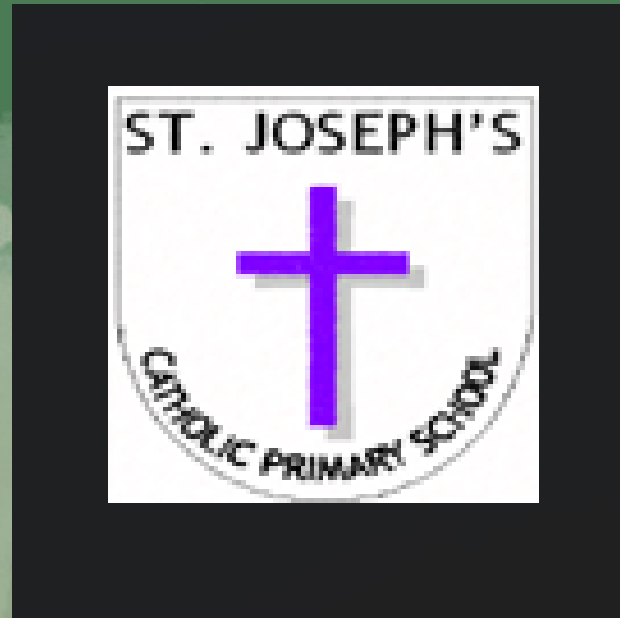


Live Simply Award Evidence

Global Action Action 1



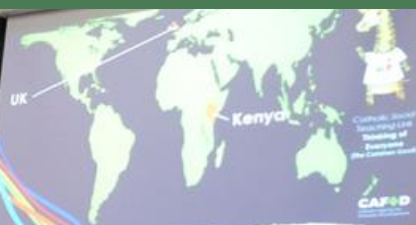
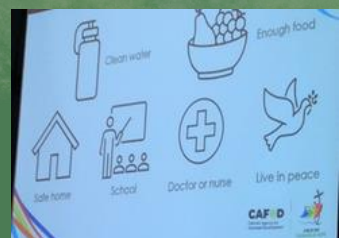
***1A) We will take part in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk.
The whole school will take part in a sponsored walk
to raise funds for, and increase our awareness of,
CAFOD's work in supporting our global family.***





The children of St Joseph's welcomed a CAFOD volunteer who told us all about the Big Lent Walk.

He explained that the challenge was to walk 200km in 40 days. St Joseph's took on the challenge and encouraged the wider community to take part in the Lent Walk by making posters and sharing the message on the schools Class Dojo and newsletters. We included updates and prayers in Celebrations of the Word, in which parents were invited and continue to do so. The message conveyed was, that by participating in the Lent Walk, a sense of community spirit will teach pupils the value of self-discipline and in offering up their efforts and sponsorship it will help our global brothers and sisters for the greater good. The money raised will go towards helping them overcome poverty.



EYFS and KS1 carried out their daily walks as well as a sponsored walk in the school yard.



The children in KS1 made posters to encourage the parents to join them on their walk!

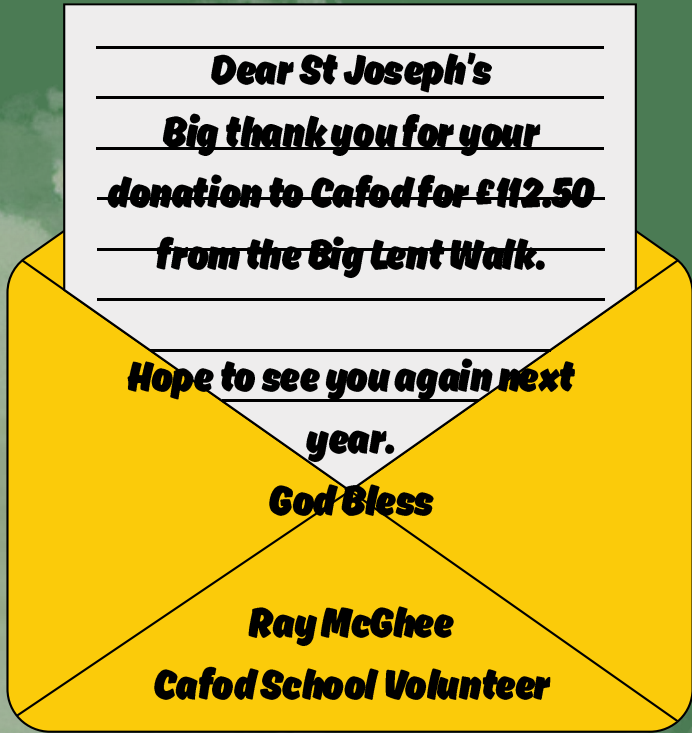


Years 3 and 4 carried out a sponsored walk around the local area, as well as daily walks in the school grounds.



The children of St Joseph's raised £112.50 for CAFOD!

A 'just giving' page was set up on the school website. Parents and friends of St Joseph's were able to contribute and the progress of the children were recorded.



We continue to support a range of charities and important causes throughout the year. Last year, we were also proud to become a School of Sanctuary. This means we are committed to helping our pupils, staff, and wider community understand what it means to seek sanctuary, and to ensuring that everyone is welcomed, valued, and treated with Love, Trust, and Respect as equal members of our school family.



Matthew 25:35-40
For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

Some parents joined us outside of school for the Lent Walk. Others helped by contributing to our



I enjoyed being part of the Lent Walk . I was able to discuss things with my children and and they were able to share information with me of things they learnt at school .
Parent Voice



Global Action



Action 2

2C) We will engage with Fairtrade and introduce actions to support it.



Matthew 25:35-40:

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

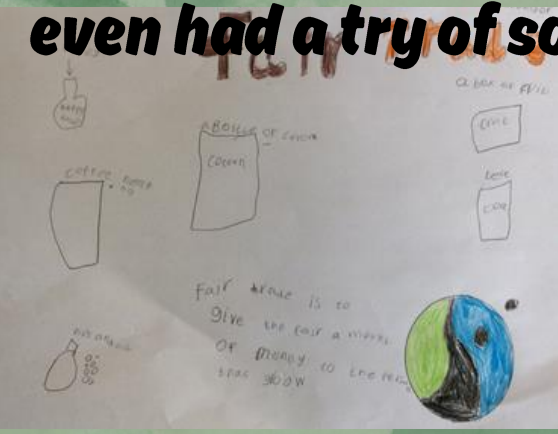
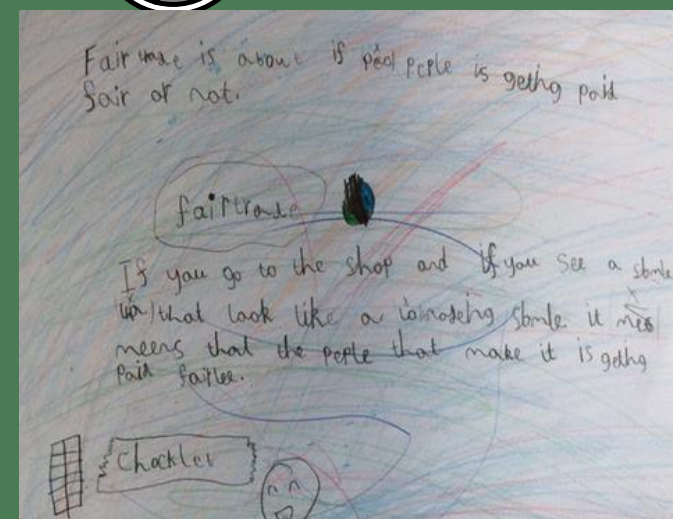
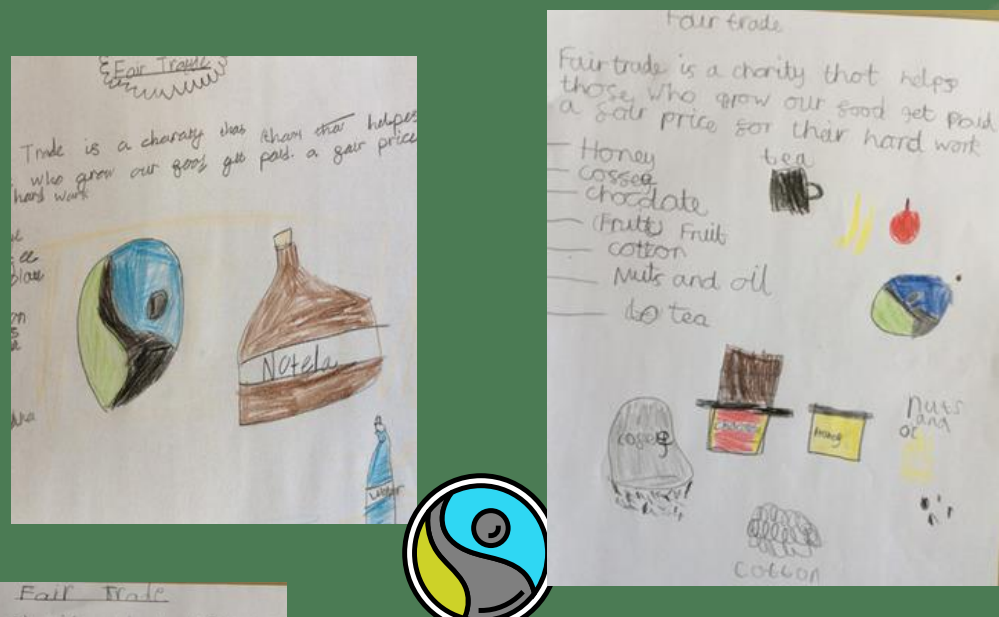
Year 3 children learned all about Fairtrade. They watched a PowerPoint followed by a classroom discussion to understand the importance of this initiative. They learned that Fairtrade is when people who make and farm the goods we buy are treated fairly and paid properly for their hard work.

Using the internet, the children researched products in the supermarkets their families shop where that supports Fairtrade and carry the logo. The children even had a try of some Fairtrade chocolates!

The children shared their posters with family and friends to help encourage them to make a Fairtrade choice when making their future shopping. We will continue to learn about this in school.

Farmers and other people work hard for their goods. They deserve to get fair wages. We learnt about what special fairtrade signs we need to look for in shops and then to encourage our families to buy these goods. It's a way we can be part of helping others around the world.

Pupil Voice Year 3





Families were encouraged to visit their local supermarket to see which Fairtrade products were available and, if they were able, to choose these items in order to support the cause.



Global Action

Action 3



3A) We will take part in International Day of Peace (or World Day of Peace). Included within our actions for this day, pupils will write prayers for our global family impacted by war and conflict.





The International Day of Peace in 2025 was celebrated on the 21st September .



Year 4 carried out a Celebration of the Word in class to mark this occasion. They wrote their own poems of peace and shared these with each other .

They also sang the hymn 'The Peace of God' which was then sung during whole school assembly .

By participating in peace initiatives, pupils learnt to actively show love and care for others through living out the school mission statement. We promoted this through prayers, discussions, acts of kindness and showing great compassion for all our brothers and sisters around us and in our global world. This is acknowledged in our weekly Good Samaritan award where a certificate is given out to a pupil who has lived this out through out the week, this is nominated by a staff member or another pupil . Parents are invited to share these celebrations with us.



**At St Joseph's we aim to
promote a learning community
based on the
Gospel values of
Love, Trust and Respect,
where the achievements of
everyone are recognised
and celebrated**

**Living, learning and loving together with Christ
Amen**



**We need peace in our world
for everyone. Everyone
needs to show kindness to
each other so we can all be
safe and feel loved.**

Pupil Voice Year 4



The Spirit of St Joseph's

Dec 12, 2025

At St Joseph's we continue to pray and celebrate the children through the Good Samaritan Award which shows the true spirit of St Joseph's.

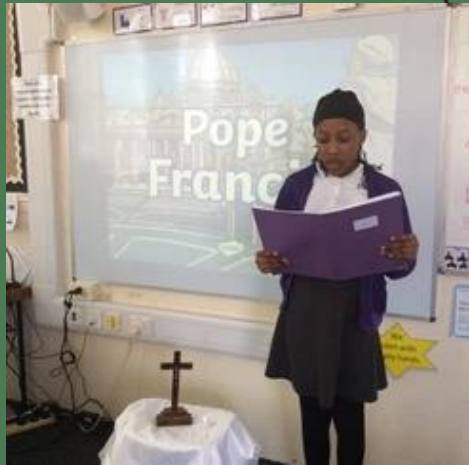
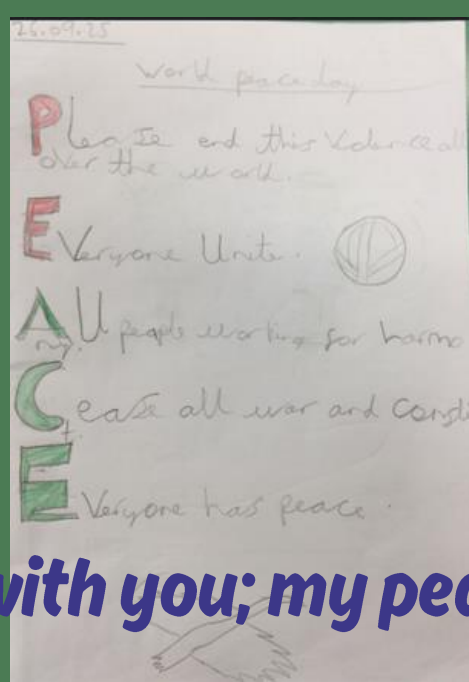
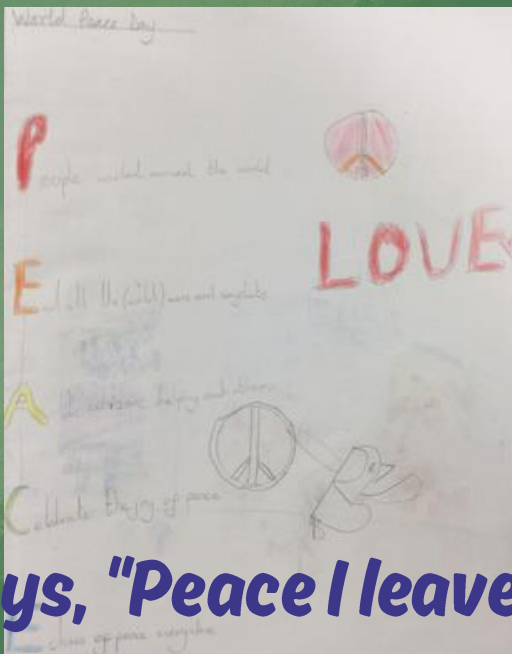
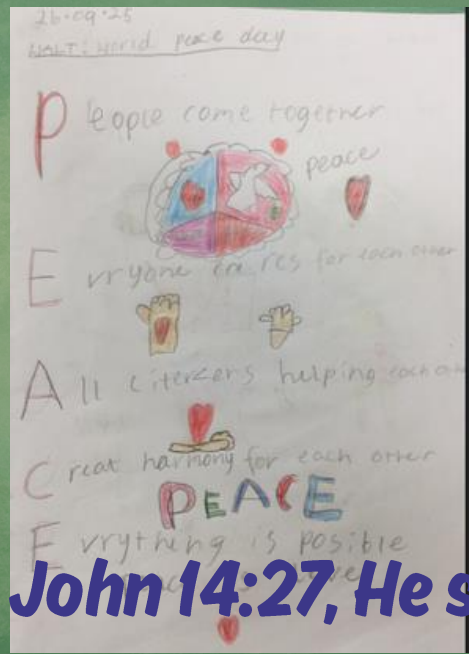


Good Samaritan Award

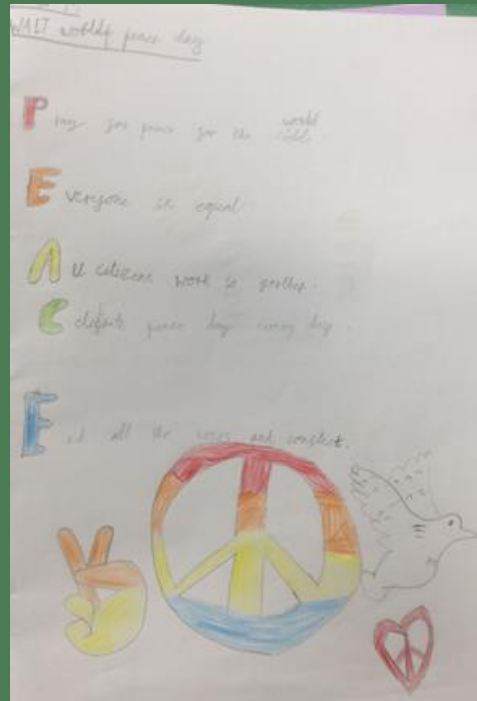
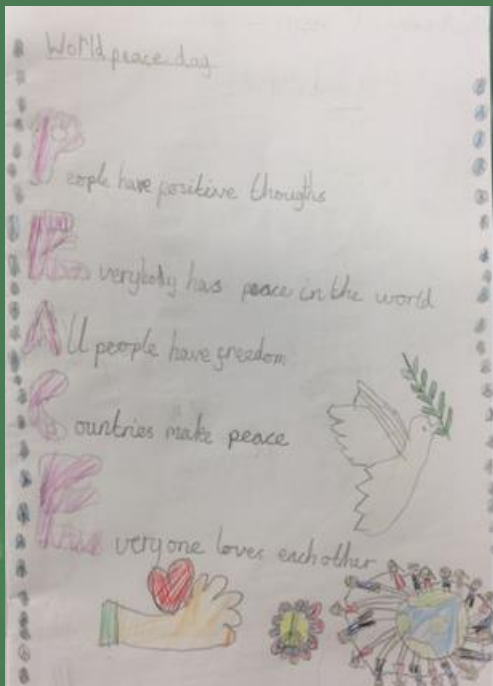
Nov 13, 2025

"Showing kindness makes our school shine! At lunchtime, some of our amazing children created a beautiful heart from Autumn leaves and shared it with staff to tell them how much they are valued. What a thoughtful way to spread happiness!"

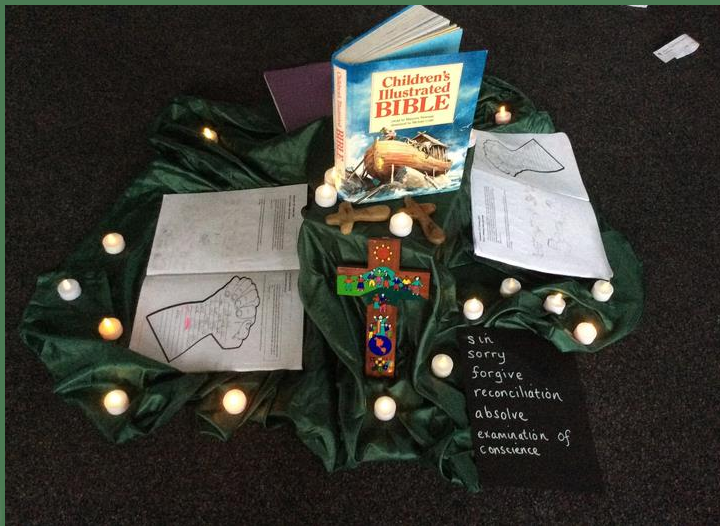
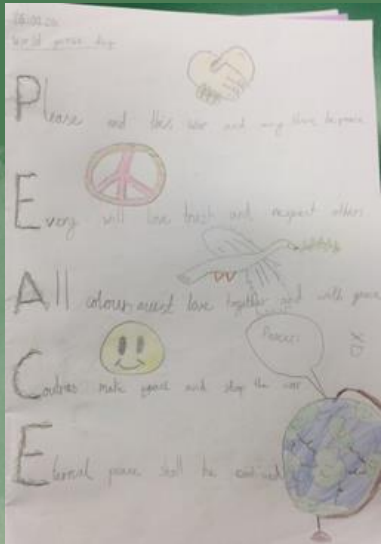
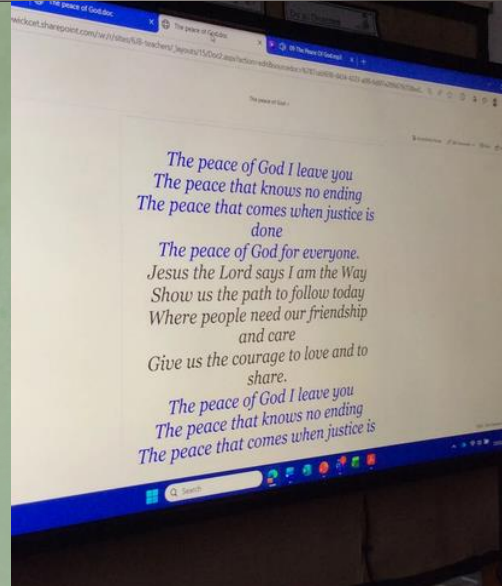




John 14:27, He says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."



We continue to pray for peace in school during Celebration of the Word, class prayers and school Mass.



Local Action

Action 1



1B) Pupils will write prayers and we will invite parents/parishioners and the local community to share time with us in prayer in our school (e.g. our prayer garden or a special part of the school grounds/building).





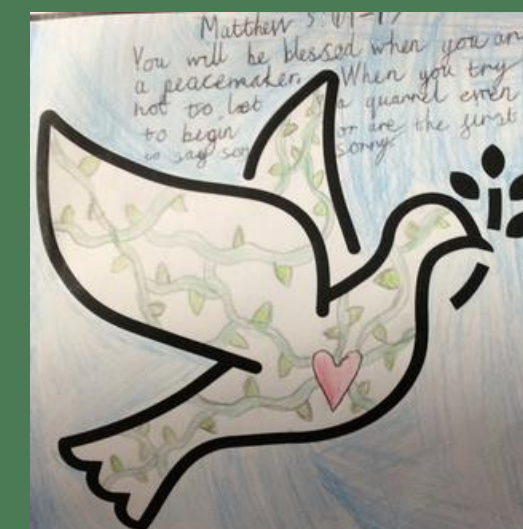
On Monday 29th September, 2025, Year Six led a Celebration of the Word. The inspiration was through the theme of 'Loving' to mark the end of the first RE topic of the year. Prayer has become more meaningful to the pupils especially as they will see the importance of bringing everyone together during Collective Worship. Prayers demonstrate a powerful way to unite with others in faith and love and embed the schools ethos of Love, Trust and Respect.



Father, creator of all, you 'ordered the earth' to bring forth life and crowned its goodness by creating family life.

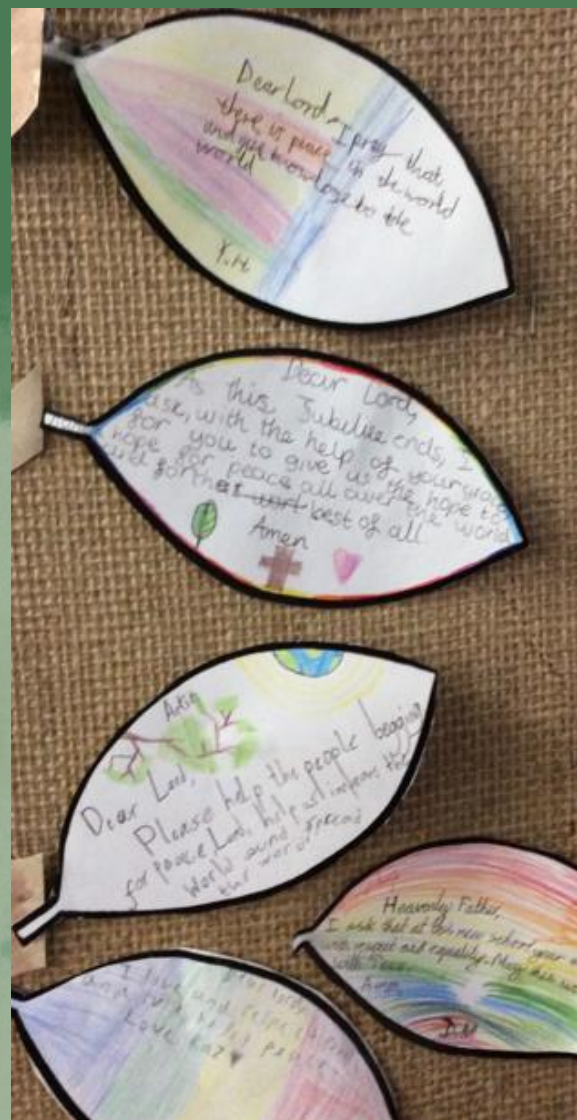
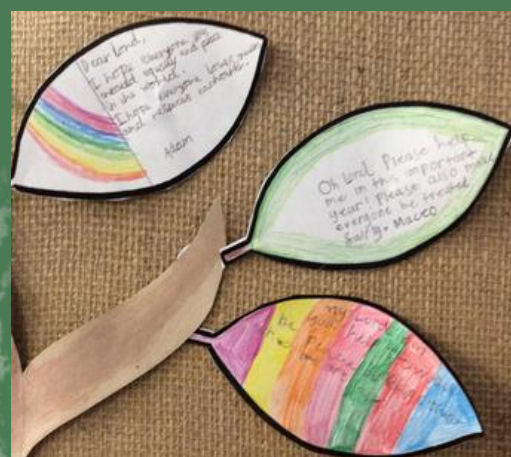
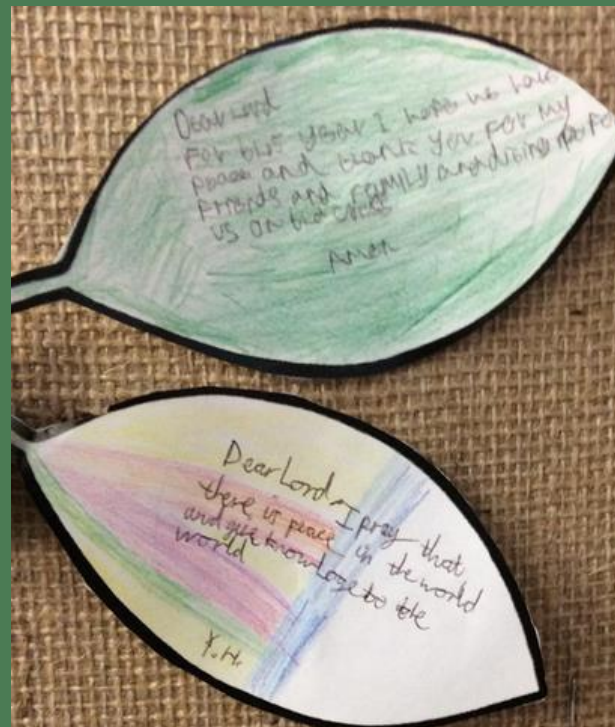
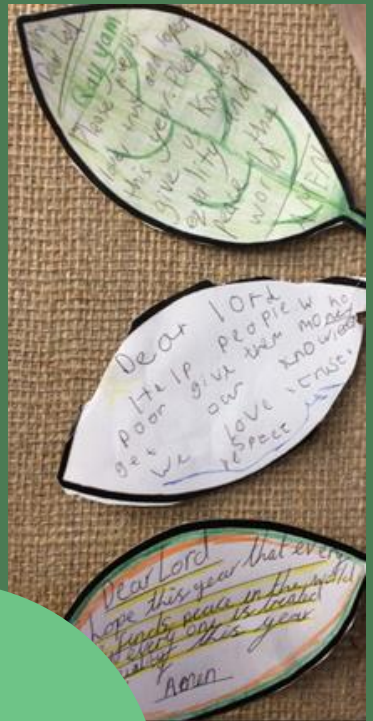
Teach us the beauty of human love, show us the value of family life and help us to live in peace with everyone.

Amen.





The children wrote their own prayers to share with their class and during whole school Celebration of the Word. This was then shared on the school website for their families and friends. Each class, on a Thursday afternoon, has the opportunity to invite their family and friends to share their prayers during their class Celebration of the Word.



It is important to pray for others as we are all part of God's family.

Pupil Voice Year 6





We continue to share our prayers together with friends, family, our community and parishioners.



**I feel love when I pray.
Pupil Voice Year 2**

**It's important that we all come together as a school to pray because we all hear the same message from Jesus.
Pupil Voice Year 6**



Easter

21st May 2025

EYFS created their own Easter Gardens. They planned their own celebration and placed their gardens in the Prayer Garden. They said their own prayer intention and reflected on the importance of Easter.



**I enjoy it when my mam comes to Sunday Mass and prays for me when I go to my Holy Communion class.
Pupil Voice Year 4**



**It makes me feel happy when my mam and dad share the Celebration of the Word with my class.
Pupil Voice Year 3**



Carols at St Joseph's Care Home

Dec 19, 2025

Some children from our choir club visited St Joseph's Care Home to sing Christmas carols. The residents loved the singing so much that they have invited them back! The children gave handmade cards to the residents. Everyone enjoyed their afternoon!



Allan Court Care Home

The choir shared their prayers and hymns with the elderly residents within our local community.



By putting prayer into daily routines and sharing it with parents, parishioner and the community, pupils will learn that prayer is not just for school but for every aspect of their life, both in school and the wider world. Embedding prayer into school life, not only inspires pupils to deepen their own spirituality but also equips them to share the gift of prayer with parents, the community, and parishioners in a meaningful and lasting way.



Local Action



Action 2

**2A) Inspired by Laudato Si' pupils will
organise a litter pick in the community to
protect wildlife and keep the local area tidy.**

**Where possible, litter picked will be
recycled appropriately.**





The children were inspired by World Clean-up day which was celebrated on Saturday 20th September 2025. They made inspiring posters to share with family and friends as well as the children in school to help get everyone involved!

Stewardship of God's Creation (Genesis

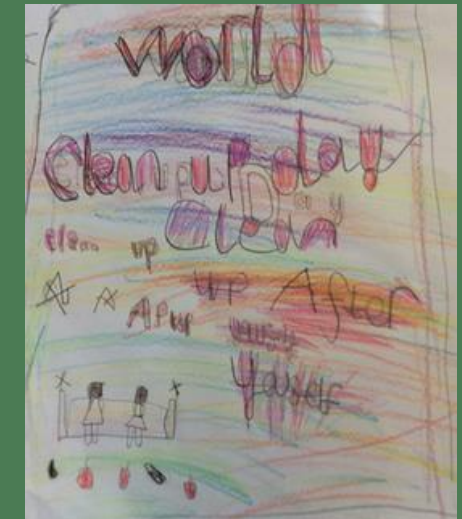
2:15)

Through this, pupils not only acted as caretakers of the Earth but also as disciples living out the call of Laudato Si', demonstrating that faith is alive in their commitment to justice, care, and love for God's creation.



We need to keep our world clean for all the creatures and plants God made. If we did not do this then our world could be destroyed and we are part of this.

Pupil Voice Year 2





The children helped to pick up litter from the school grounds which included the yard and Prayer Garden.



The whole school has a recycling approach when disposing of rubbish.

There is a rubbish bin for food, different types of materials as well as regular waste.

All staff and children are encouraged regularly to recycle and to keep our school and environment clean. Bins are placed strategically around the school.





The children ensure that the local area is kept clean and tidy by carrying out litter picking.



Local Actions

Action 3



3B) We will support our local foodbank. Pupils will be involved with organising, promoting, and checking the donations. Where possible we will visit a local foodbank or invite a representative to school to share more about their work. (Living in Solidarity)

Year 5 Mini Vinnies

Nov 12, 2025

Year 5 have been doing excellent work this term, 'Turning Concern into Action' as Mini-Vinnies. First, the children began their journey as Mini-Vinnies by taking part in a special celebration and receiving their badge. Straight away, they began thinking of ideas and ways to help people in need. First up was the idea to hold a 'Canny Friday', which would be a whole-school food collection, with as many people as possible to bring in a tin of something to donate. The Children created posters, spoke at assembly to spread the word, organised the collection, and then took all the generous donations to church to give to the West End Food Bank. It was a huge success and a great effort by all involved.

I'm proud to be a Mini Vinnie where we have turned concerns into action. I like to think of ways to help others and feel happy I can do this with my friends.

Pupil Voice year 5



Canny Friday food collection in school!

Year 5 Mini Vinnies with Canny Friday on Friday 7th February.

Thankyou so much for supporting Year 5 Mini Vinnies with Canny Friday on Friday 7th February. This is us delivering the foods to Newcastle Foodbank (West End).



Matthew 25:35-40
Jesus teaches, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to



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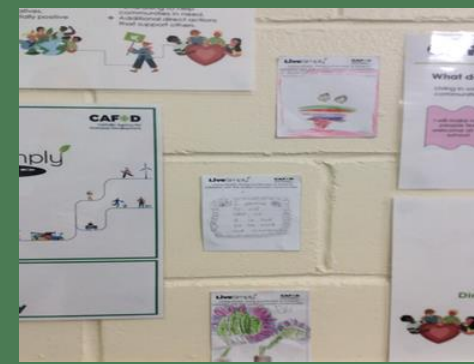


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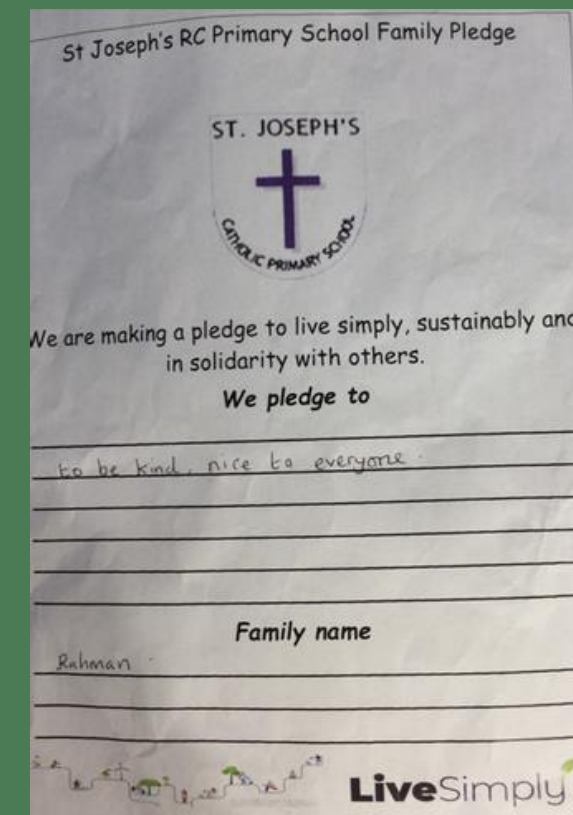
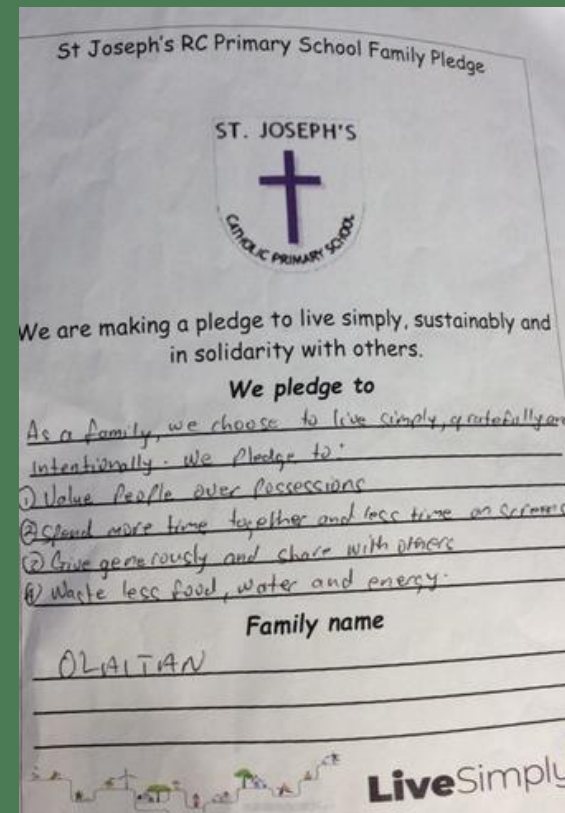
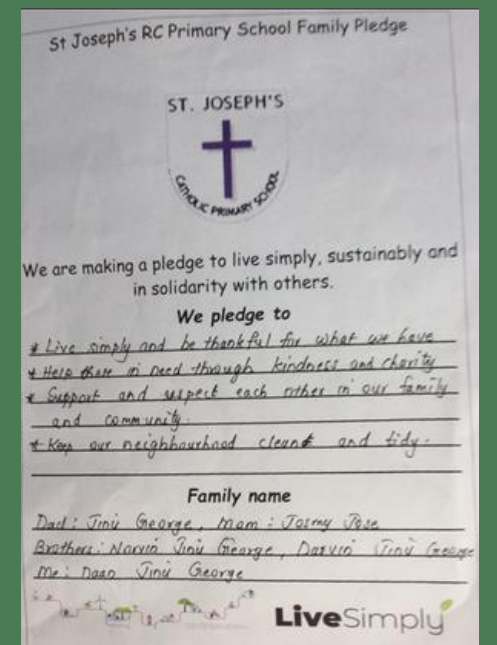
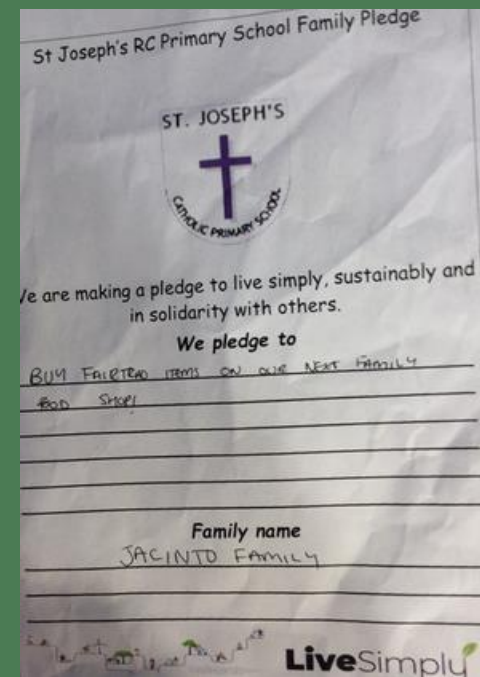
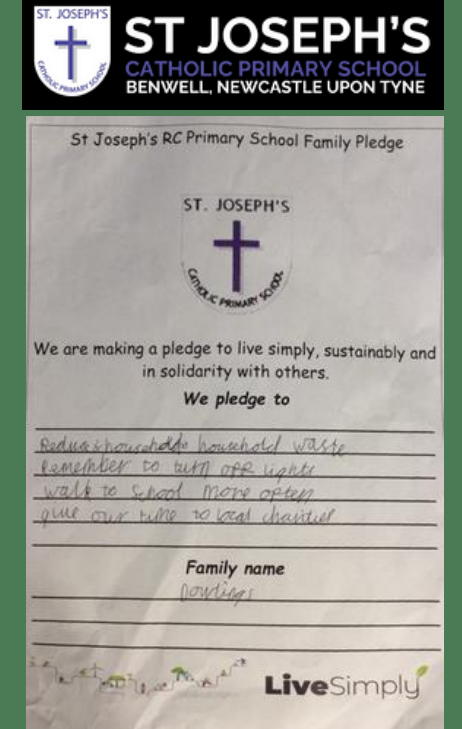
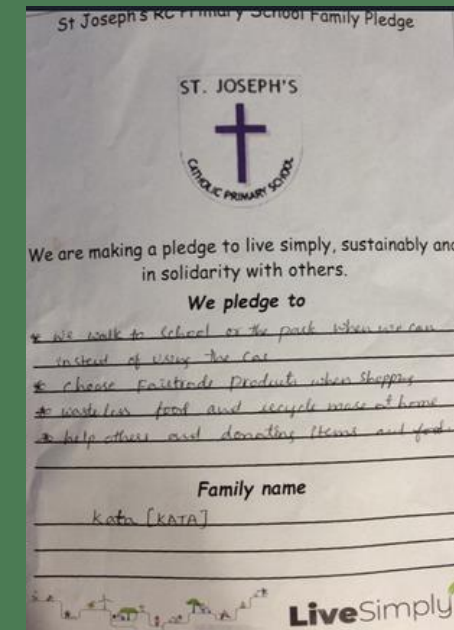
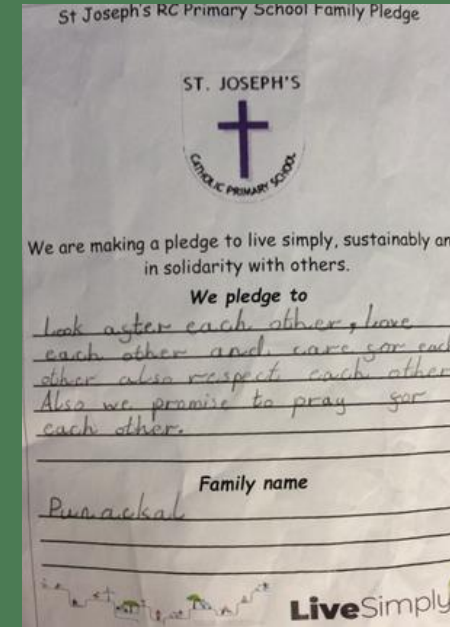
Action 1 – Living Simply main action

1C) Pupils and staff will each write a Live Simply pledge, and will create a display. We will individually keep a note of our pledges so we can revisit them. (Living simply)

Genesis 1:26-31 – Stewardship: God entrusts humanity with the care of creation. This inspires pupils to protect the environment.



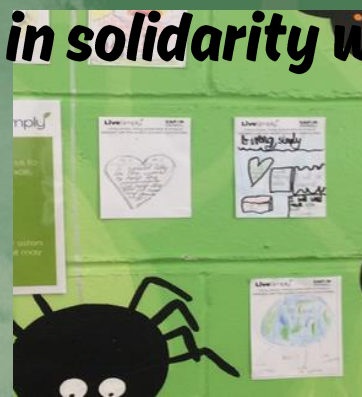
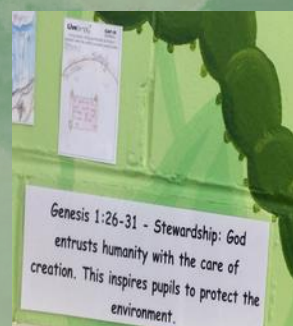
Matthew 25:31-46 - Helping the least among us is serving Christ. Pupils will be motivated to act justly towards the poor.



All the children at St Joseph's have taken part in writing their own Live Simply Pledge. Staff supported the children through thoughtful discussion and helped to create a wonderful whole-school display to celebrate everyone's commitments. Our wider community also joined in by creating their own family pledges and sharing them with us. Together, we continue to remind the children of the three core promises

of our Live Simply journey:

- Live simply
- Live sustainably
- Live in solidarity with people living in poverty



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Action 2 – Living Sustainably main action

2A) We will develop a culture of buy less, share more (e.g. pupils will hold pre-loved book/toy/clothes swaps). (Living Sustainably)

Luke 10:25-37 – The Good Samaritan: Encourages pupils to care for their global neighbours.



Summer School fair July

Families were encouraged to donate pre-loved toys and

order to resell and rehome.



This was continued at the Christmas School Fair 2025.

St Joseph's continue to develop a culture of buy less and share more.

As a parent I think selling pre-loved books and toys is a great way to help with the environment. We all have so many things that we could easily share or donate to make someone else happy as now they could love it as we did!

Parent Voice





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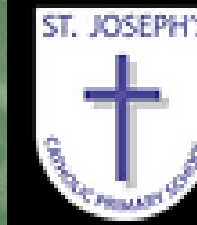
Action 3

***3A) We will take action to nurture God's creatures
(e.g. creating bird/bat boxes, building bug hotels,
making bird feeders, creating hedgehog homes).***

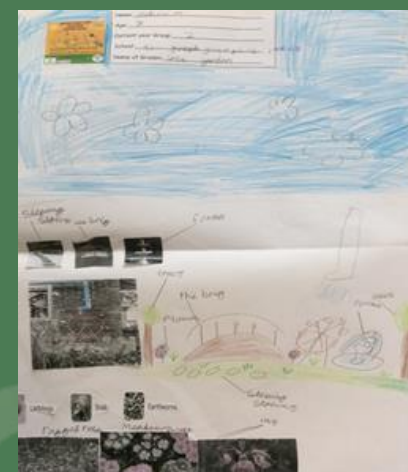
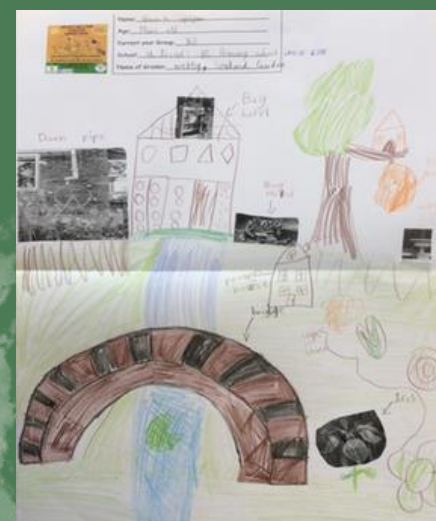
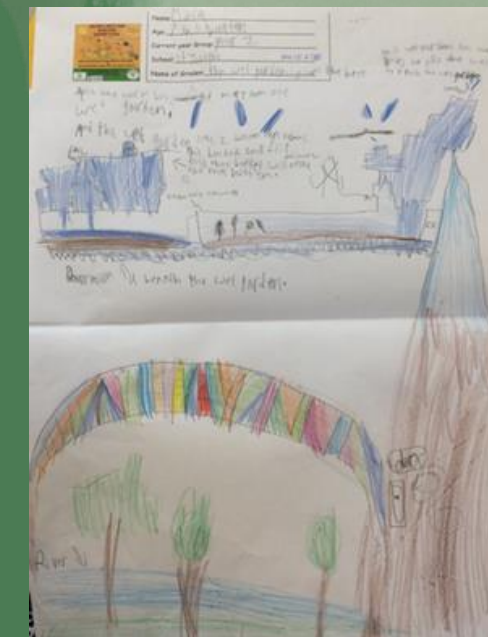
(Living Sustainably)

Matthew 25:40 - "Whatever you did for one of the least of these... you did for me"

Children at St Josephs' took part in a competition in a Watery West End in Bloom competition which provided a fantastic chance for pupils to get creative while exploring nature, climate resilience, and wildlife-friendly gardening.



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The entry for different classes was amazing. The good news was the children in year 6 won the competition. The prize was lots of amazing plants will be planted in school!

St Joseph's Rain Garden Project

Nov 20, 2025

Year 6 are now participating in the 'Growing the Future - Watery West End' project. As our climate is changing and we are getting more heavy rain showers, many school grounds and gardens are suffering from flooding and waterlogging. Jennie from Scotswood Garden is on a mission to help schools and local communities to develop rain gardens and plant up areas with water loving plants to help remedy the problem. We can't wait to make a difference through this exciting opportunity!

Learning about climate change and its effect on nature.



Building this rain garden is helping me understand about how to stop flooding which can destroy nature. As we are God's Stewards we need to help look after everything. I can't wait until this is complete and I feel proud that I was a part of this. We will see more bees and butterflies in our school!

Pupil Voice Year 6



Preparing the grounds for planting. We are looking forward to seeing the results in Spring!



The children have also been busy in other areas of the school. The children in year 2 carried out a survey to see what mini beasts they could find in the school grounds. Once they completed the survey they moved on to make a Bug Hotel to welcome the mini beasts into the school garden. They used natural materials they found or brought in from home.



Preparing the garden.



Planting the seeds.



**During spring ,
children planted wild
flower
seeds around the
school gardens.**



The plants that grew!



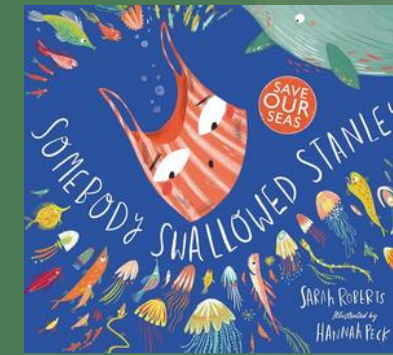
World Animal Day – 4th October 2025

Oct 15, 2025

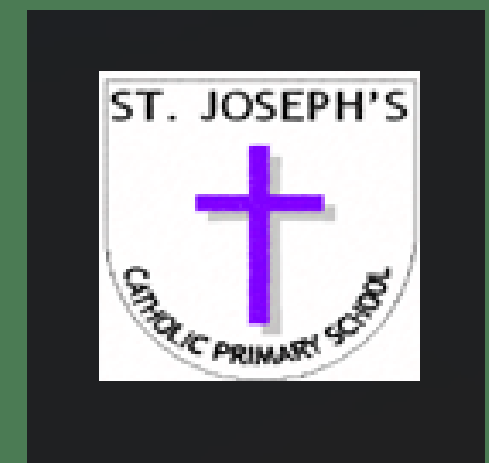
As part of our Catholic Social teaching, the children in Early Years focused on taking action to nurture God's creatures by raising awareness about animal protection. To mark World Animal Day, we read the story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley', which helped us understand the dangers plastic pollution poses to sea creatures like turtles. The children shared thoughtful ideas about how we can help, such as always putting litter in the bin and recycling our rubbish to keep our oceans clean.

We also explored the poem 'Dreamer' by Brian Moses, which inspired us to think about wild animals and how we can protect them.

The children created beautiful drawings of wild animals and discussed ways to care for all creatures in our world.



The children at St Joseph's Primary School will continue to Live Simply and continue to keep the pledges we made to live simply, live sustainably and live in solidarity with people living in poverty.



Matthew 25:40 – "Whatever you did for one of the least of these... you did for me"