

NEWSLETTER

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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W/E 11th March 2022

Issue 11

Mrs Bury's thought of the week:

"Lent is not something we do for God – Lent is something we do with God."

loving
hopeful
curious
wise
grateful
discerning
compassionate
active
ruthful
intentional
eloquent
generous
faith-filled
attentive
learned
prophetic

Our Catholic Life

This Half Term we are being Intentional & Prophetic



Live Simply by repairing!
Saturday 12th March
Repair Café Worcester
11am to 2pm

Unity House, Stanley Road, WR5 1BE
A community project to inspire repair and re-use run by experienced volunteers. No repair too small: small electrical and household appliances, bikes, toys, furniture, clothes and ceramics.

www.facebook.com/repaircafe/worcester



It was wonderful to welcome Fr Amal and Deacon Kevin back into school to celebrate mass with Y2 and Y4 for the first week of Lent

Free good quality School Uniform always available at the main school entrance. Some brand new items!

Clothing Bank
Thank you for continuing to donate to the Clothing Bank! This is now situated directly in front of the main school entrance.
All donations help to make money to support our school and area way of Living Simply by living in solidarity with the poor.

Pope Francis, in his encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* invites us all to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us."

The Cafod live simply award is Cafod's response to this. it is an opportunity for Catholic communities - parishes, schools, religious orders and chaplaincies - to respond to that invitation.

We see this as an opportunity to build our school and parish community by bringing us together under a common vision. We are really excited now to have had our plan registered.

DIARY DATES

MARCH

Friday 11 th	Fundraising Day in aid of the people of the Ukraine wear Yellow & Blue - £1 Donation
Friday 18 th	Red Nose Day – Full School Uniform with Red Nose! 6:30pm Vigil Mass for St Joseph in Church (6:00pm Stations of the Cross)
Tuesday 22 nd	Nicholas Owen Feast Day – Extra play for Owen house 6:00pm – First Reconciliation for Y3 Oak
Monday 28 th	Councillor Matthew Lamb to visit the school and talk to our School Parliament
Tuesday 29 th	6:00pm – First Reconciliation for Y3 Pear

April

Thursday 7 th	2:15pm Year 4 Easter Assembly – School Hall - Parents Welcome! Details to Follow Ralph Ashley Feast Day – Extra play for Ashley House
Friday 8 th	KS1 Golden Certificate Assembly – KS1 Parents are most welcome! End of Spring Term 2

Monday 25th TEACHER TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Tuesday 26th School Opens for Pupils – Summer Term 1

Saturday 30th 11:00am – First Holy Communion Mass

MAY

Monday 2nd SCHOOL CLOSED – MAY BANK HOLIDAY

Sunday 8th Mass for FHC children followed by a tea and cake celebration in the school hall

Tuesday 17th Young Voices at Resorts World (Rescheduled)

Wednesday 18th Year 4 Bikeability (Level 1)

Thursday 19th Year 4 bikeability (Level 1)

Thursday 26th Year 4 Trip to Cadbury World

Friday 27th 3:15pm School Closes - End of Summer Term 1

JUNE

Monday 6th Jubilee Bank Holiday – School Closed

Tuesday 7th School Opens for pupils – Summer Term 2

Due to the Jubilee Bank Holiday being during half term, schools were informed that they can plan in an extra holiday in term time. Our Governors have approved Monday 6th June as our Jubilee Bank Holiday!

Mon 13th – Wed 15th Y6 Pioneer Residential Visit

Wednesday 22nd AM - KS1 Sports Day – Details to follow

Thursday 23rd AM – KS2 Sports Day – Details to follow

Sunday 26th 12:00pm Confirmation Mass - More details to follow

JULY

To confirm that the last day of the Summer Term is **THURSDAY 21st JULY 2022** not the Friday printed on term dates cards.

Wednesday 13th Henry Garnet Feast Day – Extra play for Garnet House

HOLY WEEK SERVICES at ST JOSEPH'S

Saturday 9 th April Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday	6:00pm
Palm Sunday 10 th April	11:00am
Thursday 14 th April Mass of the Lords Supper	8:00pm
Good Friday 15 th April Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Lords Passion Stations of the Cross	---- 12:00pm 7:00pm
Holy Saturday 16 th April	6:00pm
Easter Sunday 17 th April	11:00am

SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING TIMES

The school office is open from:
8:00am until 4:00pm Monday to Thursday
8:30am until 1:00pm Friday
Please ensure that any changes to your end of day pick up arrangements are communicated to the school office by 12:45am on a Friday.
If you need to contact school on a Friday afternoon as an emergency, please call:
07719 108185

Second-hand Bibles

Available!



For a small donation, we are offering old children's Bibles. These can be found in the school office.

Reminder of the new proposed timings school day as from Tuesday 26th April 2022

Front Gate

Years 5 and 6 8.30am - 3:00pm

Years 3 and 4 8:40am – 3:10pm

Back Gate

Year 2 8:30am – 3:00pm

Year 1 8:40am – 3:10pm

Reception 8:50am – 3:20pm



Congratulations to Tina and her team in the kitchen for retaining their Food Standards 5 Star Rating when Environmental Health visited before half term!



Friday 11th March Fundraising Day for the people of the Ukraine

The situation in the Ukraine is a growing concern for us all. We teach our children about the responsibility we have to support our global community and the Ukraine is no exception. Our fundraising day has helped to raise money to support them through this difficult time. Thank you for sending your children in with a donation, wearing the colours of the Ukraine flag.

We spent time on Friday focusing on this situation with your children at their level and praying for those families affected by this terrible war.

HEALTH AND SAFETY



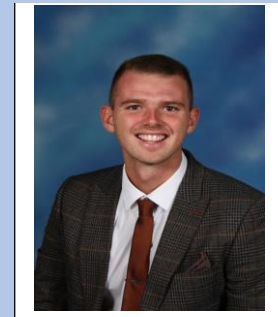
It is great to see so many children actively getting to school by bike or scooter. The back gate is extra busy now we have Pre-school children entering via this gate. To keep everyone safe once children have arrived outside the gates, please can they stand with their bikes and scooters until it is their time to come into school, and **NOT** continue to ride them up and down the path.

Many thanks
Mrs Bury

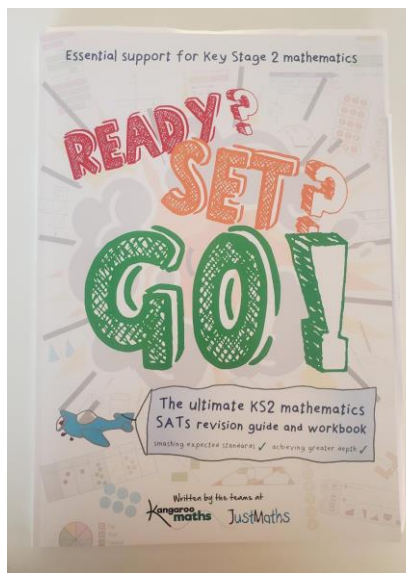
Absence/Remote Learning

In line with latest COVID guidance, remote learning will no longer be readily available on the website/on Teams. If children are absent, it will be assumed they are too unwell to complete schoolwork. Websites will continue to be updated with general messages and curriculum information with learning links where appropriate. If you wish to discuss your own individual circumstances surrounding COVID and isolation, then please email your child's class teacher.

New Teacher of the Year Award



Many congratulations to Mr Oates who has recently won the Worcester News award for New Teacher of the year, well deserved!
Well done Mr Oates!



REVISION GUIDE
Y6 have the opportunity to purchase a Maths SATs revision guide and workbook at the discounted rate of £5.50. Please order by Friday 18th March via Payments for Schools, please ensure you state your child's name.

Thank you

~ LOST PROPERTY ~

We have a lot of lost property!!!
The lost property boxes will be outside the school foyer next week from Monday 14th - 18th March
Any not collected by the 18th March will be disposed of.

Sporting News.....

Year 4 Tri Golf Festival at Blessed Edward's



On Thursday 3rd March 10 girls and 10 boys from Year 4 attended a tri golf festival at Blessed Edward's. During the morning, the children took part in 8 courses scoring points as they went. All children did a fantastic job resulting in the boys coming 1st in their group and the girls 2nd. Well done all!

Under 9 and U11 CTA Tournament at Winterfold House



On Friday 4th March, an under 9 and under 11 football team took part in the Annual Catholic Teachers Association Tournament. The event was held at Winterfold House School where the teams took part in numerous matches. There were lots of goals and saves and both team played superbly throughout the morning. No medals this year but a lot to be proud of considering the lack of matches over recent years due to COVID.

Well done to all the boys and girls who took part!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Competition Entry



Congratulations to Sebastian Streck whose entry for the Jubilee competition was chosen to send to the County Council with a chance for his design to be used on Worcestershire County Council's social media channels and website throughout the Jubilee celebrations. The winning design is still yet to be chosen. We are very proud of all the entries and of course to Sebastian for representing our school in the final round.

Each newsletter, we will share one of the guides available through our membership to the National Online Safety app. You can access all of the content available by searching 'National Online Safety' in the 'App store' or 'Google Play' and using our school postcode WR4 9PG. Alternatively, there is a link you can follow on your child's class page.

Part of our Online Bullying Series



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What you need to know about...

TROLLING & ONLINE ABUSE



What is it?

'Trolling & Online Abuse'

Trolling is a form of cyberaggression. It involves the sending of malicious, abusive or derogatory messages by one user (a 'troll') to another user online with the intention of upsetting or harassing them or damaging their reputation. It is often anonymous and does not meet the definition of bullying yet might develop into online bullying. Trolls will often goad others until they react. They enjoy putting people down and causing discord, starting arguments or being inflammatory – stirring things up for their own entertainment. Trolling may take the form of a one-off offensive comment, hate speech or even threats made online.

Know the Risks

May cause distress

Children can be particularly vulnerable to online trolling and online abuse. Receiving offensive comments for no reason can cause young people distress and increase feelings of anxiety and worry.

Impact on wellbeing

Trolling which is targeted and persistent can have a huge impact on children's mental health and wellbeing. It can lead to low self-esteem and create feelings of worthlessness and dissatisfaction, potentially affecting how children see and feel about themselves.

Could damage reputation

Online trolling can be humiliating for the victim and can negatively impact on how they are perceived online or on social media. Trolls might goad children into reacting or saying something they might regret and then sharing those comments widely to purposely paint them in a negative light.

May affect home and school life

Children who constantly receive hateful and spiteful messages online can become isolated and withdraw from daily life. They may become depressed, angry or unable to sleep at night. Their school performance may suffer and it may impact on their behaviour at home.

Safety Tips

Have open dialogue

It is vital to have conversations with young people about the hate speech, anger and prejudice that are all around them and explore what resilience they may have. Keep the dialogue always open so that young people have trusted adults to turn to.

Discuss online behaviour

Discuss what is acceptable behaviour online and what is inappropriate, unacceptable or against the law. Warn against reacting even more aggressively towards online trolls, reminding them that their digital footprint will outlast the current problem.

Implement privacy settings

Make sure that children are only using age-appropriate apps. Make their profiles private so that only friends and family can interact with them online and turn off comments if you're concerned about what other people might say.

Teach critical thinking

Help young people to spot trolls or when people are 'stirring it' on social media. Talk to them about people who might dare them to do risky things or encourage them to post negative comments online so that they recognise them and don't become an online troll themselves.

Further Support

Report to platform

Understand the tools available on the platform where trolling is taking place and whether or not it is moderated. Check out the community guidelines to see if the behaviour contravenes them and then if so, report it, block, unfriend or unfollow the sender where possible.

Collect evidence

Always try to screenshot or take a photo of the negative posts or comments made online. Report the incident to your child's school, police or local authority who will be able to investigate further.

Seek professional advice

If your child has experienced negative effects on their mental health and wellbeing due to trolling online, ask for additional support from your school's local safeguarding officer or seek professional help from charities who will be able to offer further advice and guidance.

Seek support from friends

Friends can be supportive to one another and can be encouraged to flock to post positive messages when someone is targeted. Ask your child's friends for support – like-minded people can act together positively and they may help to build their confidence and self-esteem.

Our Expert

Adrienne Katz



Adrienne Katz is an award-winning cyberbullying expert with extensive experience of working with schools and education providers to deliver training in online safety. She is the founder and leader of the annual national Cybersurvey, providing one of the richest databases of young people's views on digital life in the UK and has previously worked on government level projects funded by the Home Office and The Princess Diana Memorial Fund.

Reminder – Online Safety resource



As a school we are a member of 'National Online Safety', a platform which offers regularly updated advice and guidance for parents and teachers on online safety issues facing children. We would strongly encourage you to take advantage of this by creating your own account.

To create your account, please follow

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/st-joseph-s-catholic-primaryschool-wr4-9pg> and complete your details. Alternatively, you can download the app and find our school using the postcode: WR4 9PG. When you're set up, set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device, including smartphone app, by searching for 'national online safety' either on the Appstore or Google Play store

This resource can be used by you as a parent to keep abreast of any issues or concerns you have regarding online safety. The content is split into two main categories – 'explainer videos' and 'guides'.

A video explaining how to use this resource can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMHBa2exVKA>

You may want to have a look at the following guides/explainer videos if you are unsure where to start:

What parents need to know about YouTube

What parents need to know about YouTube Kids

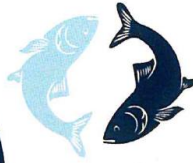
What parents need to know about children's devices

An introduction to online gaming

An introduction to online bullying

Screen Addiction

**FREE school visits
to Diglis Island
& Fish Pass**



UNLOCKING THE SEVERN

Did you know?

Just a mile outside the city centre in Worcester is the biggest fish pass of its kind in England and Wales.

Give your class a unique perspective on the River Severn

This fish pass has been built to help an endangered migratory fish swim up the River Severn from the sea each spring to reach good spawning habitats.

Over 20 species
of wild fish
spotted here!

Your class visit is relevant to these topic areas:



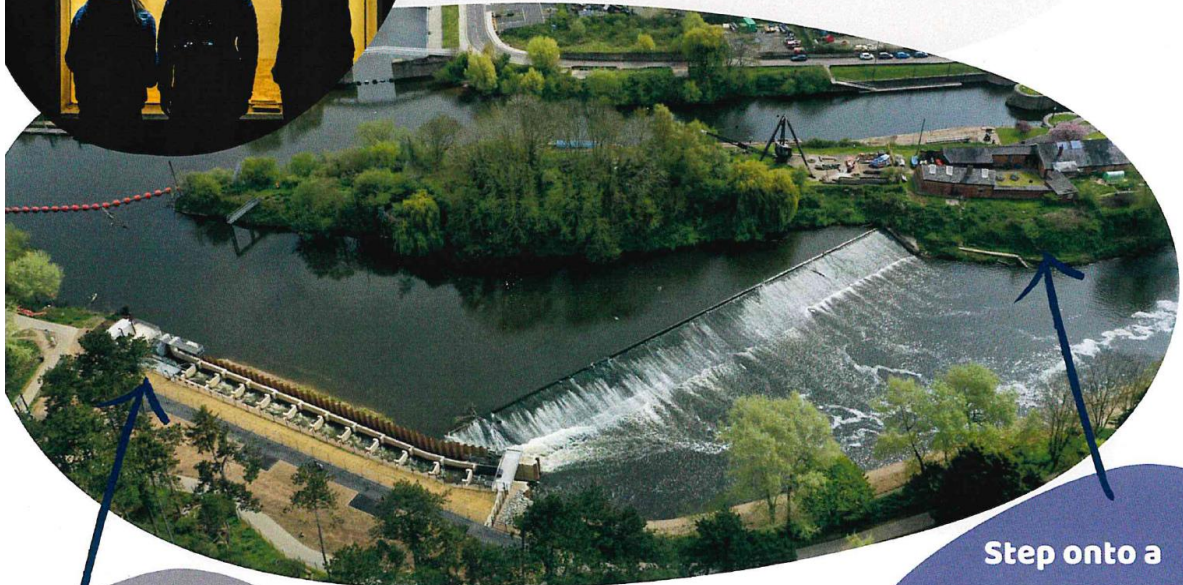
Habitats Rivers

STEM



Lifecycles

Local history & geography



See inside the huge
fish pass structure

Step onto a
manmade island
in the middle
of the river!

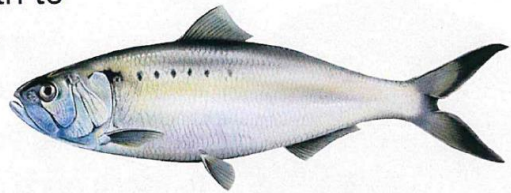


Explorers

Outline of your visit ...

Arrive at Diglis Island for a 10.00am start

- Learn about the River Severn, its fish, the weirs and what we are doing to help
- Do a hands-on STEM activity, using engineering principles to design a structure and help the fish
- Take a guided walk on the river path to find out about Britain's longest river
- Visit the fish pass - see this huge structure and think about the engineering involved in building it
- See through our special window into the river



We hope you will be lucky and spot fish but they are wild animals and don't arrive on cue. Our fantastic Explorers guides will bring their story to life! Schools are invited to visit on Wednesdays in Summer and Autumn terms.

'Our children really enjoyed being able to see the fish pass up close!'

Teacher - St Barnabas Primary School



Find out more:
unlockingthesevern.co.uk
[@severnUnlocked](https://twitter.com/severnUnlocked)
canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers

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Explorers

