



NEWSLETTER

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Friday 8th September 2023

Co-Headteachers' message

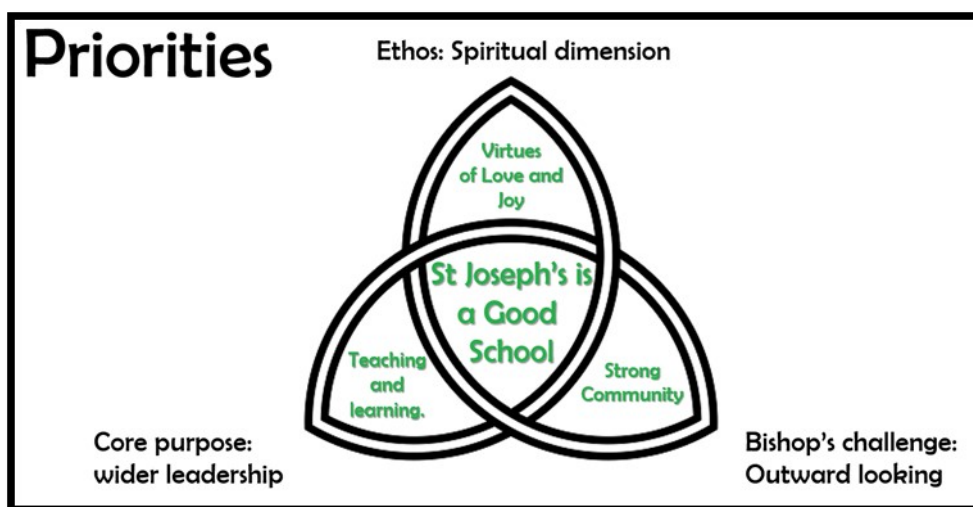
Mr Bacon – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Miss Bathe – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

We would like to welcome back all the children and staff to the start of the new school year. The children have returned looking smart in their uniform and ready to learn. A special welcome to our new children starting in Reception and our new member of staff, Mr Wilkinson the class teacher of St. Lawrence.

We started the week with a whole school assembly on Monday, introducing ourselves to the children and a parents' meeting on Tuesday evening. Thank you to all who were able to attend.

Please see the link to the PowerPoint that was shared at the parents' meeting on Tuesday (it is available on the school website on the Newsletter page). In it you will find an introduction to who we are, what our remit is and the key priorities that we will be focusing on moving forward.

<https://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Parent-Presentation-05.09.23.pptx>



The school has had a lot of physical changes over the summer, with new pupil toilets, a dedicated ELSA room, a place for staff to plan and assess, and a new Headteachers' office. The new school library furniture will be delivered next week and once all the books have been sorted and organised there will be a grand opening – watch this space!

Next week, we celebrate 175 years of Education Sunday – a special day of prayer where we ask God to bless our schools, our teachers and all those who help to nurture children as they learn and grow. On Page 4 is a prayer card that you may wish to use with your family this coming week.

We wish you a good weekend in the sunshine while it lasts.

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER

Summer Refurbishment



We are delighted with the refurbishment that has taken place over the summer. A huge amount of work has gone into building:

- * A new toilet block that the children can easily access from the playground at lunchtime;
- * A dedicated room for ELSA sessions;
- * A new Headteachers' office;
- * A room for staff planning and assessment;
- * A DT kitchen for the children;
- * A SENDCo office.



Next week the new furniture for the library arrives which will complete our refurbishment project and we very much look forward to showing you around during the Parent/Teacher Welcome Evening on 27th September.



Opportunities Club Update

Opportunities Club is excited to start using the new DT kitchen next week where children will be preparing their own breakfasts during Breakfast Club. They will learn basic food hygiene and food preparation skills! (Lots of spaces available from 730-830am every day- a really nice way to start the school day).

We have a new After School Club challenge for being a little more adventurous with trying new foods.... Children have given menu ideas and will earn a sticker each time they try a new meal. Once they have 10 stickers they will have earned a reward of their choice.

Louisa is still doing reading and homework with the children every day. Spaces available!

We will be running a holiday club in the first week of October half term from 16th—20th. Pre booking is essential and booking forms will be available on the website or from the school office next week. Watch this space for some new in-club activities for that week.

We are so pleased to be back.

Molly and the Opportunities Club Team



Whole school art morning

On Monday 25th September we will be visiting the Athelstan Museum in Malmesbury at 9.30am through to 12 noon. The children will be taken in groups to see the Turner painting of Malmesbury Abbey and learn about it from an expert. They will then create their own piece of art work inspired by Turner's painting.

We are hoping that a local artist will be with us to inspire the children to practice some drawing skills while they wait for their turn to see the Turner painting.

The museum is usually closed on Monday but they are opening it especially for us! And they have offered to hold an exhibition of the children's paintings in the Moravian Hall which is extremely exciting.

Cost is £2.00 per child as a donation towards the work of the museum—look out for this item on your Parentpay account.



Diary Dates — Term 1

September

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| Monday 11th | After school clubs commence this week |
| Tuesday 12 th | St Scholastica commence swimming—please ensure your child brings in swim kit |
| Wednesday 20th | 10am Whole School Mass, St Aldhelm's Church. All parents and carers welcome |
| Friday 22nd | 1.15-2.15pm St Teresa Class Royal Picnic. Parents to join. |
| Monday 25th | 9.30am Whole School Art Morning St Athelstan Museum (see Page 2) |
| Tuesday 26th | Rags2Riches Collection by 9am please |
| Tuesday 26th | NO OPPORTUNITIES CLUB OR AFTER SCHOOL CIRCUIT TRAINING due to staff training |
| Wednesday 27th | Parent/Teacher Welcome Meeting after school and tour of school refurbishment. Details to follow |

October

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| Wednesday 4th | Open Morning for new prospective parents. 9.30am & 11.30am (see below) |
| Wednesday 4th | 1.30-2.30pm Harvest festival |
| 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. |

OPPORTUNITIES HOLIDAY CLUB—PREBOOKING ESSENTIAL— 16TH TO 20TH OCTOBER. BOOKING FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK.

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| 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. |

November

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| Friday 10th | School Photographs—Individual and with siblings. Details to follow. |
| Mon 13th-Fri 17th | Kilvrough Manor Residential Yr6. Please ensure all payments are up to date. |
| Thursday 16th | Fun Socks day—supporting Anti—Bullying week |



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Admissions 2024 - OPEN MORNING

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

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

**Thurs 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**



Education Sunday Prayer

A prayer in thanksgiving
for those working in
Catholic schools



Dear Lord,

Thank you for the gift of Catholic schools.

Thank you for all those who have given their talents to educating our young people. Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an ever deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them.

Thank you for all those who contribute to the efficient running of our schools: support staff, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, governors and chaplains. We thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you for all those who lead our Catholic schools. May they be people of integrity so that they can be witnesses as well as teachers. We pray that the schools they lead will become places where our young people can experience your love in their lives.

Thank you for our pupils. May your love strengthen and nurture them through the influence and example of those who care for them. We pray that through their time at school they will flourish and grow to discover who you have called them to be.

We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord,
Amen.

Just in case you missed a permissions link

Term 1 and 2 Extra Curricular Clubs

KS1 club permissions link

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qUd63v_Cn06ylzHuqyF9adaeChs51OZMhec7RAKrDPRUNjRPSTRCVDNGSVdEVktKWUczVjk4WjIEVS4u

KS2 club permissions link—CLUBS NOW FULL

St Scholastica Swimming Term 1 and 2

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qUd63v_Cn06ylzHuqyF9adaeChs51OZMhec7RAKrDPRURVgwVFdXVUs3QkplSktQRjBBTzIET0cyNy4u

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>

“Let us all become people of reconciliation and peace.” Pope Francis

The Wednesday Word holiday special is available on our website.



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

For all children in St Teresa Class **IMPORTANT DATE Thursday 5th October is a Government funding date** when schools will get allocated money to cover the cost of the free Infant Free School Meals. The Government base our income on the number of meals served on Thursday 5th October. Please can I ask each and every child to take up their free meal on this date. It is just one day and this will help the school to receive its full financial allocation which pays for our school kitchen.

If you usually have a school meal, please order in the usual way. If you don't **YOU CAN CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE WITH YOUR MENU CHOICE.**

Please support us by ordering a school lunch on this day!

ACTION REQUIRED

Don't Delay Apply Today! Super important as deadlines apply. Do this today!

For children from Reception to Year 6. Financial Support. Please apply. Get help with school trips, vouchers and other financial support.

<https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents>

Children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to receive a free school meal paid for by the Universal Infant Free School Meal grant. **There are also additional benefits for some families who are receiving qualifying benefits and are on a low income.** Please check if you are eligible to apply for these additional benefits. This can include help towards school trips, vouchers during the holidays, additional financial support over the free school meal served in school.

If you are eligible to apply for Free School Meals, the Government will give our school a Pupil Premium (Currently £1,345) for each child. This helps to pay for additional in class support, support towards the cost of school trips and resources to help your child's learning.

For the school and your child to benefit from this money we need to know that you are receiving a qualifying benefit. Please complete the claim form by following this link:

<https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents>

Qualifying benefits include:

Income Support

Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)

Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)
support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit - providing you are NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and your family's annual income (as assessed by HMRC) is not more than £16,190 (as at 6 April 2012)

Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

The screenshot shows the 'Free School Meals' application page on the Wiltshire Council website. The page title is 'FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION' and it includes a progress indicator with four steps: 1. Free School Meals Application, 2. Identification, 3. You and your child, and 4. More about your child. The current step is '1. Free School Meals Application'. The page also contains a 'Save for later' button and a 'Close' button. The footer includes links for 'Contact', 'Freedom of Information', 'Privacy', 'Data protection', and 'Translate'.

School Uniform

We have been advised by our school uniform supplier that their own supplier can no longer source our PE shorts. We have asked them to look for an alternative but, for the time being, this means that we cannot fulfil any orders for shorts that were bought and paid for as part of the bulk order at the end of last term. We will provide refunds for these items early next week.

All other uniform orders placed as part of the bulk order in July have now been fulfilled and items sent home. If you believe you are missing any items other than PE shorts then please contact the school office.