



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School  
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Inspiring everyone to **REACH** through  
**Faith, Hope, Love**

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## LOOK WHO'S TALKING!

An Oracy Competition for Gloucestershire's Infant, Junior and Primary Schools

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school is very excited to be taking part in the 'Look Who's Talking!' competition, along with lots of other schools in Gloucestershire!

### WHAT IS ORACY AND WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

Oracy is the ability to express ourselves clearly and communicate with others effectively, through spoken language.

By teaching our children to become more effective speakers and listeners, we are all helping to give them the tools they need to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them.

### HOW WILL THE COMPETITION WORK?

Your child will get the chance to talk to their class for two minutes, about any subject that they choose and then a 'Star Speaker' will be chosen. In February, the Star Speakers from every class will then get to talk in front of the whole school. The winners will then go on to the next stage and will represent our school in the competition with lots of other schools!

### WHAT CAN YOUR CHILD TALK ABOUT?

Children can talk about absolutely anything that they choose to, for up to two-minutes. They can use any props that they want to that will help with their talk, but just cannot use any technology, so no Powerpoints please.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP THEM AT HOME?

- ★ First of all, please help them to think about what they would like to talk about. The more interested they are in the subject, the more passionate their talk will be! What are they interested in? What excites them? It might be a toy, their pet, a book, something they have seen on TV, their favourite sports team, something they have learned about from you at home - or anything else! It can be anything at all!
- ★ They will need to write and rehearse their speech, so please listen to them practise and give them lots of encouragement!
- ★ Make sure they are speaking with big voices, nice and clearly, so everyone can hear their talk and learn about their chosen topic.

On **Friday 27th January**, planning and preparing for the talk will be set as homework for Years 1-6. Whole class heats will be held **Thursday 2nd February or Friday 3rd February**, and then if your child wins the class heat, the whole school heats will be on **Friday 10th February 2023**. We are so excited to be involved in this and can't wait to hear all of the children talk about something they are passionate about.

Many thanks for your support as always.

Mrs Knight  
(Year 6 Teacher, English and History lead)