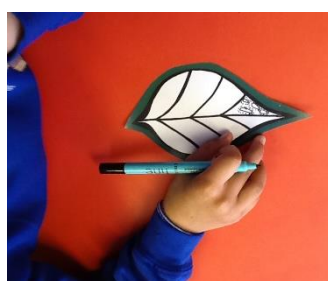


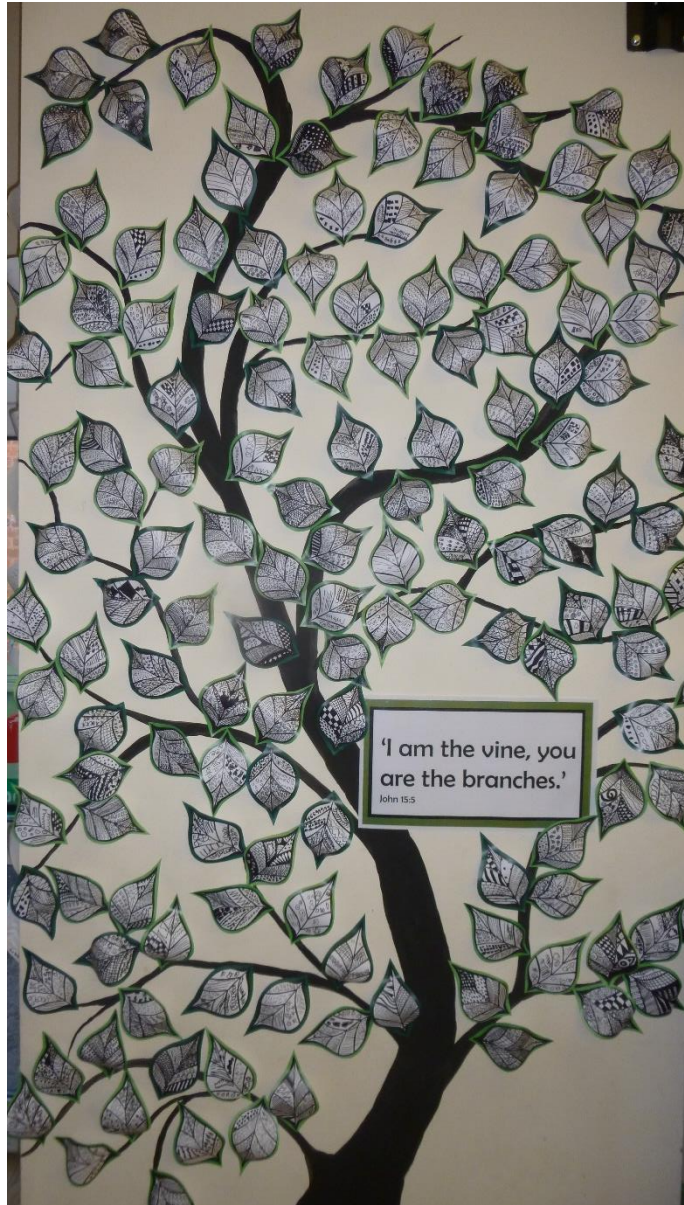
St Joseph's Day – 19th March 2018

On Monday 19th March all the children at St Joseph's took part in activities to celebrate St Joseph's Day. The Gospel Assembly set the scene for the day with some reflections about the work of St Joseph, "The clips were good in Assembly, we could all learn about St Joseph."

Children spent time in prayer reviewing the school mission statement and their class prayers reflecting on how they are important in their own lives. The children were inspired to live out the message of our mission statement: *"In following the Gospel values of Jesus, we are called to love, to learn and to respect one another"*. "We can listen to others and learn from what they might say."

The year 5 and 6 liturgy leaders prepared a class worship Powerpoint which teachers shared with their classes. During the worship, all children had the opportunity to create an individual leaf while praying through colour, "I liked making my leaf because I had time to be quiet and pray to God." The leaves are displayed on a tree in the hall with the quote "I am the vine, you are the branches."





Although there was still some snow on the ground, the annual ice cream treat from the PTA was greatly appreciated by all at break.

Volunteers from Year 5 and Year 6 had worked hard to prepare fund raising activities including a lucky dip, basketball challenge and a treasure map. Children enjoyed taking part in the activities throughout the day "children were happy playing the games whether they won or not," and over £160 was raised for our Lenten charity - Fr Hudson's Care.



The day concluded with Mass. Fr Des spoke about the importance of St Joseph and how the branches of tree were growing out of the trunk – they were not stuck on. The leaves on these branches are unique but we are all united. Mass was very prayerful and the singing was joyful, “the prayers were all about St Joseph... all the children around us were singing.”

