



# NEWSLETTER

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**Friday 29th September 2023**

## Intermin Co-Headteachers' message



**Matthew 21:28-32**

GOOD INTENTIONS

Sunday's Gospel highlights the difference between good actions and good intentions. Jesus is talking to chief priests and elders who may well have preached to others about how to live a good life without listening to their own advice. It is often easy to 'say' the right thing but can be very difficult to 'do' it. During Gospel assembly the children reflected on how 'actions speak louder than words' and how they can show 'love' for others through their actions

The children had a wonderful experience on Monday working with a local artist, their behaviour was impeccable and their artistic skills shone.

Thank you to the parents that came into school this week to see phonics in action in St. Teresa's, find out from the class teachers what is happening in the class this year during the teacher/parent sessions and those that joined us in celebration assembly today.

There are plenty more opportunities for you to come into the school over the next coming weeks. **Celebration assembly** will always be open to parents and carers to join every **Friday at 2:30pm**. As part of this celebration we would love the children to bring in to school their achievements from home—this could be a swimming badge, a spelling bee certificate, a sporting trophy. If they bring these in on Thursday or Friday morning I will present them in Celebration assembly (and return them to bring home again afterwards!).

### **Harvest Celebration – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2pm**

All parents are invited to join us for the harvest celebration. All classes will be sharing a Harvest performance and we will give thanks for all that we have. Donations for the Malmesbury Food Bank will be delivered at the end of next week – please give what you can.

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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.



**“Our friendship with God changes our life—filling us with passion, with joy.” Pope Francis**

The Wednesday Word is available on our website.

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



### Whole School Art Morning

On Monday the whole school held an art morning in the Athelstan Museum. We learned about the JMW Turner painting of Malmesbury Abbey, looked at other pictures artists have created of the Abbey, and practised our drawing skills. We are going to produce our own artwork of Malmesbury Abbey and hold an exhibition of our finished pictures. Staff at the Town Council commented on the childrens’ exemplary behaviour during the visit and how respectful they all were. They were a credit to the school!



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## 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 Year 1's in St Teresa Class were exceptional in phonics this week, especially when their grown ups came into school to watch their lesson! I am feeling very proud of them.

### St Francis

#### Miss Thomson:

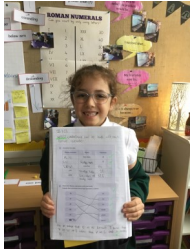
Freddie - "I liked PE. We are doing football and have been practising dribbling."



Connor - "I've enjoyed science, because I liked learning how to explain chemical changes in a scientific way."



Gabriella - "I loved learning Roman numerals in Maths; I just really like them!!!"



### St Lawrence

Mr Wilkinson: On Thursday we went down to the Forest School and we learnt how to light a fire using a steel striker and some cotton wool. The children relished the opportunity to work with Mr. Owen and have a chance at being able to start their own fires. Wiktorija said "We were very successful at lighting our fires." "It was fun lighting fires" Finn said. Jessie also said "I liked that the cotton wool smelt like marshmallows when we lit it".



### St Scholastica

Mr Heavey: Our wow moment this week was our whole school trip to Malmesbury museum where we completed some art tasks and looked at Turner's painting of Malmesbury. We then returned to school and used Turner's artwork as inspiration for our own sketches.

Will - "The trip was very fun and exhilarating, I enjoyed how people see the abbey in different ways."

Eva - "The trip was very fun, we had a whole morning of exploring art and practising skills."

Alisia - "I liked the art morning because we don't get to do art very often and I like getting to draw the abbey."



## Playground Fun!

The children have had lots of fun in the playground this week, enjoying curling with the sports coach, our own games and activities, and whilst the sun is still shining, the much loved dressing up box. Everyone had such a great imagination acting out their different characters, even the MDSAs!



## Harry Potter Day Celebration

For Children aged 5 years and over

**Saturday 14 October 11-11.45am**  
Malmesbury Library

Come along and help us celebrate Harry Potter Day with magical stories and activities.

Dress up as your favourite character and immerse yourself in the wizarding world!

This is a free event but there are limited places, so booking is essential. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



For further questions or booking, please enquire at the desk or call us on 01666 823611.



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## Booksters

A new book group for Years 5, 6 and 7

Malmesbury Library 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 4:30-5:15



Do you love reading? Join us on the first Friday of every month to explore new books.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Please email [libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk), call us on 01666 823611 or come and see us at the counter to sign up.



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### MINETY RFC Junior Rugby

**Come along**  
We would love to see you at our training sessions!

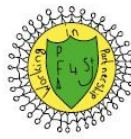
- Boys and Girls are welcome.
- It doesn't matter whether you have played before or not.
- Playing sports helps keep you healthy, it builds confidence, co-ordination and friendships...

**... It is also FUN!**

Our coaches are RFU qualified and the training is structured to allow the players to develop from playing Tag rugby through to the full contact sport in a safe and controlled environment.

Interested?  
For details visit [www.minetyrfc.com](http://www.minetyrfc.com) and see the Junior page.  
or visit

Minety RFC, The Playing Fields, Hornbury Hill, Minety, Wilts. SN16 8DU.



## 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.



The Rags 2 Riches collection raised £35.55. Thank you to everyone who donated bags of unwanted items.

## 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 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 donations are struggling to reach the level needed. **They are unable to accept fresh food but do need:**

- 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 on the gate for donations in the run up to our **Harvest Festival service on Wednesday 4th October**. Thank you for your support.

Weekly Attendance Monday 18th — Friday 22nd September	
<b>St Teresa 99.1%</b>	<b>St Lawrence 95.2%</b>
<b>St Francis 97.8%</b>	<b>St Scholastica 98.6%</b>

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## Diary Dates — Term 1

### October

Wednesday 4th	Open Morning for new prospective parents. 9.30am & 11.00am—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
Wednesday 4th	Year 3 and 4 Rugby—Minety RFC. Selected team. Pick up 5.30pm from Minety
Thursday 5th	Infant Free Meal Funding Census Date. ALL KS1 to take up meal please
Tuesday 10th	School Choir—Malmesbury Abbey 1.30pm. Please 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	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 <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

### 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.
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

**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*



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