



St. Joseph's

Catholic Primary School

Preschool Newsletter 18th September 2026

The children have settled into preschool beautifully and are beginning to adapt to our routines. If your child finds drop-off a little difficult, please don't worry – we will always comfort and support them, and will give you a call if they are taking longer to settle. Usually, it's only a few minutes before the tears turn into smiles and happy play 😊



Thank you for bringing in your lovely pictures of your families for our display board. It has been wonderful to see the children proudly talking to their friends about the special people in their lives. If you are happy to do so, please continue sending in family photographs. We will enjoy looking at these and talking about them together during our carpet session.

We are happy to photocopy and return the original if needed.

Topic: This term we are starting our 'Let's Explore' project. We will be helping the children settle into preschool by exploring their classroom, outdoor area and the school grounds. We will talk about places that are special to us, including places we have visited with our families. Our focus book for next week is 'Spot the Dog' by Eric Hill where we will be exploring different buildings and places, including our houses

Supporting your child at home



- Spot and talk- on your journey to pre-school, see what you can spot together e.g. trees, house, cars, signs and anything else that catches your child's attention!
- Share special places – look through family photographs and talk about places you have visited together.
- Talk about your home – encourage children to describe their house and talk about the different rooms and what happens in each one.

Maths – This week we have been exploring matching pairs and colours. We have had lots of fun matching socks, wellies and even buttons. Next week, our maths focus will be matching shapes. We will be using the environment around us to look at shapes.

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- Go on a colour hunt- choose a colour and see how many objects around the house you can find.
- Toy sorting- encourage children to sort their toys by colour, size or type.
- Using construction blocks such as lego- children can sort the bricks into different colours.
- Have various sizes of containers for sorting activities.
- Mix up gloves and socks and see if children can find the pairs.

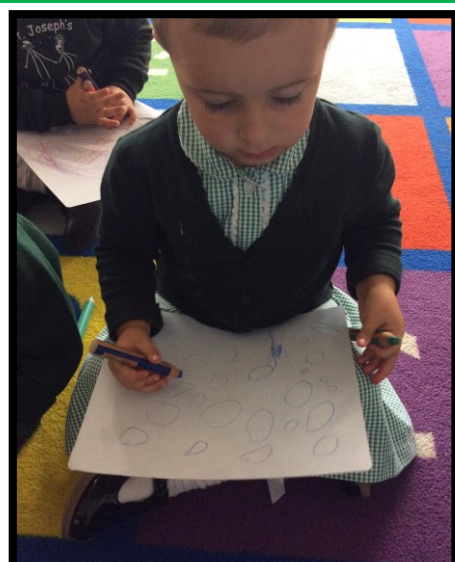
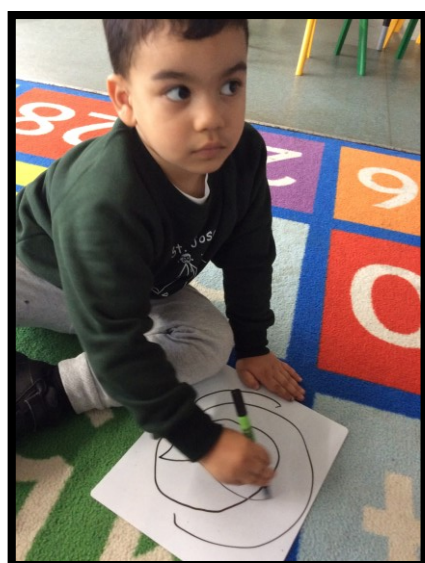


Our Star Poem



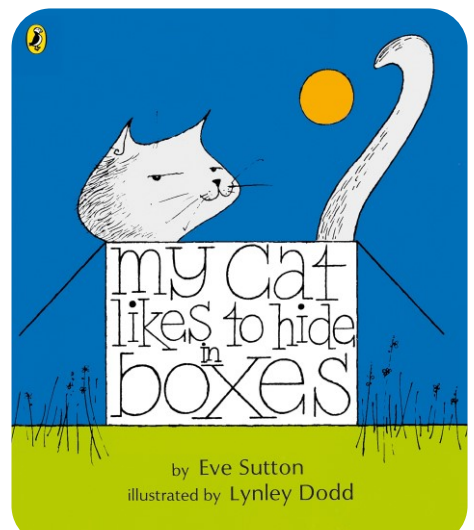
Red and yellow and
pink and green
Purple and orange and
blue,
I can sing a rainbow,
Sing a rainbow,
Sing a rainbow too.

We are developing our fine motor skills which strengthen the smaller muscles in our hands and support pencil control. We have had fun being involved in cutting pasta and painting with cotton buds, as these activities help develop these skills as well as hand-eye coordination.



We had lots of fun during our pen disco, listening to music while practising drawing different shapes. Look at our amazing circles!

This week, our book focus has been *My Cat Likes to Hide in Boxes*. After sharing the story together, we explored a range of cardboard boxes and decorated them using pencils and stickers.





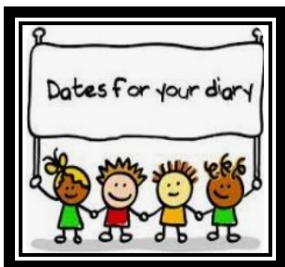
Information:



Family Lives offers a confidential and free* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parent line). Please call us on **0808 800 2222** for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. If you don't get an answer first time please do try again.



We would be grateful for any donations of tissues and baby wipes.
Thank you for your support.



Dates for Your Diary

13 & 14th October – Parents' evening – details will be sent out closer to the time.

16th October – Last day of Advent 1 term



Here are a few links to support your children's learning at home.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/policy-and-campaigns/home-learning-environment/small-talk/>

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

Thank you for all your support.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Duffy and the Preschool Team 😊