



NEWSLETTER

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Friday 22nd September 2023

Intermin Co-Headteachers' message



This week's gospel can be difficult for us to hear and understand. Why shouldn't the workers be paid more if they worked for longer? Jesus shows us a different way, a lavishly generous way! In our own community, do we think each of our members feels as valued as everyone else? How might we show the same generous care for others that God shows to each of us? We celebrated the start of term with Mass at St. Aldhelm's Church on Wednesday. The children lead the worship beautifully with the readings, singing and offertory. Thank you Father Tom.

"May we learn to be generous in giving; to love without limits." Pope Francis

The Wednesday Word is available on our website.

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



What a busy week we have all had. St. Lawrence had a wonderful time visiting The Time Machine pantomime hosted by Malmesbury Town Council in celebration of Age Wiltshire – "Oh no they didn't," – "Oh yes they did!"

We have welcomed the parents and carers of St Teresa's class this afternoon for a wonderful 'Royal picnic!' The children dressed up, danced, and had a wonderful time wearing the crowns they had made (see photos on the WOW Moments section on page 4). Thank you to all the parents that came along.

On Monday we welcomed Councillor Gavin Grant, Mayor of Malmesbury, to present the certificate for Sustainable Gardening, Third Prize in the Malmesbury in Bloom Competition. Today he returned to present the roles and badges to our new Head Boy, William, Head Girl, Adeline and the School Council members. We thank him for taking the time out of his busy schedule to visit us.

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Next week is also jammed packed!

On Monday:

The whole school will be visiting the Rausing building for a whole school art morning. There will be a local artist with us for the morning who will inspire the children to practice drawing and sketching. The museum has then kindly offered to hold an exhibition of our school artwork.

On Wednesday:

In the morning - St Teresa's invites all their parents and carers in to watch a live Y1 phonics session followed by a reading for pleasure session with your child. The new Library will be put to use! After school all are invited to meet with your child's class teacher to go through the expectations of that class this year – there will also be an opportunity to have a tour around the school to see all the wonderful building work and improvements that have taken place over the summer holidays.

Teacher/Parent Meeting Wednesday 27th September—Timings Below

All adults attending MUST enter and exit through the hall to enable signing in and out.

Time	Event	Place
3:35pm – 3:55pm	Parent Teacher session St. Teresa's and St. Scholastica	In the classrooms
3:35pm – 3:55pm	Tour around the school	Meet in the hall
4pm – 4:20pm	Parent Teacher Session St Lawrence	In classroom
4pm – 4:20pm	Tour around the school	Meet in the hall
4:25pm – 4:45pm	Parent Teacher Session St Francis	In classroom
4:25pm – 4:45pm	Tour around the school	Meet in the hall

Message from the IEB

The Interim Executive Board (the IEB) met last night for the first time this academic year. Board members reported that the majority of interactions with parents and the community were positive and the parish, in particular, is very keen to support the school. There were comprehensive updates about the IEB work across the summer and members were able to consider the SAT results. The key focus for the year ahead is stabilising the school and building pupil numbers. This work is urgent and ongoing but the IEB also has other objectives, for example, finishing off the work which has been carried out to improve the school buildings and looking at how the land below the school can be better used.

Governance formed a large part of the discussion with new structures approved, a monitoring programme finalised and a governor action plan for the year established. The minutes of the July meeting were agreed and, with confidential information withheld, will be placed on the website. The board wants to continue engaging with parents and welcomes hearing from them with suggestions to improve St Joseph's. They will also be visible at school events, so please do stop them and have a chat. The board next meets on 12th October when there will be a focus on resources.

2023 – End of year Results

Overall the children and the school should be very proud of the end of year results. The Interim Co-Head teachers, staff and IEB will be analysing the data in more detail and this will inform the school's improvement plan for the next academic year.

End of Reception

	St Joseph's 2023	National 2023
EYFS GLD	78%	67.3%

Phonics—Year 1

Phonics	2023
School	100% (N=16)
National	78.9%

End of KS1

Key Stage 1		2023	
		St Joseph's (N=26)	National
Expected Standard	Reading	64%	69%
	Writing	43%	61%
	Maths	75%	72%
	Science	82%	TBC
Greater Depth	Reading	14%	TBC
	Writing	0%	TBC
	Maths	14%	TBC

End of KS2

Key Stage 2		2023	
		St Joseph's	National (Provisional)
Expected	Writing (TA)	69%	71%
	Reading	65%	73%
	Maths	61%	73%
	SPAG	60%	TBC
	Science (TA)	70%	TBC
Greater Depth	Writing (TA)	17%	TBC
	Reading	30%	TBC
	Maths	22%	TBC
	SPAG	17%	TBC
	Science	N/A	N/A
Combined R/W/M		61%	59%
Progress	Reading	+1.72	TBC
	Writing	+1.71	TBC
	Maths	-1.51	TBC

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: Our Royal Picnic was to link in with our topic this term and to welcome our new Reception children.



Thank you to everyone who came, we had a lovely time in the sunshine and we hope you did too.

St Lawrence

Mr Wilkinson: The children have really enjoyed learning about the Ancient Greek archaeological sites and have a great enthusiasm for the topic. Our WOW moment was when we used what we learnt about the sites to create a tour guide leaflet



encouraging others to visit the sites. Victoria said "The pictures and videos of the sites were really interesting". Felicity said, "It was fun to make a tour guide leaflet about the sites." and Oléssia said "It was interesting to find out that we could still visit the sites today."

St Francis

Miss Thompson:

Beau - My wow moment was describing the hot chocolate in writing, because we got to have one of our own to taste!



Isabella - I'm still enjoying writing because I love 'Gobblefunking' my words!

Jayda - "I liked listening to the class book (*Nura and the Immortal Palace* by MT Khan) because I enjoy listening out for the special word to win a house point"

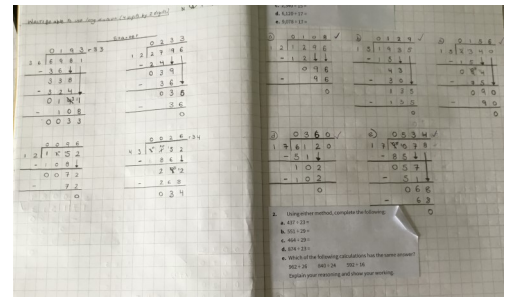


St Scholastica

Mr Heavey: This week St. Scholastica have tackled long division in maths, we have been really impressed with their enthusiasm to learning a new mathematical concept.

Poppy "I enjoyed long division; I didn't know how to do it before but now I realise how simple it is".
Cameron "I liked it because it was less challenging than I thought it would be".

Benjy "I like that I could use my understanding of multiplying to help".



Chaplaincy Team

This year, we would like to form a Chaplaincy Lead Team, made up of 2 representatives from each class in KS2 and 2 from Year 2. Our Chaplaincy Leads will take great pride in attending the Diocesan Chaplaincy Commissioning Mass at Clifton Cathedral, on Thursday 12th October, and receiving and wearing their special Chaplain badge. Through prayer and hard work, they carry out different responsibilities to promote the faith in our school to pupils, staff and the community.

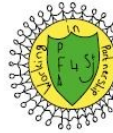


We have sent out a letter by email to parents of children in Year 2 and above which includes a slip for them to fill in and return if they would like to get involved.



October Half Term Holiday Club

We regret to inform that we will not be running a Holiday Club this October Holiday. The school will be closed to children for the full two weeks from Monday 16th October through to Friday 27th October 2023. We have made this decision based on building works that will be carried out on the school premises during this period along with staffing levels required to run the service. We apologise for any inconvenience, however we hope to run the service during the next school break.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Parents and Friends Association

Registered Charity No: 1145152

The school PFA organises events, fundraisers and secures grants that benefit the children in so many ways. For example, did you know that they contributed over £5K towards the refurbishment of the library, over £1K to cover the cost of the coach for the Yr6 residential trip to Kilvrough Manor, donated £500 towards classroom resources and paid for the pantomime by the travelling theatre company at Christmas in the last academic year?



Without the hard work of this small, dedicated team, these events would not be possible and the additional funds no longer available. There will be an opportunity to meet Lisa, Chair of the PFA after the Harvest Festival Celebration on Wednesday 4th October - please say hello and find out how you can get involved.

Uniform Policy

Our Uniform Policy has been updated to reflect the fact that green jumpers and cardigans, and yellow PE t-shirts no longer need to be badged with the St Joseph's logo. We would like to remind you of the following:

- PE kit consists of yellow polo shirt, green shorts, green tracksuit jumper, green tracksuit trousers, and sport (not fashion) trainers. Leggings and cycling shorts are not school uniform. We appreciate that some parents had ordered PE shorts which our supplier can no longer source, but bottle green PE shorts are available from Amazon, Marks & Spencer and other online retailers;
- Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back;
- Jewellery is not permitted with the exception of one pair of small plain gold or silver stud earrings.

Our uniform policy is available in full on our website:
<https://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/school-uniform/>

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



Look out for the 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.

Weekly Attendance Monday 11 th — Friday 15 th September	
St Teresa 95.5%	St Lawrence 94.1%
St Francis 99.3%	St Scholastica 92.7%

Diary Dates — Term 1

September

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 and times on Page 2
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.

Please remember to order your school meals for Term 2. We cook to order and are unable to produce meals on the day that have not been ordered in advance via Parentpay. Thank you

We regret that we are unable to run an Opportunities Holiday Club during the October break.

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.
Tuesday 31st	Deadline to apply for a SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE

November

Tuesday 7th	Parent Evening appointments 3.30pm—6.30pm booking system to follow
Thursday 9th	Parent Evening appointments 3.30pm—6.00pm booking system to follow
Friday 10th	School Photographs—Individual and with siblings. Details to follow.



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 sent flyers home last week 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**



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For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2024?

You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at wiltshire.gov.uk or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 15 January 2024

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide to finding a primary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2024?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at wiltshire.gov.uk or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 31 October 2023

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

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