

ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2026

SPRING TERM

This Week's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school will be continuing to work in partnership with Worcestershire Wildlife Trust as part of a county wide project entitled 'Wilder Schools.'

This will include additional opportunities for children to experience the curriculum through outdoor learning as well as staff professional development.

Next Wednesday and Thursday is our Spring Term Parents' Evening which will take place between 3.20pm and 6pm. Unfortunately, we do not have staffing available to look after any children during the appointment times. After your consultation with your child's class teacher, then please complete the online questionnaire which will be available to access through iPads in the hall. It is important that we receive up-to-date feedback to improve the experience for every child at the school. If you have not yet booked an appointment, then please contact the school office.

Finally, our local SVP group have organised a Quiz Night at Sacred Heart Parish Hall on Saturday 31st January starting at 7pm. For further details, please contact the Parish Office on 01905 773258.

Take care and have a lovely weekend.

Mr Carry
Principal

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Celebration of the Word of God



Out of his great love for us, God created us to be happy with him forever. The blessings in this Sunday's Gospel, which promise true, lasting happiness, are taken from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and are known as the Beatitudes. To be gentle and to mourn means to share the sorrows of others and help them. To hunger and thirst for what is right, and to be prepared to be persecuted for it, needs courage and good judgement. 'Meek' really means un-pompous, genuine.

The merciful do not insist on their rights, but have strength to see the point of view of others and to think of the needs of others as well as their own needs.

Jesus' words would have turned upside down the thoughts that most of his listeners had about true happiness, and maybe they challenge our own ideas too.

*Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for showing us how to be truly happy. May our family be filled with the happiness which comes from following your ways, so that we can share it with others.
Amen.*

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Gifts of God Awards

	Discipleship	I Am A Clever Writer	Catholic Social Teaching – Family and Community	Promoting Reading for Pleasure
Year 1	Ava-Mae	Lilith	Benjamin	Autumn
Year 2	Bonnie	Polly	Rocco	Reggie
Year 3	Cece	Albie	Jackson	Laney
Year 4	Finn	Amelia	Aiden	Victoria
Year 5	Ariana	Imogen	Ellie	Lorelai
Year 6	Rocco	Charlie	Betty	Teddy

Weekly Attendance Trophy

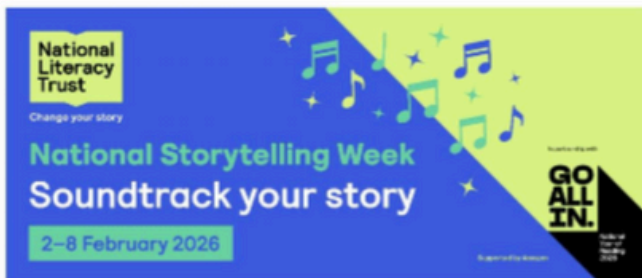
Well done to **Year 6** for the best attendance this week at **96.67%**.

House Points Weekly Winner

Congratulations to **St. Francis** for gaining the most points this week.



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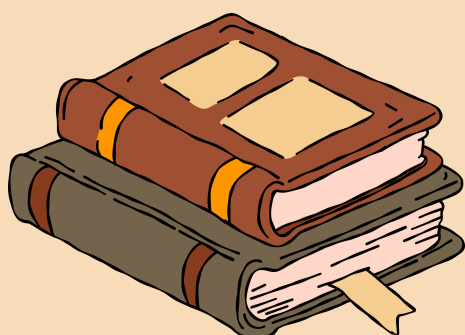
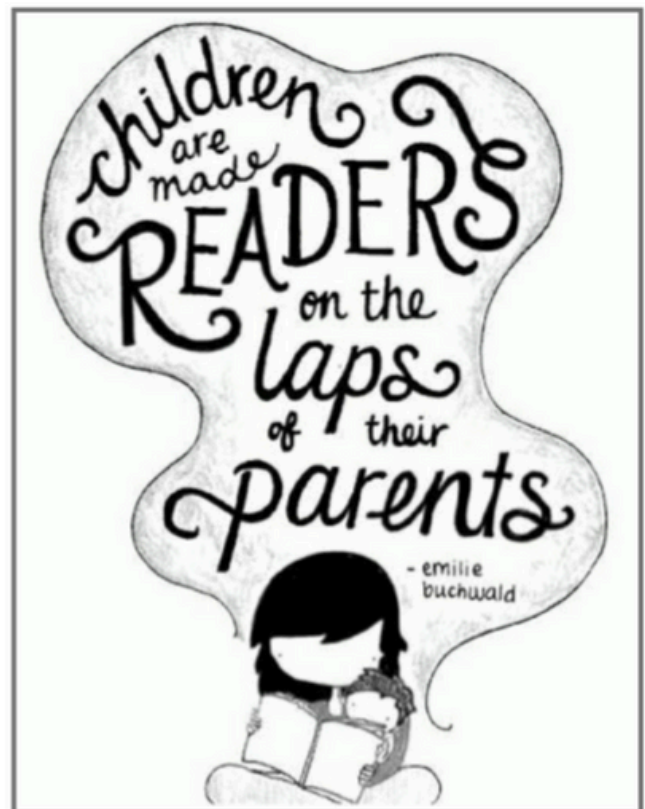


To celebrate National Storytelling Week, we warmly invite parents and carers to join us in school for some special Shared Reading sessions.

Come and enjoy stories with your child, explore a range of books together, and help us celebrate the joy of reading.

Whether it's a favourite childhood book or something new from our library, we can't wait to share the magic of stories with you!

Tuesday 3rd February:
8.30- 9am



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**Monday 9th February
Wear Yellow
For Children's Mental
Health Week**



**St Joseph's School will be raising money for Place2be
to support children's mental health.**

**Please donate £1 towards this great charity.
Either bring the money into school or a donation can be
made via the school shop on Arbor.**



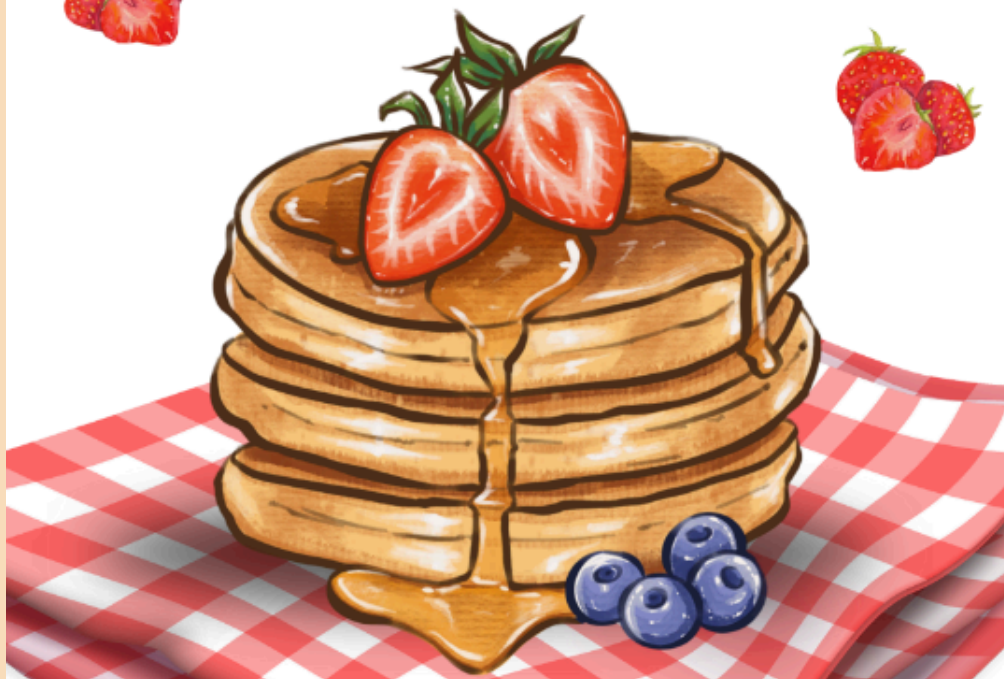


SAINT JOSEPH'S Pancake Day

Mini Vinnies are celebrating Pancake Day on
Friday 13 February. One pancake per child.
All funds raised will be donated to a charity selected by
the Mini Vinnies.



Thank you for your support!



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SEND Coffee and Cake Morning



Friday 13th
February
8:30-9:30

If you have any new or
existing SEND concerns,
pop into the bungalow
for a coffee, cake and a
chat with Miss Evans our
SENDCo!



NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

During the national year of reading one child from each class each week will be getting a certificate. It will be given to a super reading role model!



This certificate is awarded to:

For promoting reading for pleasure, sharing books that they have read and being a super reading role model.

Well done!



Teacher _____

Mr Carry _____



POEMS ABOUT READING

Each week we will focus on a poem about reading.

Open A Book By Jane Baskwill

Open a book
And you will find
People and places of every kind



Open a book
And you can be
Anything that you want to be:

Open a book
And you can share
Wondrous worlds you find in there



Open a book
And I will too,
You read to me
And I'll read to you.

**GO
ALL
IN.**

Wilder Schools

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust (WWT) are championing outdoor learning, with a goal to see one in four schools take positive action for wildlife by 2030.

We are pleased to announce that St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Droitwich will be working in collaboration with WWT as part of a network of six schools across the authority in an exciting new project.

We commissioned an external report in 2024 into the outdoor learning already taking place in some schools across Worcestershire. From the findings, the recommendations for increasing and developing outdoor learning included nurturing staff confidence, supporting curriculum planning and developing a whole school approach.



Photo credit: Brian Taylor

Our project aims

Our new 'Wilder Schools' project aims to develop whole-school confidence and capacity to embed outdoor learning within the everyday curriculum, increasing children's connection to nature as a result. Significant focus is placed on developing the skills and confidence of teaching staff to deliver their lessons outside.

Professional development

The wilder learning development officer will work with staff, providing professional development in areas such as wildlife identification, outdoor mindfulness and wellbeing exercises and bushcraft/forest school skills. There will be dedicated teacher training sessions (without pupils present) that will provide support in adapting the curriculum to include more time outdoors and to promote nature awareness, as well as eight on-site coaching and lesson delivery sessions (with pupils present).

Impact

Our research-based approach suggests the key impacts for pupils will be an increase in active learning and knowledge retention, an improvement in children's ability to self-regulate and articulate feelings and an embedded confidence outdoors and a respect for nature.



Professional learning community – "the network"

An online platform has been created for members of the network to ask questions, share best practice, make recommendations and generally stay in touch.

We are looking forward to opportunities this project will bring in enabling greater outdoor learning opportunities for our children. The 12-month programme was launched earlier this week with the children in a whole-school assembly led by the development officer Lucy Thirkell.

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

FEBRUARY

Every Monday –Board Game Club KS2

12pm–12.40pm Year 4 Classroom

Every Tuesday – Book and Biscuit

3pm School Hall

Every Friday this half term with our Sport Educator

Years 5 and 6 Mixed Netball Sessions (8am)

Years 1 and 2 Multi-skills Sessions (3pm–4pm)

MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas

WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

Year 1 Gymnastics Festival at Westacre

PARENTS' EVENING (3.20pm–6pm)

Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th February 2026

Booking opens Friday 23rd January at 3pm

W/C MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

Children's Mental Health Week – wear yellow to school on Monday in support of Place2Be charity

TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

Safer Internet Day

THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

School Ash Wednesday Service with Fr. George – children wear purple to school

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

Pancake Sale with Mini Vinnies – 50p a pancake

Parents of children with SEND are invited to a coffee morning at 8.30am in the Bungalow

End of Spring term 1

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