



NEWSLETTER

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Friday 3rd March 2023

Diary Dates

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| March | |
| Tuesday 7th | Rags2Riches—Bag drop off at school by 9am |
| Wednesday 8th | Hockey Tournament Y5 and 6 for selected team. |
| Monday 13th | 3.00-4.00pm Coffee and Catch Up in the school hall—all welcome to join us |
| Tuesday 14th | 3.00-4.00pm Coffee and Catch Up in the school hall—all welcome to join us |
| Friday 17th | Immersive Theatre Planetarium Dome visiting school for all classes. £1.85 per child via ParentPay. |
| Friday 17th | Reports available for signed collection— must be signed for. |
| Friday 17th | Mothering Sunday Market— children bring £1 and purchase flowers during lunchtime. |
| Monday 20th | Parents Evening appointments 3.30-6.30pm (Excluding St Aldhelm Class) |

<https://stjosephsmalmesbury.schoolcloud.co.uk>

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| Monday 20th | After school Sports Clubs cancelled due to Parents Evening |
| Tuesday 21st | Whole School Mass—in the Church, all welcome to attend |
| Tuesday 21st | Parents Evening appointments 3.30-6.30pm St Aldhelm Class ONLY. |
| Thursday 23rd | Parents Evening appointments 3.30-6.30pm All classes. |
| Thursday 23rd | After school Sports Clubs cancelled due to Parents Evening |
| Tuesday 28th | Stations of The Cross 1.30pm. All parents invited. Booking link below. |

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| Wednesday 29th | Year 3&4 Easter Production to Parents and family, 1.30pm and 6.00pm performances. |
| Thursday 30th | PFA EASTER EGG HUNT each class, during school hours. £1.50 per child via ParentPay |
| Friday 31st | Readathon - deadline for sponsorship forms to be returned. |
| Friday 31st | 10am Easter Mass—all welcome—venue The Church |
| Friday 31st | End of Term 4. Usual end of the day pick up 3.20pm and 3.25pm |
| Monday 3rd April | Opportunities Holiday Club 3rd-6th April and 11th—14th April. Limited Places. Booking information on the website. |
| Monday 17th April | Term 5, Children return to school |

Look out for Read-a-thon sponsor sheets—coming home today!

**WORLD BOOK DAY
PHOTO MONTAGE IN THIS NEWSLETTER
We Had a wonderful time!**



WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER



Meet the School Governors

I'm **Val Cleaver**, I have recently been appointed as a Foundation Governor to St. Josephs. I have lived in Malmesbury for forty four years with my husband Maurice and our six children. They all went to St. Joseph's school and were very happy here.

We have always supported the school and the church. Maurice is a catechist and helps prepare the children for First Communion.

Malmesbury has a great community spirit and St. Josephs gets involved in many ways. They always support Malmesbury Carnival. Maurice and I were involved with helping Syrian refugees in Chippenham. Maurice was part of the language teaching group and I ran the kiddies club.

I worked at Burton Hill School for disabled students for many years as a night carer and a classroom assistant.

I enjoy reading and gardening and spending time with our grandchildren.

"Curriculum Highlights"

This school year Art and Design has been at the forefront of our creative curriculum, with our 90th commemorative plates where each student had the opportunity to learn about creative design and implement their own ideas on a plate, and more recently, with Ukrainian artist Nataliia Gerasymchuk giving a whole school assembly and talking to the children about what her art means to her.

She demonstrated how to mix colours to create depth in painting. The school visited her exhibition in the Town Hall and students had the opportunity to create their own piece of artwork inspired by Nataliia's paintings.

Each class will study Art and Design three times throughout the year. This term St Lawrence are focussing on craft and design, with flora and fauna as their inspirational starting point. We look forward to seeing their finished artwork!



Late Arrivals

We are seeing a number of children persistently arriving late to school. When pupils arrive late they miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of the lesson. This can significantly reduce achievement. Your child may also feel awkward arriving to the classroom when everyone else is settled. Furthermore, when one pupil arrives late it disrupts the entire class.

The school gates close at 8.50am, registration is taken at 8.55am and closes at 9.20am. Arrival after 8.55am results in a Late mark on the register, arrival after the register closes results in an Unauthorised mark. Children arriving late will need to be noted in the late book in the office with a reason for the lateness and time of arrival.



Still time to enter the **Easter Egg Hunt!** Pop onto Parentpay to make your contribution towards this activity.

Covid Reminder

For children and young people aged 18 and under who test positive for COVID-19, the advice is to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **three days**.

Celebrating Learning

We are delighted to share that, over the next few terms, each class teacher will be inviting you as parents/carers to come into school at the end of the day, or possibly within the school day, to share and celebrate learning from the class. As this is very specific to each class, the class teacher will be contacting you to let you know when these celebrations of learning will take place.

I am sure you will join with me to thank the teachers and staff for arranging these celebrations and enabling them to happen.

Weekly Attendance
Monday 20th — Friday
24th February

St Anthony 100%

St Aldhelm 97.7%

St Lawrence 99.3%

St Francis 99%

St Scholastica 95.6%

"May the Church always be a place where everyone can feel welcomed, loved and encouraged." Pope Francis



Follow the Wednesday Word link below...
<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-card?pid=MTA101634&p=3&v=84.7>


ATTENTION
NO 
 THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE
 THANK YOU

Please remember that we are a nut free school. Packed lunches brought in from home must not include any nuts or nut based products —this includes Nutella or any other chocolate hazelnut spread, or biscuits or sweets containing nuts such as Ferrero Rocher. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Lego Club

Miss Carvey has launched new lunch time club. Lego Club is free and available to all children who have expressed an interest. Due to very high numbers each class will have a slot on a Wednesday or Thursday, depending on which lunch sitting they are. Teachers will let children know which session to attend. St Aldhelm class group 1 had a great time!



Easter Holiday Club

The booking form is now on our website for the Opportunities Easter Holiday Club. Follow the After School Clubs quick link box on the home page. Booking forms must be submitted to the office by Friday 24th March please. Limited places. Book early to avoid disappointment.



Piano Concert

On Monday 27th February 34 children entertained us with their piano music, playing their favourite pieces for the parent and school community to enjoy. A special thank you to all of our pianists for their wonderful performances.



Charlie & The Chocolate Factory, World Book Day 2023

