



# NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

A Warm welcome back to term 2! I hope you have all had a restful half term break and enjoyed time with

your friends and families.

We look forward to 'hearing' you at the parents evenings telephone consultations which is coming up on 17th and 19th November. For more details please read below.

I would like to take this opportunity to send our warm wishes to Mrs Nuala Oughton for her dedication and commitment over the years to her role as Governor and recently as Chair of Governors. She has been a wonderful support for the whole community, and I know every member of staff including myself would like to send our thanks and gratitude for what you have given to the school over the years! THANK YOU! Even though Nuala has stepped down as Chair of Governors we are fortunate that she remains as a Governor the remainder of this academic year.

At the end of last term we had our 'Hot Chocolate Friday!' winners. The children enjoyed a Hot chocolate made by Mrs Woods, in the safety of their own 'bubble!' This is one of my favourite occasions of the year....I wonder who I will be enjoying a Hot chocolate with at the end of this term? Remember to try and get as many golden tickets as possible! Well done to last terms winners!!



### Covid 19 Information Important Reminders

- ⇒ To reduce the number of people on the pavements at the start of the day please can **1 adult collect and drop of at school/church gates.**
- ⇒ We would appreciate it if **you could wear a mask when dropping off and picking up** your child, this would help support and protect the teachers/ staff on the gates.
- ⇒ Remember to keep your distance from staff, the guidance as highlighted from the DfE reminds us to **stay 2 metres distance** from those you do not live with, or 1 metre if wearing a mask.
- ⇒ If you would like to discuss an issue with a teacher please call, Dojo or email the school, to arrange a time to discuss or simply pass on the message. It is very difficult to have conversations at a social distance whilst maintaining privacy.
- ⇒ Remember there should be **NO gatherings at pick up and drop off** and you should minimise the time spent outside the home with other people.
- ⇒ Due to the no families mixing children should not be picked up/dropped off by different adults that are not in their household. If a family has a childcare arrangement with 1 other family this needs to be a consistent arrangement as part of a childcare arrangement. **Please do not ask the teachers to dismiss the children to an adult that is not a household member**

### Weekly Message from Pope Francis



'We can ask the Lord to grant us the gift of wisdom.'

Please take a moment to follow the Wednesday Word link below...

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/wisdom?pid=MTA101634&v=8.8>

Family and Community Learning are offering fully funded online sessions to enable parents to support their children to achieve their potential. There are courses for English and Maths:  
· Helping My Child with Reading · Helping My Child with Writing · Discover KS1 and KS2 Maths - · Helping My Child to Learn Maths 1 (strategies) - · Helping My Child to Learn Maths 2 (application)  
Courses are delivered online using a learning platform that allows users to access through a smart phone, tablet or laptop. To find out more please contact: <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-learning>

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER

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| <b>Weekly Attendance<br/>12th—16th October</b> | <b>St Lawrence 99.3%</b>    |
| <b>St Anthony 98%</b>                          | <b>St Francis 98.3%</b>     |
| <b>St Aldhelm 94.1%</b>                        | <b>St Scholastica 98.8%</b> |

### Gregory Fauvarque new Chair of Governors...

Some of you may have heard the news about a new Chair of Governor already. I thought I'd write a few lines to introduce myself!



I have been a foundation governor for 2 years in St Joseph's, mostly contributing to the resource committee, focusing on the budget situation for the school so far. For these 2 years, I thoroughly enjoyed this service to the school and the people I came to work with. In particular, I had the privilege to work alongside Nuala, who was doing a fantastic job as Chair of Governor. So, when Nuala announced she would not seek to renew her role as Chair of Governor because she will have to stand down as a governor in August 2021 (after 16 years of services !!! WOW !!!), it was clear that she would be a very tough act to follow.

However, I decided to put my name forward and have been elected as the new Chair of Governors during our last full governing body meeting. I was surprised and very pleased to hear too that both Steve Boughton and Rachel Copeland did put their name forward as Vice Chairs. Both of them were elected too, as Vice Chairs.

Steve, Rachel and I are bringing very different and complementing skills to the table. I am very confident that we will form an effective "CoG team". My intention is to lead this team, addressing all the necessary strategic discussions, day-to-day school needs, ... etc ... with the objective to share the load but also to get the best of our talents complementing each other.

Many thanks to Nuala for these years she gave in servicing the school so far as a governor and as a Chair. And many thanks for the several months she will still serve as a governor! Her commitment to this Chair role, her regular presence in school, her support to staff, her kind but firm leadership was appreciated by all! As I wrote above, she placed the bar very high and I hope you will be forgiving of my relative lack of experience.

I am looking forward to working with Sue and the school's staff, aiming to make this school even more amazing than it is already!

Regards,  
Gregory.

**Sharing the good news!** We are delighted that our school kitchen has once again been rated at the top level for food hygiene in our most recent Environmental Health Inspection.

With grateful thanks to Mrs Rexworthy our school cook and her team for all their hard work and to Colin Kershaw (Governor) for his expertise and support.

**Well done and thank you!**



### In Class This Week

#### St Anthony

This week we have started to explore all things to do with autumn. We have been collecting leaves and conkers and investigating hibernating animals. Next week we are exploring migration and writing rhymes.

Writing: Exploring Woodland Stories

Maths: Subtracting One - Numberblocks Episode 14

Science: Migration

RE: Prayers, Saints and Feasts

#### St Aldhelm

Beat, Band and Boogie! Check out our termly plan which will be sent home today.

#### St Lawrence

Rocks, Relics and Rmbles

#### St Francis

Welcome back St Francis!

We've had a wonderful week, engaging ourselves with our Roman topic work. Next week we will continue to study the impact that the Roman Empire had upon Britain.

English - Studying sentence stacking

Maths - Multiplication by 10, 100 and 1000

RE- Prayers, Saints and Feasts - Pilgrimages

A reminder that our PE days are now Wednesday and Friday. Due to the COVID restrictions, swimming will not be starting this month. We will keep you updated of any changes.

#### St Scholastica

English - Postcards from Mexico (Writing) and Brazil (Reading)

Maths - Compare and order fractions

RE - Prayers, Saints and Feasts

### Nut free school.

It is important to remember we are a nut free school. This is due to serious allergies within the school community. Please do not bring nuts into to school, either at snack time or in lunch boxes. This includes cereal bars and alike. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Parent evening—Telephone Appointments.

The deadline to register your interest for parents evening has now passed and we are busy coordinating appointments. A confirmed time will be emailed to you over the next few days.

**St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School**

**ADMISSIONS**

Virtual Tour - Available on our website

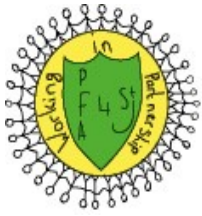
[www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk)

**Primary Admissions 2021.** The application process has opened. Please visit the school website for further information, to view our admissions policy and to download a supplementary admissions form. Please apply on line at

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1657/Apply-for-a-school-place>

Due to current Covid restrictions, we are unable to provide tours of our school. If you are aware of family or friends who are wishing to apply to us, please ask them to contact us. Thank you!





# PFA Corner

Cards, Tags, Wrapping Paper and Gift Mugs. All artwork where orders have been placed must be returned to school by the 10th of November.

Thank you to all our Autumn Harvest Pumpkin Carving and picture entries, and congratulations to the winners.

**Please join our AGM (part 2) this evening at 8pm.**

Topic: PFA AGM#2

Time: Nov 5, 2020 08:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/9558617810?](https://zoom.us/j/9558617810?pwd=SmZwcW13aThoWnhoejVGZTBHUW9Jdz09)

[pwd=SmZwcW13aThoWnhoejVGZTBHUW9Jdz09](https://zoom.us/j/9558617810?pwd=SmZwcW13aThoWnhoejVGZTBHUW9Jdz09)

Meeting ID: 955 861 7810

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# CONGRATULATIONS!

## AUTUMN HARVEST PUMPKIN carving CONTEST WINNERS



**ST ANTHONY**

Joshua



**ST ALDHELMS**

Lydia-May



**ST LAWRENCE**

Jack P



**ST FRANCIS**

Pádraig



**ST SCHOLASTICA**

Aiyanna



Michael

Thank you for your support!



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## We have been asked to circulate the following consultation

### Consultation on Admissions Policy for 2022-23

The governing body of Malmesbury C of E Primary School is consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for the 2022-23 school year.

We invite you to view the proposed changes on the school website ([www.malmesburyprimaryschool.co.uk/admissions](http://www.malmesburyprimaryschool.co.uk/admissions)).

You are invited to provide any comments you may wish for consideration on the proposed arrangements by 16 November 2020. Final arrangements will be determined by 28 February 2021.

Please send any comments regarding this consultation to Clerk to Governors Nicki Warne ([clerk@malmesbury-pri.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@malmesbury-pri.wilts.sch.uk)), or via the school office at Malmesbury C of E Primary School, Tetbury Hill, Malmesbury, SN16 9JR.

Many thanks for your consideration.