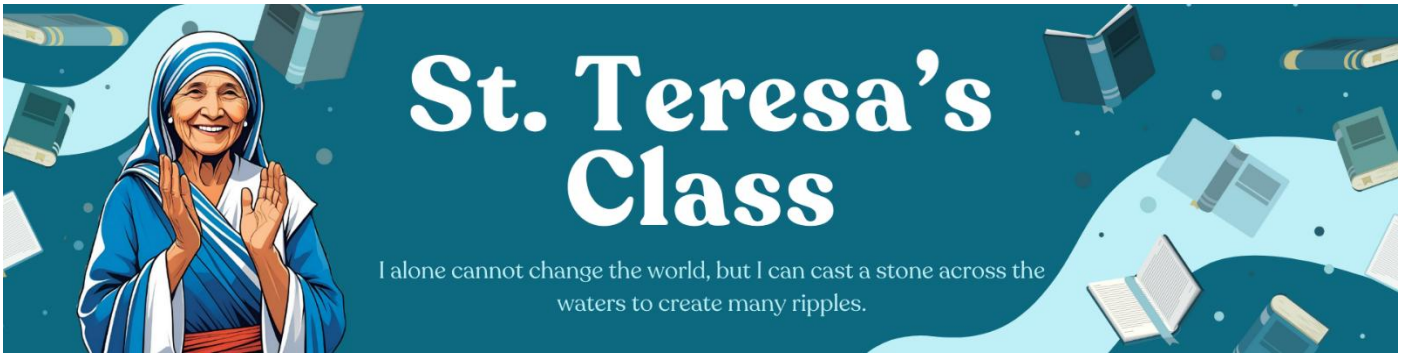


Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

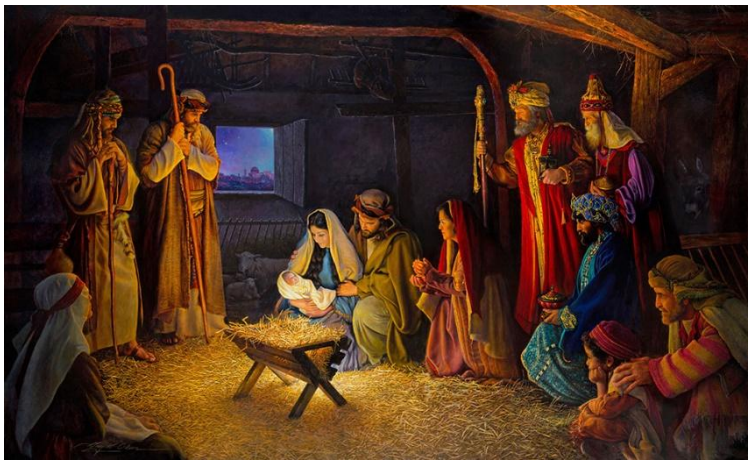
Welcome back – I hope that you have been able to relax and recover over the half term break, ready for the busy term ahead! We've had a brilliant first week back, and thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child comes to school in the correct uniform each day.

As we head into the second half of the Autumn term, we will be engaging in lots of exciting activities at St Josephs – we'll be beginning our preparations for the Nativity and continuing to set high expectations for ourselves as we enjoy a range of other Christmas-related activities.

So far, we've been continuing some of our learning from last term, such as our Living Things and Habitats unit in Science, but also starting a range of new topics. These include Curious Castles (History), Adventure Stories (English) and Wheels and Axles (DT). Please take a look at the attached topic web for full details of our upcoming learning.

As part of our DT project this term, we will require cardboard wheels and cereal boxes to enable the children to make their own carts. I will be in touch later on in the term with details of which materials your child will need to bring to school for their project.

We will be starting to practice the Nativity play soon and are looking forward to seeing the children perform with confidence and resilience!



Just a few important points below:

Homework

I will continue to set homework on a Friday, and set the deadline for the following Wednesday. Please note that homework that is not handed in on this day *may not* be marked. Homework will be set on TEAMs – please do let SLT know if you have trouble accessing your child's account.

Maths and English homework will continue to alternate each week, whilst Spellings will remain consistent each week. All homework will reflect what we have been learning in our lessons, and spellings will focus on words that we practise in our Phonics lessons. Please **do not** practise these spellings in your child's green spelling book, this is for their test only.

PE

The children will continue to have their PE lessons on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Please ensure that your child arrives in their school PE kit on these days so that they can make the most of their PE time. Items of clothing and waterproofs should be clearly labelled. Any items that are not labelled and cannot be identified by the children will go into lost property.

Reading Books & Readers

I would like to thank you all for taking the time to read with your children at home – it really does make a difference, and it has been lovely to be able to award so many reading points over the last few weeks.

Please do continue to keep reading with your child as often as possible. As always, I will award a reading point for every 5 at-home reading sessions within a week.

Our children are so lucky to have so many opportunities to read within school each week – and if we could, we would read with every child, every day! However, this is just not possible. We are always incredibly grateful for any support you may be able to offer. If you would like to be a volunteer reader, please do contact admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk, or speak to me on the playground.

A few additional points:

- Please ensure your child comes to school with a coat each day – the weather is getting slowly, but surely, colder!
- Please provide your child with a water bottle each day.
- Please ensure that your child comes to school with their wellies at the start of each term.
- Please make sure that your child brings their reading diary and reading books to school each day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

We have had a great start to the term, and I'm looking forward to exploring new topics of learning with your child as we work up to Christmas!

Yours sincerely

Miss Bennett
Year 2 Teacher