



NEWSLETTER

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Friday 24th November 2023

Intermin Co-Headteachers' message



This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King and the last week of the Church's year. The Gospel teaches us to care for each other, especially those that are marginalised and vulnerable.

Jesus said: "I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was cold and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to see me." ..."Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored — you did it to me."

Chaplaincy Team

The Chaplaincy team had a whole morning together on Wednesday working with Louise White, the RE advisor for Clifton Diocese. They discussed the three key areas below and how they will improve the prayer life of the school.

1. **Deepening Prayer** - This means to try and help everyone get closer to God
2. **Strengthening Mission** - Things we do to bring hope to others (charities/groups/individuals we will help.)
3. **Enabling Communion** – How will we get people to work together? E.g. How will we let our parents, the parish, the rest of the school/the local community know what we are doing? How might we work with other schools? How might we work in the parish?



WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER

From this they have created an action plan that they all have responsibility for. Each class were gifted a 'prayer pot' from the chaplaincy leads where they have created ideas for spontaneous prayers. Louise White was very impressed with their knowledge and their commitment to developing the prayer life of the school.

School Choir

The School's Choir will be opening Malmesbury's Late night Christmas Shopping event on Friday 1st December. They will be singing a selection of Christmas carols from 6.10pm in the Market Cross. This is a great honour, please come and support them.

Need more time to prepare for Christmas??

With only 18 school days left until the children break up for the holidays, could you do with a couple of extra days for some last minute shopping, wrapping or just relaxing before the Christmas festivities begin? Why not book the children into our Opportunities Holiday Club where they can burn off their excitement and enjoy lots of Christmas themed craft, baking and other festive activities. The club will be open on Thursday 21st December, 8am until 6pm, and Friday 22nd December, 8am until 4pm. Booking forms are available on the school website or from the office. Places are limited so don't delay!



<https://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/breakfast-after-school-holiday-clubs/>

Save the date

Christmas

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 11:00AM - 1:30PM

BAZAAR

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Holloway Hill, Malmesbury SN16 9BB

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Parents and Friends Association
Registered Charity No: 1145152

Raffle Tickets and Auction of Promises

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated items for the Christmas Bazaar next Saturday. Any other contributions will be gratefully received.

The local community has been extremely generous in their donations for the Auction of Promises—you can access the auction now via the link below:

<https://auctionofpromises.com/StJosephsCatholicPrimarySchoolAOP>

Don't forget that there is a chance to win £100 Cash, a wheelbarrow full of festive cheer, and a luxury hamper in the raffle. Tickets have already been sent home. Please return sold ticket stubs and cash, or any unsold tickets, to the office by Thursday 30th November. If you need more books then please get in touch. Thank you.

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: This week the class have been working on their independent writing. The children enjoyed editing their own work using purple pens to better their writing.



St Lawrence

Mr Wilkinson: This week St Lawrence's moment of the week was during our RE lesson, where we watched a rap video about "Why can't we be a saint?" from the Bosco Boys. The Bosco Boys are two priests who make religious raps. St Lawrence really enjoyed learning about how we can become saints. Aryan - "I really enjoyed the video because it told us that we can become a saint." Jessie - "I enjoyed the video because it helped me to understand that it's not too late to become a saint." Victoria - "I found the video fun and helpful."



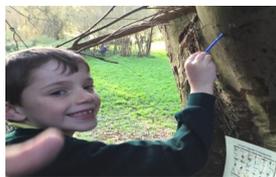
St Francis

Miss Thomson: The class has enjoyed another fabulous and varied week, including cartwheeling in PE, more outdoor painting at Forest school and meeting an ancient Egyptian in Writing.

James "I enjoyed forest school because I smashed up chalk to make paint!"

Charlie P "When we met Ha'na from Ancient Egypt, it was exciting and it really helped me with my writing!"

Daisy "I enjoyed meeting Ha'na in our English writing lesson because it was very exciting and unexpected"



St Scholastica

Mr Heavey: St Scholastica's 'WOW' moment is our reflection on our brilliant residential trip to Kilvrough Manor. All children excelled and had a fantastic time pushing and challenging themselves with lots of extreme activities.



Year 3/4 TOPS Multi-skills Festival

Teams from local schools participated in this fun and inclusive event. Children rotated around a carousel of activity stations, learning new skills and trying out some different sports. These included basketball, curling, athletics, tennis, cricket and football skills.



The children were very motivated and enthusiastic in all activities! Everyone had lots of fun and were an absolute credit to our school. "Can I go to this again next year?" Ben asked. Jessie said "It's the best day ever!" Florence asked "Can we do this again?" Well done to everyone who participated.



No rain this week!

The dry weather has given us the opportunity to enjoy more play activities at lunchtime this week. The children have demonstrated some great team work by working together to build houses in the playground.



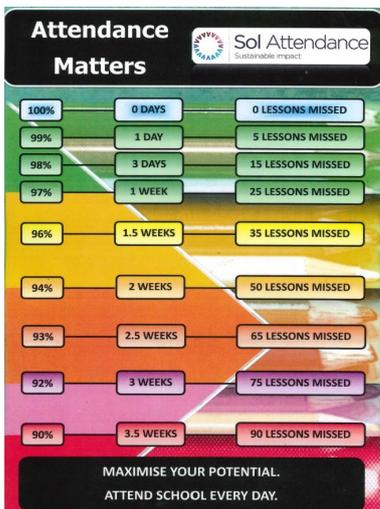
School Photograph Order Deadline
Tuesday 28th December BEFORE 4pm
for delivery to school

The proofs and order forms for the school photographs were sent home with eldest and only children yesterday. Please check your child's bag and contact the school office if any problems.

"The Gospel invites us to be open to others, to share with the poor. Let us learn to live with kindness." Pope Francis

The Wednesday Word is available on our website.

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



PUPIL LEAVE OF ABSENCE IN TERM TIME

Important notice to all parents and carers

The Local Authority has amended its Local Code of Conduct in respect of Penalty Notices issued for truancy to include unauthorised pupil leave of absence in term time. If a pupil accumulates **10 or more sessions of unauthorised leave of absence within the previous 6 month period of a current academic year**, the school must notify the Local Authority and a Penalty Notice will be issued to each parent for each child where that applies.

A penalty of £120 will apply, if paid within 21 days this is reduced to £60. £120 21-28 days. If after 28 days the penalty has not been paid, legal proceedings will be taken through the magistrates court for the unauthorised absence.

Weekly Attendance Monday 20th — Friday 24th November	
St Teresa 96.7%	St Lawrence 98.2%
St Francis 95.6%	St Scholastica 94.5%