



St. Joseph's

Catholic Primary School

Preschool Newsletter 9th October 2026

During drop off and pick up time, the garden area is closed. Please make sure children are not playing in the garden as the area has been tidied away. Many thanks.



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: Next week, we will be starting our mini topic, 'Let's Build', where children will be learning about structures and materials. Throughout the week, we will be looking at different buildings, designing, and working in groups to create structures.

Supporting your child at home

- Make a Den – Using cushions and blankets to make a den or little house.
- Draw your building – Collect sticks on a walk and use them to make a simple shape, house or pattern.
- Box building – Use cardboard boxes to make a house, garage, shop or castle.

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.



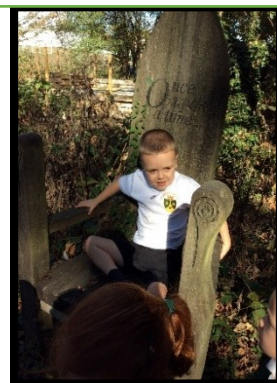
Our Star Poem



It has been lovely to see friendships being formed during the first term of Preschool. We have spent the week exploring indoors and outdoors, even finding some wiggly worms.



For our topic 'Let's Explore' we have been looking at the season of 'Autumn'. We went for a walk to look at Forest School and collected some leaves and sticks. Afterwards, we talked about the different colours of leaves and made some pictures with them.





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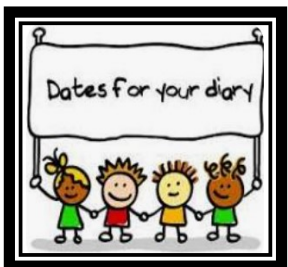


Family Lives offers a confidential and free* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parent line). Please call us on **0808 800 2222** for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. If you don't get an answer first time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



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 😊