

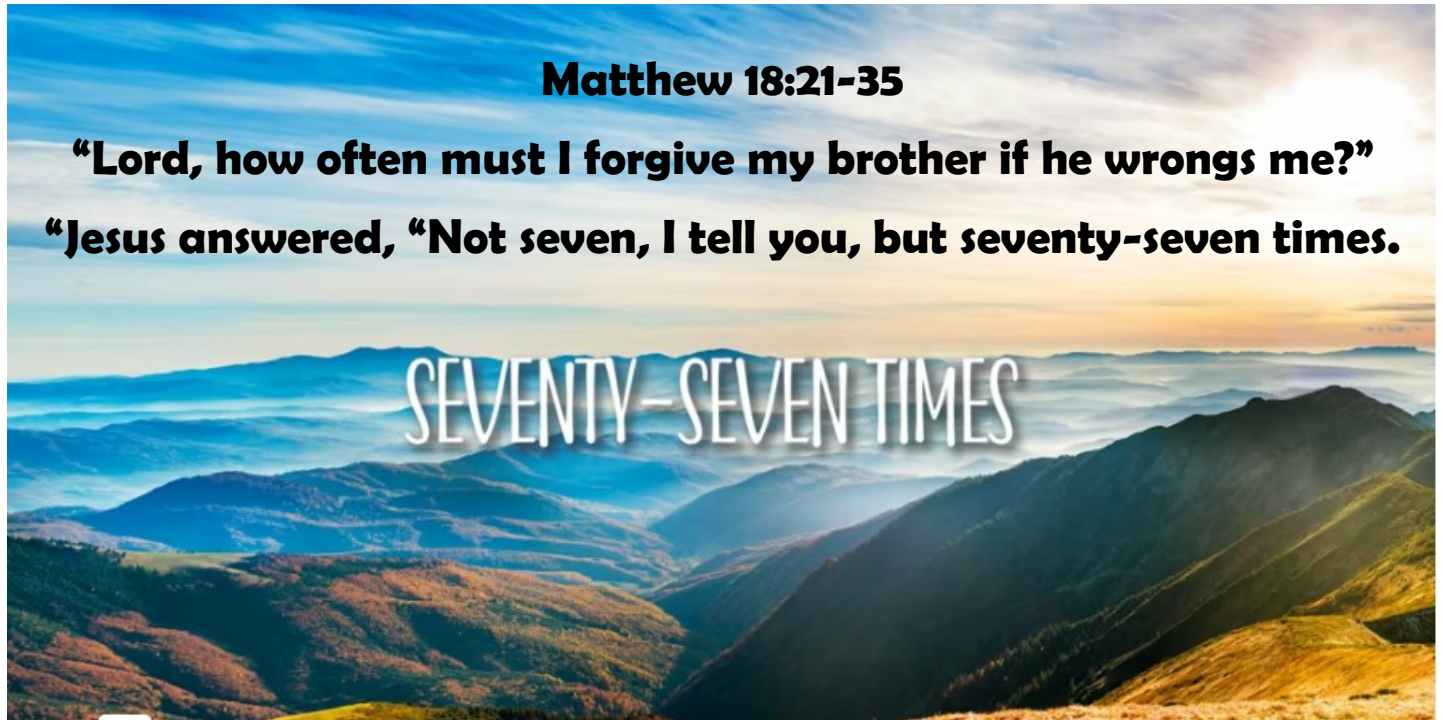


NEWSLETTER

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Friday 15th September 2023

Intermin Co-Headteachers' message



Matthew 18:21-35

“Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me?”

“Jesus answered, “Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.”

SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES

This week's gospel teaches us that if we ask for God's forgiveness it will always be granted. In the Gospel assembly this week we discussed how it can feel to ask for forgiveness and to be forgiven. Both can be challenging, but with God's help we can all try to live out his words.

In the last few weeks Miss Bathe and Mr Bacon have been getting to know the children, staff and parents of St. Joseph's. We have been so impressed with the positive attitude that we have been welcomed with. As we all settle back into the school year we would like to invite parents and carers into the school (see dates below) to join us and celebrate.

Parents and Carers Welcome!

We would be delighted if parents and carers were able to join us at the following school events:

Wednesday 20th September at 10am - Beginning of the year Mass at St. Aldhelms Church

Friday 22nd September 1:15 – 2:15pm - St. Teresa's Royal Picnic (parents with children in St. Teresa's)

Friday 22nd September 2:30pm – 3pm – St Teresa's parent/carers to join Celebration assembly in the hall

Wednesday 27th September 9am - 9:45am – St Teresa's invites parents and carers to join them to observe the Y1 phonic session followed by story time. This is an opportunity for you to see the phonic teaching and learning in action and then at the parents' welcome meeting after school to ask questions.

Wednesday 27th Parent/Teacher welcome meeting – After school. Tours around the school will take place to show the new facilities available to staff and children that have been created over the summer.

Friday 29th September – Celebration assembly. 2:30pm – 3:30pm ALL are welcome to join

Wednesday 4th October – Harvest Celebration 2:00pm – 2:30pm ALL are welcome to join

Wednesday 4th October – 2:30 – 3:20pm – Refreshments and catch up with the Interim Co-Head teachers – ALL welcome

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER

WOW moments across the school!

"Pupils enjoy coming to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. They find lessons interesting. Pupils are eager to talk about their learning. They feel safe to make mistakes and to learn from them" OFSTED March 2023

Here is just a snap shot of the exciting, wonderful work and activities going on across the school this week.

St Teresa

Miss Just: "The New reception children have settled in so well and the Y1 and Y2 children have shown kindness and support to them and each other all week"



St Lawrence

Mr Wilkinson: "The children have been thoroughly captivated by our history topic of the 'Ancient Greeks', in particular researching and designing their own Greek pots."



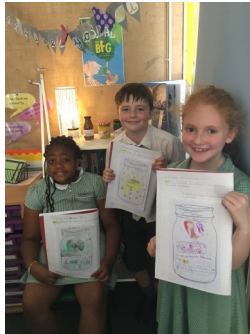
Marcos, "I enjoyed finding out about the pictures on the pots."

Felicity, "The pictures tell us a story about the Ancient Greeks."

Thomas, "I liked the patterns on the pots, the spirals and zig-zags."

St Francis

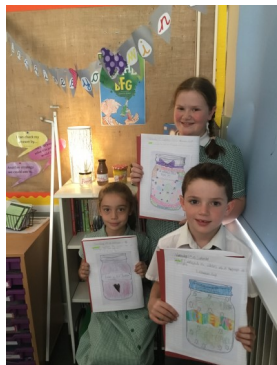
Miss Thompson: "Our whole class reading book, Alice in Wonderland, and creating our 'dream jars' to inspire our writing have been a great success this week"



Austin, "The book has great adjectives and Alice falls into the rabbit hole, I can't wait to find out what happens next!"

Ellie, "It's about Alice who is adventurous and curious – just like me!"

Poppy, "I drew and made a dream jar, inspired by Roald Dahl's BFG. It was a great way to help me get my ideas."



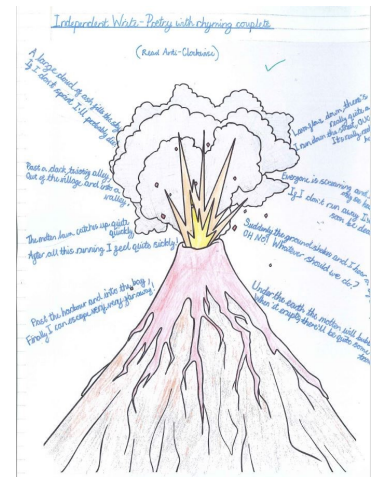
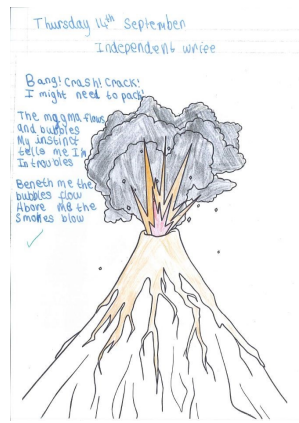
St Scholastica

Mr Heavey, "the poetry about volcanoes and fireworks this week has been amazing – the poems have been inspired by our whole class book, the firework maker's daughter. Their confidence in writing poetry has really grown."

Alfie, "I am proud of my poem because of the vocabulary choices I made."

Eva, "I always enjoy rhyming – it just flows out of me!"

Jensen, "At the start I didn't know how to write rhyming couplets – but now I can!"



Red Arrows Fly Past



The whole school were out in the playground to witness a special fly past by the Red Arrows earlier this week which the children all agreed was "pretty cool!"



Parent/Carer support

We appreciate your continued support as the new school year begins and ask you to speak to Miss Bathe or Mr Bacon directly if you have any concerns or questions. We will always endeavour to listen and jointly problem solve.

Mr Bacon – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Miss Bathe – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Parish Newsletter — Message from Father Thomas

News from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

We've been asked by the school to offer the parish an update as a community. Our role is to continue to support the teaching and relationship with the school, and to keep everyone in our prayers as the children start their new term. Two acting co-heads have started at St Joseph's and are busy getting to know the pupils and staff. Mrs Woods is currently away from school.



The IEB wants to let the heads drive the school forward while it deals with issues prior to the start of the autumn term and develops the strategy with them to help the school grow again. They also want to celebrate the recent building project at the school which has created several new spaces and addressed an issue with some toilets. The project to make the school carbon-neutral is ongoing and the major part of that work will be completed at half-term.

The chair, Kirsty Martin, has been in regular contact with Father Thomas and Catherine Doody since her appointment in early July, and some of you will have noticed that the vice-chair, Gabriella Tiley, is now travelling to Malmesbury for Mass. The IEB would welcome ideas from the community about how it can help the school increase the number of pupils attending and to hear any other thoughts parishioners might have. Mrs Martin can be contacted at kirstymartin@st-josephs-malm... and anyone should feel free to chat with Mrs Tiley on a Sunday morning.

The heads can be reached at pbacon@st-josephs-malm... and kbathe@st-josephs-malm.... They are happy to show prospective parents and their children around the school and to engage with anyone within the parish and wider community who would like to support the school.

Acoustic Panels in the Dining Hall!



It may not look like much has changed, but what an enormous difference our new Acoustic Panels have made in the dining hall.

Part of our summer works has been to completely renew the ceiling with specialist panels. This has completely changed the dining experience for our children and staff, as the noise levels are now dampened and the acoustics now allow the children to talk and interact using their normal "inside voices". The environment has been transformed into a much happier space for all users.

A huge thank you to Mrs Woods for securing the funding from Clifton Diocese and having the vision to invest in the wider refurbishment of the school.

Harvest Festival Collection

Our Harvest festival collection this year will be supporting the Malmesbury Food Bank. The current financial situation is proving very difficult for many families and no one in our community should have to go hungry. The food bank are helping more people and find that donations are struggling to reach the level needed. **They are unable to accept fresh food** – their top needs now are:

- UHT milk
- Tinned soup
- Long life fruit juice
- Tinned spaghetti
- Tinned cold meat
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned vegetables
- Boxes of 80 teabags
- Baking ingredients



We will put a collection box out next week for donations in the run up to our Harvest Festival service on Wednesday 4th October. Thank you for your support.

MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
Tor Theatre at Malmesbury Town Hall
Tuesday 19th September, 2.30pm

CELEBRATING Age UK Wiltshire

Tor Theatre present 'The Time Machine' An hilarious, family friendly mash-up of the vintage Science-Fiction stories of HG Wells. GASP as they fight off monsters from the future—with deck chairs! GAPE as you witness Martians destroy Wiltshire—a bit! And SWOON as they show you some really cheap special effects, like an invisible man crossing the stage!

This is a FREE event but booking is required. Please call Catherine Doody on 07588 695847

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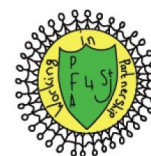
St Lawrence Class Local Visit on Tuesday

St Lawrence class will be attending a community event in the Town Hall next Tuesday afternoon in celebration of Age UK Wiltshire. Not only will they get to watch the panto style performance of "The Time Machine" but they will also have the opportunity to mix and chat with some of the older members of our community. Please collect St Lawrence children on Tuesday directly from the Town Hall at 3.30pm.

Get involved —your school needs you!

The school PFA is looking for more volunteers to join the team and help with all the amazing work that they do to raise money for the school.

If you would like to find out more about what the PFA does and how you can get involved then contact them by email: pfa@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk



ST. JOSEPH'S PFA FUNDRAISER

Just in case you missed a permissions link

You may be entitled to Wiltshire Council Free School Meals and associated benefits. Please check your personal circumstances by following this link

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-free-school-meals>

"May each family rediscover family prayer, which helps to bring about forgiveness."
Pope Francis

The Wednesday Word is available on our website.



Follow the link below:
<https://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/prayer-life/>

Weekly Attendance Monday 4th—Friday 8th September	
St Teresa 95.5%	St Francis 96.1%
St Lawrence 98.1%	St Scholastica 91.8%

Diary Dates — Term 1

September

Tuesday 19th	St Lawrence Class — “The Time Machine” performance celebrating Age Wiltshire at the Town Hall. PLEASE COLLECT CHILD (St Lawrence ONLY) FROM TOWN HALL AT 3.30PM (see Pg4)
Wednesday 20th	10am Whole School Mass, St Aldhelm’s Church. All parents and carers welcome
Wednesday 20th	Year 5 and 6 Football Festival—Redbull pitches
Friday 22nd	1.15-2.15pm St Teresa Class Royal Picnic. Parents/carers to join. 2.30-3pm St Teresa parents/carers to join Celebration Assembly in the school hall
Monday 25th	9.30am Whole School Art Morning St Athelstan Museum
Tuesday 26th	Rags2Riches Collection by 9am please
Tuesday 26th	OPPORTUNITIES CLUB is not available for new bookings
Tuesday 26th	CIRCUIT TRAINING KS1 sports club will not run due to staff training.
Wednesday 27th	9-9.45am St Teresa parents/carers invited to observe Yr1 phonics session and story time After School Parent/Teacher Welcome Meeting and tour of school refurbishment. Details to follow
Friday 29th	2.30-3.30pm Celebration Assembly. All parents and carers welcome.

October

Wednesday 4th	Open Morning for new prospective parents. 9.30am & 11.30am—spread the word
Wednesday 4th	2pm-2.30pm Harvest Festival Celebration. All parents and carers welcome. 2.30-3.30pm Refreshments and catch up with Interim Co-Headteachers, all welcome
Thursday 5th	Infant Free Meal Funding Census Date. ALL KS1 to take up meal please
Friday 13th	Last Day of Term 1. Children leave at usual time at the end of the day.
Monday 16 th	Staff Development Day. School closed for children
Tuesday 17 th	Staff Development Day. School closed for children
Wednesday 18 th	Staff Development Day. School closed for children
Thursday 19 th	School Holiday starts
Monday 30th	Term 2. Children return to school.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Admissions 2024 - OPEN MORNING

Holloway, Malmesbury, SN16 9BB. 01666 822331
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Tel: 01666 822331 to book

Visit our school website for more information
www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk

Weds 4th Oct. BOOK NOW!
Tours at 9.30am & 11.00am

Helping us to spread the word about our Open Morning!

We will be sending home some flyers with your child and we would be so grateful if you would pass these on to neighbours or friends who may be interested in joining us for our Open Day for prospective new parents.

Many thanks.

COLLECTION
26TH
SEPTEMBER
By 9am
please

