit kids	All year groups (<i>KS1 and 5 KS2</i>)	3.30pm – 4.30pm 25th February—25th March (No club on 18th March)
Thursday	KS2 – Journalism Club	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.30pm—4.30pm 26th February—26th March
Thursday	Art Club	All year groups (<i>KS1 and 5 KS2</i>)	3.30pm – 4.30pm 26th February—26th March
Friday	KS2 Basketball	Years 3,4,5 & 6	3.30pm—4.30pm 26th February—26th March
Friday	Cooking Club with Mr. Smith	All year groups (<i>KS1 and KS2</i>)	3.30pm—4.30pm 26th February—26th March



🌈 AMELIA'S 8TH BIRTHDAY 🌈 HELP MAKE HER DREAM COME TRUE ❤️ 🧡

🎂 Amelia is turning 8 years old
3.03.2026

✉️ Her dream is to receive
8,000 birthday cards

🇬🇧 She wants to break a UK
record

🧡 AMELIA'S STORY 🧡

In 2020, Amelia was diagnosed with stage 4 neuroblastoma. She went through 23 months of intensive treatment, including chemotherapy, immunotherapy, radiotherapy and high-dose chemotherapy. After reaching a stable condition, the cancer returned twice, even after taking part in clinical trials.

Amelia is now receiving palliative care. ❤️

📧 Card drop-off points/sending :

- Highfield Primary School , Beeches Rd, Rowley Regis
B65 0DA
- Leasowes High School – Kent Rd, Halesowen
B62 8PJ
- Artisan Espresso Bar Ltd-168 Halesowen St,
Blackheath, Rowley Regis B65 0ES

💖 Donations:

PayPal: Amelianeuroblastoma@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT 🧡 ❤️ ❤️

If you can help us support this endeavour to send Amelia a record breaking number of birthday cards it would be greatly appreciated.

If you can drop off your card before half term we will send them on to the drop off point in time for Amelia's birthday in March.

Many thanks!



The children baked delicious, healthy muffins in cooking club this week. They used honey as a natural alternative to sugar and added dried fruit instead of chocolate chips. They carefully mixed all the ingredients and spooned the mixture into cupcake cases, creating a tasty treat they were very proud of.



Baked with
LOVE



Our children enjoyed their weekly Dance-Fit session on Wednesday. Now they have mastered some new moves they are learning routines which they love to share with us on the playground! It's wonderful seeing all the different year groups coming together for this club.

Great job everyone!



I like exercising and the teacher is really lovely!

Isla Year 4

I like it when we get to make up our own dances and there's always lots of different songs to dance to!

Jessie Year 4

NEXT WEEK

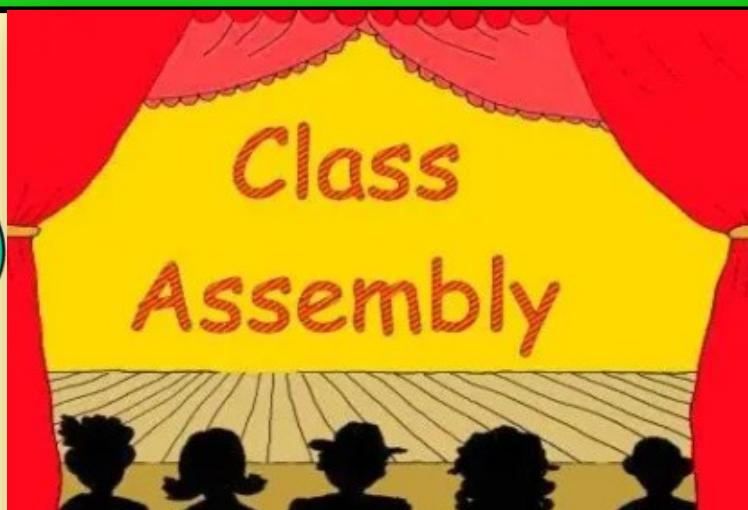
TUESDAY



A message from Mrs Murray....

*Parent workshops for Reception will take place on **Tuesday 3rd February at 9:00am** in the school sports hall. During this time, we will share with you some of the number work your child will be learning in school, and share games and activities for use at home. We would love everyone to attend the workshop, during which, your child will come and work with you.*

The workshop will run from 9:00 until 10:30 am. We look forward to welcoming you to this.



Next Wednesday 4th February our Year 2 children will be performing their class assembly at 2:30pm in the school sports hall. We look forward to welcoming our year 2 parents to this event.

JKHS-YEAR 6 TRANSITION EVENT

4TH MARCH



Parents and carers from all primary schools are invited to meet our staff at an informal, friendly drop-in event to start conversations about transition and getting ready for secondary school.



DATE

4TH MARCH

LOCATION

JKHS ROSS-ON-WYE

TIME

4-5 ARRIVE ANYTIME

WHO

**ALL YEAR 6 FAMILIES AND
PRIMARIES**

**DO YOU WANT TO
KNOW MORE
ABOUT:**

- Transport
- Uniform
- SEN
- Pastoral support
- Uniform
- Transition
- Free School Meals
- Subject Curricula

SIGN UP

**[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/
Q3W17RMTFTBN](https://forms.office.com/E/Q3W17RMTFTBN)**

Coming Soon



Our Valentine's Disco will take place on **Thursday 12th February** in the school sports hall.

Times:

- Reception & Key Stage 1:
3:30pm – 4:30pm
- Key Stage 2: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Children may bring a change of clothes in a bag to change into after school. A snack box and drink will be provided for all children attending.

If you would like your child to take part, please email the school office to confirm their place. The cost will be £5.00, payable via ParentPay.



GET READY

WORLD BOOK DAY 2026
IS ON THURSDAY 6TH
MARCH!

We are so excited to be celebrating this annual event here in school. On this day

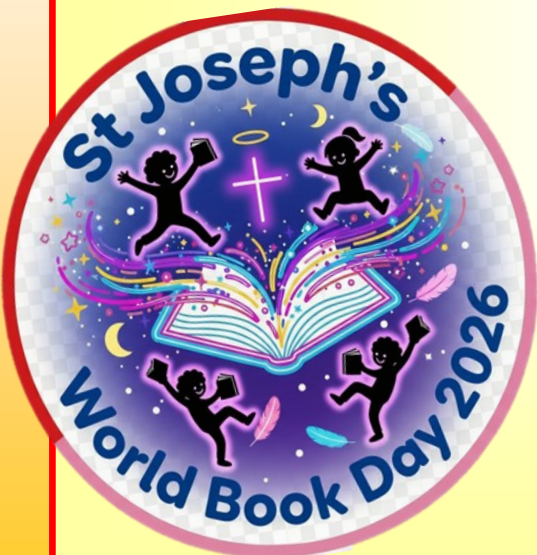
everyone is invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We have so many exciting activities planned for this special day!

Here's one example of what we have planned ... a letter home will follow with lots more information.

On this day, all children are invited to take part in our

BOOK DAY BAKE OFF!

Children can decorate either one large cake or a batch of cupcakes on the theme of a particular book - there will be a prize for the winner and all cake entries will then be sold on a stall at the end of the school day.



Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

Monday 23rd — Friday 27th
February 2026!

When we return after half term, we will be marking Children's Mental Health Week. Although this is a week later than the national dates, we feel it's a wonderful way to begin the new term with positivity and reflection.

This special week shines a spotlight on the importance of supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing. It encourages open conversations about feelings, emotions, and the ways we can care for ourselves and one another.

Throughout the week, children will take part in a variety of fun, thoughtful, and age appropriate activities designed to help them explore their emotions, build resilience, and develop healthy strategies for wellbeing.

These activities will be woven into everyday lessons and school life, giving pupils opportunities to talk, reflect, be creative, and support each other.

We believe that nurturing good mental health is just as vital as supporting physical health, and Children's Mental Health Week offers a meaningful chance to reinforce this message in a positive and supportive environment. We look forward to sharing this week with the children and helping them develop skills that will benefit their wellbeing now and in the future.

Thank you for your continued support.



SPRING TERM

Wednesday 4th February	Year 2 Assembly
Wednesday 11th February	Year 1 Assembly
Friday 13th February	Valentines Disco
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February	Half Term
Monday 23rd—Friday 27th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 5th March	Parent meeting @ 3:30pm- Year 4 Residential
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11th March	Reception Assembly
Tuesday 17th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 18th March	Parents Evening
Tuesday 17th March	St Patrick's Day
Wednesday 18th March	Year 5 Assembly
Thursday 19th March	St Joseph's Feast Day— whole school Mass
Friday 20th March	Big Lent Walk
Monday 23rd March	Whole school Art Week
Thursday 26th March	Year 3 Easter Performance @ 2:00pm
Friday 27th March	FSJ Bounceathon End of Spring Term



Art Club have been busy getting creative while caring for the planet. The children explored printing using recycled foam, creating beautiful textured designs which were mounted onto recycled frames. They then added strips of recycled paper, inspired by a bird in a nest template made by Sarah. Each piece celebrated the children's own creative flair while highlighting the importance of recycling and looking after our world.





On Tuesday, 27th January, the children in Key Stage 2 went to see a production of the BFG at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Birmingham. This Roald Dahl's beloved children's book tells the story of a friendly giant who teams up with an orphan called Sophie to save the world from huge child-eating giants!

Abi, Year 5 reports that, 'It was very in-

teresting and sometimes the characters were puppets. The Queen was very funny and all of the characters were super expressive with their voices which at times was very amusing!

I loved that the BFG kept arguing with Sophie, and he said 'human beans' instead of 'human beings!' There also was some mean giants who ate children.'



Bella, Year 3 adds, 'My favourite character was the BFG because he sometimes was a puppet and he was also real. HE WAS THE MAIN CHARACTER. I also like Sophie because she is so funny and she got pulled up to the top with a blanket'.

Oliivia, Year 3 agreed, 'My favorite performers were also Sophie and the BFG because they were main characters and they were funny when they were arguing.'

Olcan, Year 6 finishes by saying, 'My favourite part in the BFG was when the Bloodbottler threw a bone because he had eaten a unsuspecting 'human bean.'



As you can see, the children had a fantastic trip, and an incredible memory of this much loved story.

To watch the trailer, and to step into a world of giants, dreams and wonder, please visit:

<https://www.rsc.org.uk/the-bfg/trailer>



Peter Pan Competition Winners

Congratulations to our Peter Pan art competition winners!

KS1: Delilah M (Reception) and Toby (Y2)

KS2: Amelia C (Y5) and Andrea S (Y3)

Adults: Mrs Gorman and Mrs Duce

(In each case, the winner is first and the runner up is second)

**The prize is 4 free tickets to watch 'Peter Pan Jr' on Tuesday
10th February at 6pm - this can be arranged through the school office.
Your winning design will also be displayed in the Savoy Theatre in
Monmouth on the night of the performance.**



Family & Friends of Young Minds

A free 6 week group for Parents/Carers of a young person who is experiencing a mental health difficulty or neurodiversity.



Topics include:

- Anxiety
- EBSA (School Avoidance)
- SEN
- Autism / ADHD
- Depression
- PDA

What can the group help with?

Signposting to other services, exploring diagnostic options for Autism/ADHD, support, finding other parents on similar journeys plus much more!

Starts Thurs 26th Feb 6-8pm

Hub for Hope, Drybridge House,
St Martins Street, Hereford, HR2 7SG

To book email:

becca.brand@herefordshire-mind.org.uk

**JOIN US
8TH FEB
2026**



MEET THE TEAM

We're looking for enthusiastic players in Years 2 & 3 to join our under 7 and under 8 tag rugby teams! No experience needed - just energy, commitment and a love for sport.

Come and join us for a **free open training session** to meet the team and the Coaches. Post training Pizza will be provided in the clubhouse!

 *Sunday 8th February 2026*

 *10.00 - 11.00*

 *Ross RFC, HR9 7GQ*

What3Words:
slamming.area.seriously



 info@rossrugby.co.uk

 <https://rossrugby.rfu.club>



Calling All Future Rugby Stars!

Is your little one ready to burn off some weekend energy and make new friends ? Ross-on-Wye Rugby Club is looking for new teammates to join our U7 and U8 age groups!

Come along to our Meet the Team & Coaches session—it's completely FREE to attend and a great way to see what Ross on Wye rugby is all about.

Date: Sunday, 8th February

Time: Training kicks off at 10:00 AM

Ages: Children in Year 2 (U7) and Year 3 (U8)

Perks: FREE PIZZA in the clubhouse for all players after the session!

Whether they've never picked up a rugby ball before or are already a fan, everyone is welcome. Our sessions focus on fun, teamwork, and building confidence in a safe environment.

Location: Ross-on-Wye Rugby Club, Greytree, HR9 7GQ

Got questions? Email us: info@rossrugby.co.uk or message us on Facebook: Ross on Wye Rugby Club

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



HALF TERM HOLIDAY

16TH TO 20TH FEBRUARY

Club

 admin@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk

 01989 564655

Our half-term holiday club will be running from Monday 16th to Friday 20th February, and we have lots of exciting activities planned throughout the week.

Places are filling up quickly, so if you would like your child to attend, please email the school office to book a place.

We look forward to welcoming you!

CAN YOU HELP?



Help us to raise free funds as you shop online

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The FSJ have signed up to a great website called Easyfundraising to help raise money for The Friends of St. Joseph's - simply by shopping online.

Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into FREE donations when you use them to shop with over 8,000 retailers such as Morrisons, Sainsburys, Asda, Tesco, Argos, eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS and Booking.com and lots more.

You can also raise money when shopping in store by linking your credit/debit card to your account.

Retailers then make a small donation to say 'thank you' and Easyfundraising gives those free funds to the FSJ.

Please register using this link – just click sign up -

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=413876&invite=27VJ8X&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=web-referral

Plus, once you've raised your first donation, Easyfundraising will give The Friends of St. Joseph's a £1 bonus donation!

There's no catch or hidden charges and The Friends of St. Joseph's will be really grateful for your donations.



Wishing a Happy Birthday to all our amazing January children — thank you for filling the month with smiles and joy.



WYE	99.17%
AMAZON	90%
DANUBE	96%
TIBER	94.41%
THAMES	93.57%
AVON	87.9%
SEINE	94.78%

Daily attendance and good punctuality play a vital role in helping children make the most of their learning and feel settled and confident in school. Being in school every day helps children build strong routines and keep up with lessons. Arriving on time ensures that learning begins calmly and positively for everyone. Developing these habits also prepares children for their future, supporting important life skills such as responsibility, commitment, and reliability that will be essential as they move on to secondary school, further education, and the world of work. We really appreciate your continued support in helping your child attend school regularly and arrive on time each day — it truly makes a difference.

We are just over a week away from our performance of 'Peter Pan Jr' at The Savoy Theatre in Monmouth. The children in the cast have worked incredibly hard to produce something that I know will delight and dazzle the audience!



Please can I encourage you all to order some tickets to come and see the performance on Tuesday 10th February at 6pm? 'Peter Pan Jr' is a whole school community event and not just for families of children in the play! If you have KS1 children who might love to get involved in our shows when they get to Year 3, please bring them along to give them a taste of what they have to look forward to! Seeing the shows is really inspiring for younger children; watching their friends perform under stage lights in a real theatre is so exciting. If you have KS2 children who are not in the cast, they will absolutely love watching their classmates shine on the stage!

It means such a lot to the cast to see the theatre full of supportive faces on show night. Please order some tickets by emailing the school office - bring along grandparents, cousins and friends (the performance is suitable for anyone aged 4+) to help us fill the theatre and spread the magic of Peter Pan throughout the whole St. Joseph's community! Miss Steiner.

St Joseph's Weekend Prayer for Families

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Loving God, thank you for our family and for this weekend. Through Saint Joseph, watch over our homes, keep us safe, and help us to be kind and forgiving. Bless our work, our play and our rest, and help us to care for anyone who is lonely or in need. Saint Joseph, protector of families, pray for our school and for all we love. Amen.



Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis