

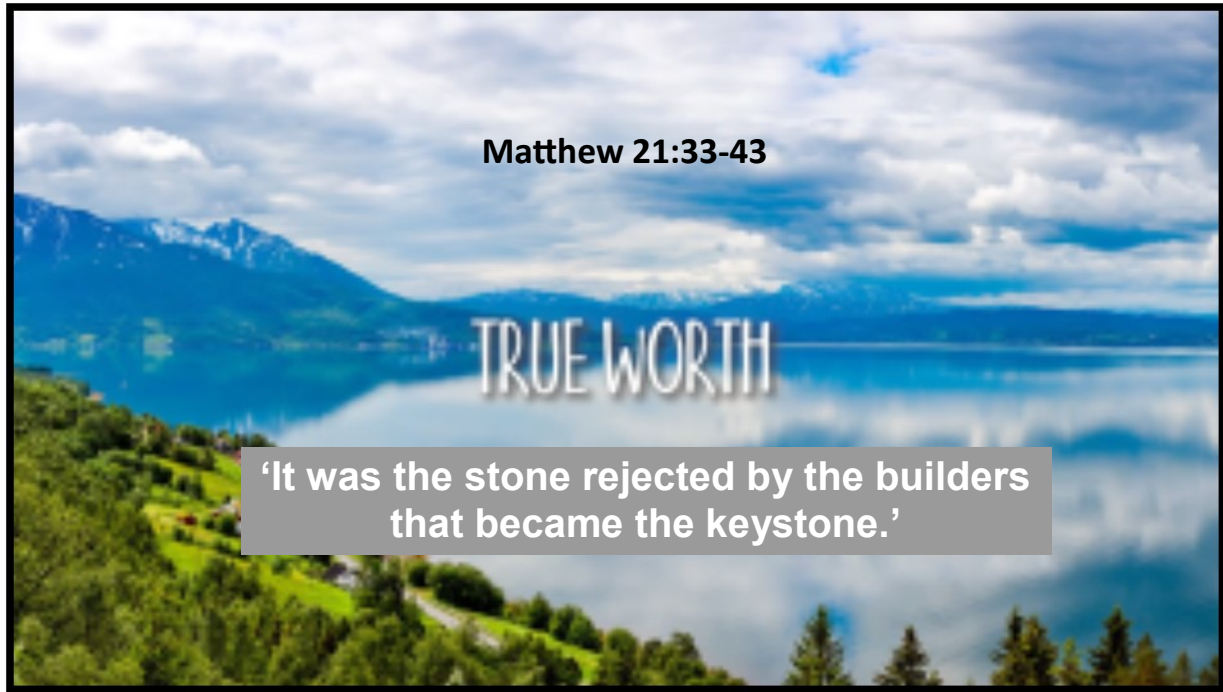


# NEWSLETTER

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**Friday 6th October 2023**

## Intermin Co-Headteachers' message



The gospel this Sunday is through a parable where Jesus is teaching us to not reject him. Though the servants were not respected in the parable, the landowner kept sending them to reach out to the workers. God will keep reaching out to us even if we don't always respect Him like we should.

The school came alive on Wednesday afternoon with parents, carers and friends joining us for the harvest celebration. The children shared their amazing talents during the celebration and we were so proud to see the confidence and joy that radiated from all the children. Please see the link below to CAFODs appeal this year and how you can donate to support those who are less fortunate than ourselves. <https://youtu.be/YuRrQ5wmGdE?si=4-PoV6jQB38Hls7s>



Donations for Malmesbury food bank will be collected until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – thank you for your generosity.



All are welcome to Celebration assembly on Fridays at 2:30pm

**WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER**

## Co-Headteacher Catch up with parents

It was amazing that so many of you were able to stay after the harvest celebrations and allow us to share: the context of the school, what our observations are so far, areas of strength and areas to develop, and the next steps to achieve.

Please do have a look at the slides on the newsletter tab of the website – link below.

<https://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Parent-Forum-04.10.23.pdf>

The next parent/co-head catch up will be **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2:30pm** – Please join us.

## Chaplaincy Commissioning

Next Thursday Miss Bathe will be taking 16 children, from across the school, to St Peter and Paul Catholic Cathedral in Bristol. The children will be commissioned as Chaplains by Bishop Declan. This is a very special day where all the Catholic schools across the Diocese bring their Chaplaincy leads together under the Cathedral roof.

October is the month dedicated to the Rosary. Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

## Praying the Rosary

The Rosary is a meditative prayer that reflects upon the life, ministry, and death of Jesus and also on His Blessed Mother. As we repeat the familiar prayers, we allow our minds to think about the lives of Jesus and Mary here on earth – a mystery.

There are four parts to the rosary, known as ‘mysteries’:

**The Luminous Mysteries**

**The Sorrowful Mysteries**

**The Glorious Mysteries**

**The Joyful Mysteries**

The prayers we say as part of this set begin with one **Our Father**, followed by **ten Hail Marys** and one **Glory Be** to finish. We use the beads of the Rosary to keep track of our prayers!

The children may bring in a rosary from home each day for the next two weeks and they will have an opportunity to pray the rosary in class.



## “May we help people to discover the joy of Jesus’ Message.” Pope Francis

The Wednesday Word is available on our website.

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



## 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: St Teresa have been working incredibly hard on their writing this week. Today they have written about a mouse that has wings and I have been very impressed by their use of punctuation and literary techniques.



### St Lawrence

Mr Wilkinson: Our Wow moment this week was preparing for our Harvest Festival performance. St. Lawrence really enjoyed having the opportunity to learn about lots of different fruit and vegetables that were included in our poem.

Shania - "I really enjoyed having to learn my lines and perform."

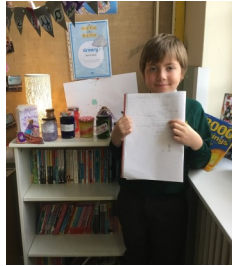
Jessie - "I liked the fact that we had solo parts."

Aryan - "I really liked making our posters that we held during our performance."

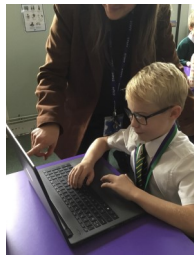
### St Francis

#### Miss Thomson:

Wynand - "I liked planning our independent write, because I am excited to write a very, very scary dream!"



Joshua - "I enjoyed doing computing, we are doing coding, it was challenging but fun."



Leandra - "I loved doing the dance for the Harvest Festival, because it was really fun and I loved doing it with the whole class!"



### St Scholastica

Mr Heavey: Our wow moment this week was our swimming session.

Christina – "I liked swimming this week because we were practising the butterfly stroke."

Eva – "I liked swimming because we got to pretend to be lifeguards and practised our rescue skills."

Alfie J – "I enjoyed swimming because we were using the sinkers and got to dive to the bottom of the pool."



### Weekly Attendance Monday 25th — Friday 29th September

St Teresa 99.2%

St Lawrence 99%

St Francis 98.5%

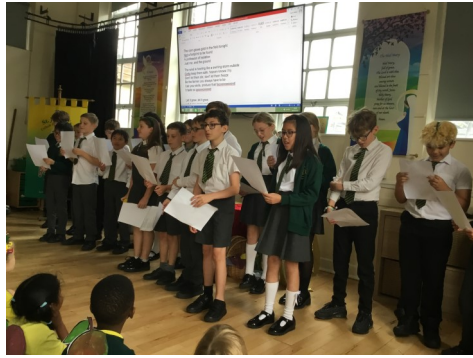
St Scholastica 98.2%

### Piano Lessons

If your child would like to start piano lessons with our lovely piano teacher, Elena, there are spaces available. Please contact her directly at

[elenastevens.home@gmail.com](mailto:elenastevens.home@gmail.com)





# Harvest Festival Celebration



## Y3/4 TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT MINETY RFC

WOW! What a tournament! A huge well done to all 15 children who took part today. It was so lovely to see the children having fun, supporting each other, and for many, participating in their first competitive competition. We are absolutely bursting with pride for the way they played and represented our school.

Each team played a series of 7 matches - the final match being a hotly contested game between St Joes 1 and St Joes 2. And now for the results .... Team 1 came first overall and are bringing the trophy back to St Joseph's. Massive congratulations to both teams - you were a credit to yourselves, your parents and our school.



Thanks to all the parents who came to support this event.

Well done again.

Mrs Bennett

Mr Wilkinson



## Diary Dates Term 1

### October

- Tuesday 10th Oasis Concert, Malmesbury Abbey 1.30pm. Whole school attending, school choir performing. All parents welcome to support their performance (see poster)
- Wednesday 11th Year 5 and 6 Rugby—Minety. Selected team. Pick up 5.30pm from Minety
- Thursday 12th Commissioning of Chaplaincy Team Clifton Cathedral coach  
Departs 9.15am returns by end of the school day.
- Friday 13th Celebration assembly, all parents and carers welcome!  
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.**

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Staff Development Day. School closed for children
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Staff Development Day. School closed for children
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Staff Development Day. School closed for children
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> School Holiday starts

## Term 2

- Monday 30th Term 2. Children return to school.
- Tuesday 31st Deadline to apply for a SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE  
St Scholastica swimming lessons resume. Look out for payment item for Term 2 on Parentpay

### November

- Thursday 2nd Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament (rescheduled from 20th Sept), Redbull Pitches, 4pm pick up. Look out for the link to the updated permission form.
- 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.
- 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

### December

- Wednesday 13th Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings!! Available to book now on Parentpay.

**SOUND SENSE**  
*Inspiring Music for Life*

**OASIS  
concert**

1.30 pm  
Tuesday 10th October 2023  
Malmesbury Abbey

WITH  
*Pupils from*  
Malmesbury Church of England Primary School  
&  
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

*joined by*  
violinist Michael Bochmann MBE  
&  
cellist Morgan Key,  
*from Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance*

*free entry - donations invited*



*Supported by Water City Music*  
*Connecting people in Malmesbury through music*



### Celebrating Black History Month

Black History Month recognises and celebrates the invaluable contributions of black people to British society. To mark this occasion in school, each class will have a Black History Month themed lesson next week. Miss Thomson will also be giving the children the option to design a poster over the half term break about a pioneering or celebrated individual. The children will vote for their favourite poster at the start of Term 2 and the winner will be awarded a prize. Please see the link below for ideas and inspiration.

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

### Did you witness an incident on Thurs 28th Sept at 9.17am?

Outside the Gig House, Oxford Street, a red vehicle collided with a silver Mercedes Benz A1800 that was parked there. The car has on-board technology that has tracked the collision, however the driver has not come forward. If you saw the incident please would you report any information to Ben at The Gig House. Many thanks.

