



St. Joseph's

Catholic Primary School

Preschool Newsletter 2nd October 2026

Please remember to label your child's clothing, as we are finding many unlabelled jumpers on the floor by the pegs. We recommend the name written in sharpie pen so it does not come off.



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: Throughout this term our topic has been 'Let's Explore'. This has helped the children become familiar with the school and learn about things and people around them through exploration. Last week, we looked at places in the local area that the children may have visited, including pictures of the school.

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.

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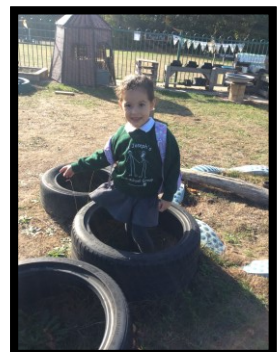
- Sort it – Gather some toys and sort them into groups by colour, size or shape.
- Colour hunt – Go on a colour hunt around your home and see if your child can find two things that are the same colour.



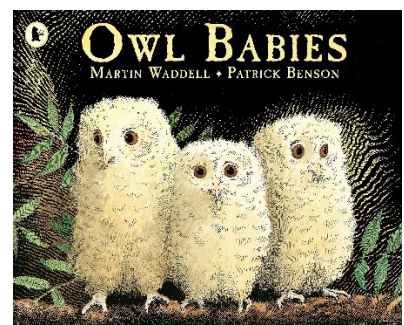
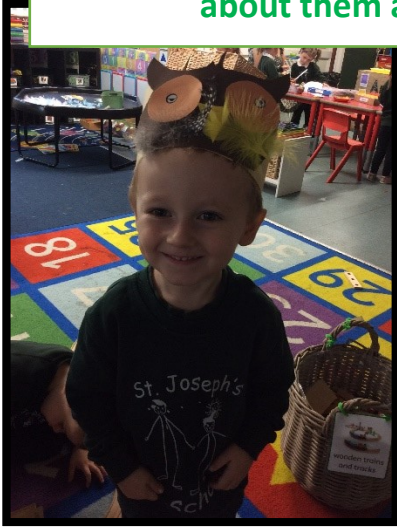
Our Star Poem



The children have been getting stuck into lots of different activities, exploring their interests and learning alongside others. We have enjoyed getting creative with arts and crafts, as well as building our names using blocks.



Our Preschool has been taken over by owls this week! Our story of the week has been *'Owl Babies'* by *Martin Waddell*, and the children have loved learning all about them and the different animals we might see in Autumn.



We went on an exciting adventure around St Joseph's, discovering all the different spaces and features our school has to offer, including the big climbing frames and colourful hopscotch. We even visited the field, where we took turns singing some of our favourite songs together.





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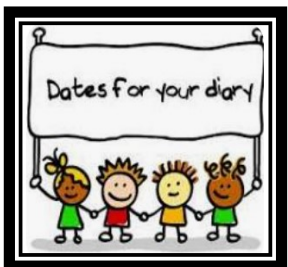


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If you are going out for a walk this weekend, please keep an eye out for some conkers or pinecones. We love to use these for counting outdoors but are in need of some more.

Thank you for the donations of tissues and baby wipes. We are still accepting these 😊 Thank you for your support.



Dates for Your Diary

13 & 14th October – Parents' evening.

16th October – Last day of Advent 1 term

2nd November – First day of Advent 2 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 😊