



St. Joseph's

Catholic Primary School

Preschool Newsletter 25th September 2026

We have received many questions about Preschool Forest School sessions. These are currently awaiting confirmation, so please do not worry. Events such as Forest School will be included in newsletters in advance, and you will be given plenty of notice when a Forest School session is due to take place. 😊



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 have talked about them during our carpet session and have displayed them on the board in the home corner!

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 have been looking at our whole school environment including the big dinner hall and places around us that we recognise – like St Joseph's Church.

Supporting your child at home

- Take a family walk – explore your local area together. Take a photograph or collect something from the place you visited, for example a conker from the local park. Children can bring it in and share with their friends.
- I spy – Play a game of eye spy whilst you are walking around your home or garden. Can your child find something big, small or red?
- Draw your adventure – After a day out or a walk, encourage your child to draw a picture of somewhere they visited and talk about what they saw.

Maths – We have been learning about the word 'match' in maths this week as we have paired items together. This included going around the environment and seeing what matching pairs we could find. We will be learning about how to sort groups by colour, shape and size next week.

Supporting your child at home

- Sort it – Gather some toys and sort them into groups by colour, size or shape.
- Colour hunt – Go on a colour hunt around your home and see if your child can find two things that are the same colour.



Our Star Poem

I see Leaves

I see **Orange**.

I see **Brown**.

I see leaves
On the ground.

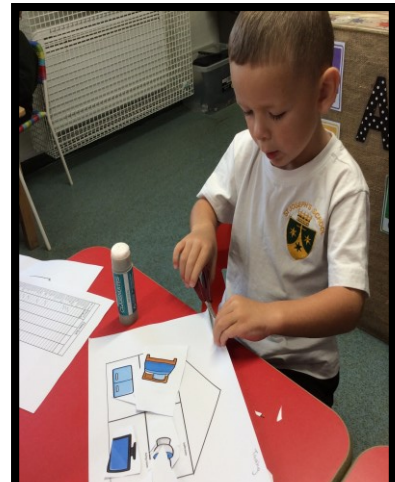
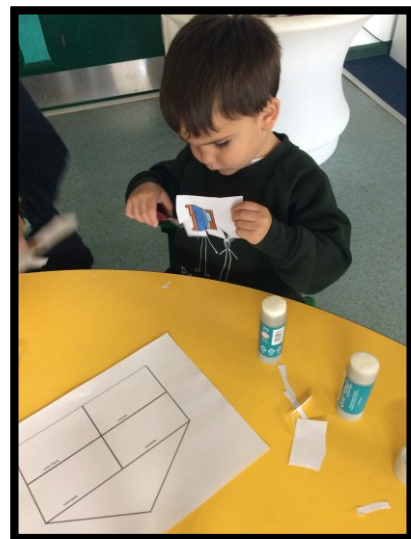
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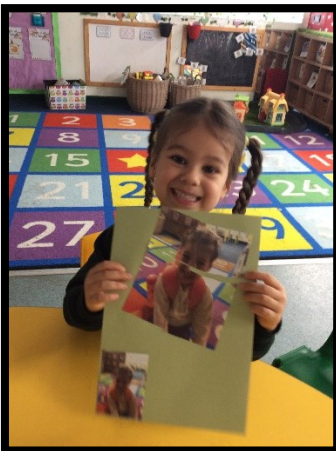
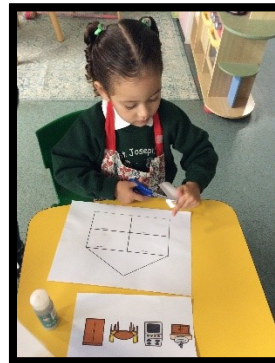
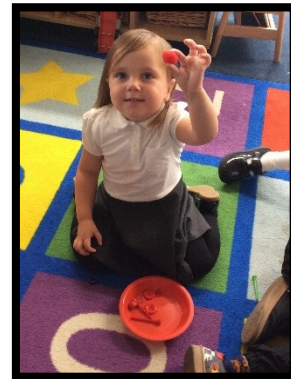
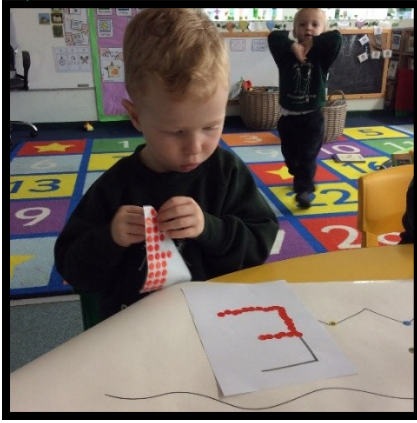
I see **red**.

I see leaves
Above my head.

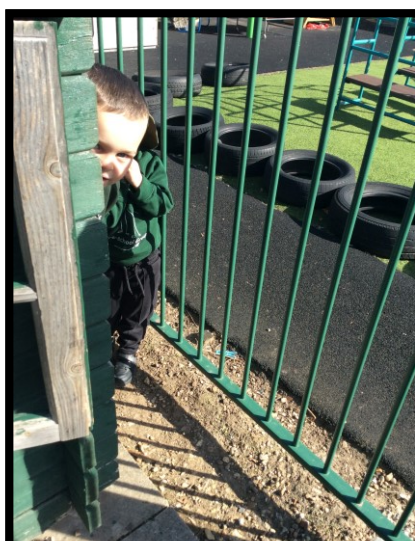


We have had a busy week, building friendships and investigating. We have been making puzzles using pictures of our faces, painting, cutting and spending a lot of time outdoors enjoying this week's sunny weather.





This week, our book focus has been *Where's Spot?* by Eric Hill. Throughout the week, we have played hide-and-seek in our garden, just like Spot the dog in the story.





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

