



27th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Spring Term 2! Unbelievably, we are half way through our school year, and the children are thriving through in their learning journeys at St Joseph's having established lovely friendships in their class and beyond. It was lovely to have the opportunity to talk in more detail with you all at parents evening at the end of Spring Term 1. This term we will be shaping our learning around the topic 'People That Help Us', from everyday heroes to pivotal champions through history like Florence Nightingale, from vets to librarians, doctors to police and so many more.

We will be continuing our focus on our fine and gross motor skills development through more weaving as well as woodwork during our REACH activity and opening our big dig area. Nympsfield can stay colder with the wind long into Spring, so please continue to send coats hats and gloves for the children for their break and lunch times when they are outside, as well as when we are gardening, you may not know, but I am a keen gardener and am looking forward to embarking on some spring planting this term!

Reading is an essential part of children's learning, hearing you read to them is so important, and we love having surprise visits for our Mystery Readers, if you have not signed up yet, and would like to, please speak to me at the end of the school day to book a slot. As well as listening to stories, hearing the children read is crucial to their development, should you be able to offer 15 minutes at the start or end of the school day to listen to some readers we would really appreciate it. Please contact the Admin Team to arrange which mornings work best for you.

Things to remember:

- Thank you for working consistently with your children with their reading and flashcards. We have children getting very close to getting their first Reading Award – this is 25 reading points! Remember reading 5 times a week earns them a reading point.
- PE kit, please can children come to school in their **PE kit on Wednesdays and Fridays**.
- Homework – this will continue to come home as a pack to be completed weekly in line with our learning. The packs will be collected in at the end of each term.
- Please ensure your child continues to bring a named water bottle in each day.
- Please continue to share your WOW! moments from home with us at school – do let us know if you need more WOW! vouchers.

I will be writing to you in the coming weeks regarding our exciting trip to Slimbridge, final costs of this trip is in the region of £20-25 and includes the coach travel required on the day, as well as the activities at the Wetlands.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me at collection at the end of the day, or via email FAO Mrs Daly via admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk

Kind regards
Mrs Catherine Daly