

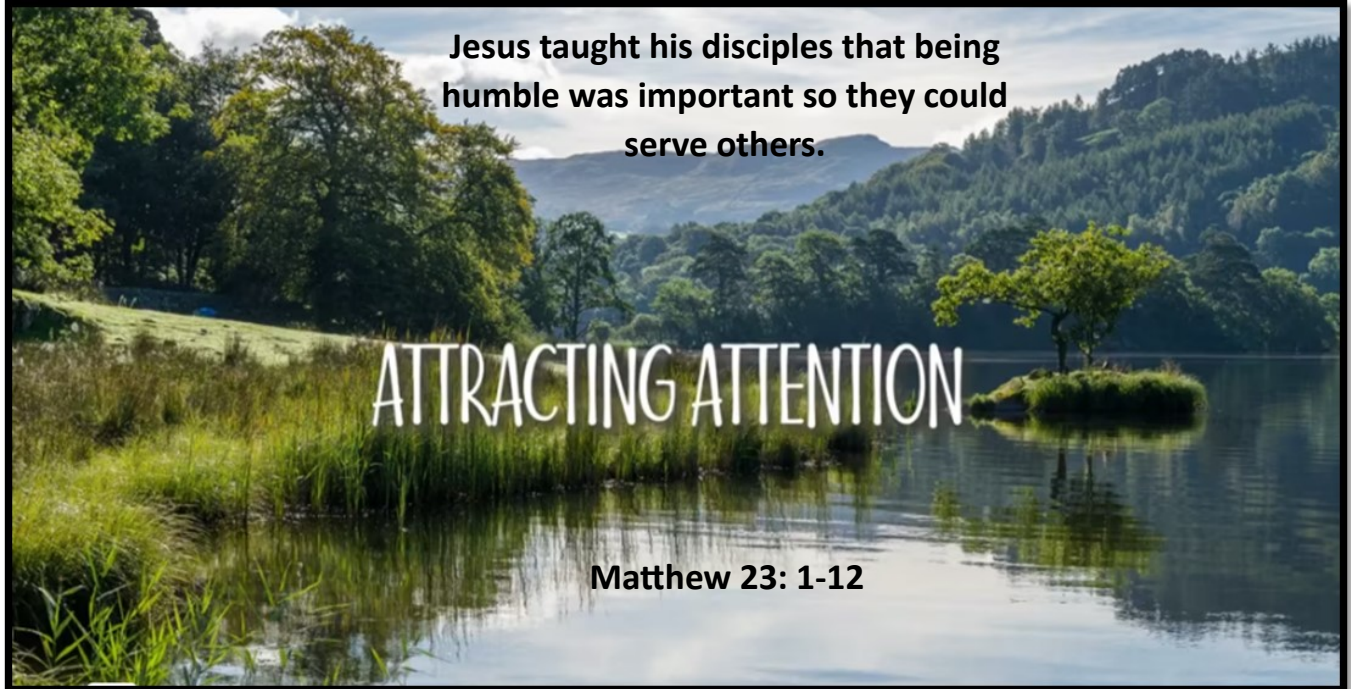


NEWSLETTER

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Friday 3rd November 2023

Intermin Co-Headteachers' message



In Sunday's Gospel Jesus taught his disciples that being humble was important so they could serve others. Being humble can be challenging, in school we discuss that we can do this by; thinking of others before ourselves and showing love and care through our words and actions.

All Saints Day

Wednesday 1st November was All Saints day and the KS2 children led the singing and readings at St Aldhelms church. The mass was attended by parishioners and parents and a real sense of community was there. Thank you to Father Thomas for making us feel so welcome.

Parents' Evening - Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Please enter through the KS1 external door. The gate will be open, walk past the office and down to the outside door that will lead you into the KS1 breakout area. There you will be asked to sign in and there will be refreshments available.

St Lawrence, St. Francis and St Scholastica teachers will meet with you in the hall. You will have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far, SEND needs and an opportunity to look at books. St Teresa and Mrs Cambray-Smith will meet with you in their classrooms. Please exit through the same KS1 external door and sign out.

Parent Forum - 2:30pm Wednesday 8th November

Mr Bacon and Miss Bathe will be presenting updates so far. It is also an opportunity to talk and listen to each other. Refreshments will be available. We look forward to seeing you there.

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER

Remembrance

On Friday 10th November St Joseph's school will mark Remembrance day with a two minute silence and prayers led by the chaplaincy team.

There will be a book of remembrance on display in school for all staff and parents to write in any person who has died and we will keep them in our prayers during the month of November. The book will be available at the beginning and end of the day under the shelter on the way to the playground.

Morning routine

Thank you for embracing the new morning routine. It is lovely to see parents on the playground in the morning and have an opportunity for us all to talk if needed. The children have settled to their morning task well and the start of the day has been very calm.

Play and Stay – Every Wednesday 2-3pm

Every Wednesday from 2-3pm Miss Just is leading a play and stay session for all pre-school children. Please spread the word and come along to enjoy the fun!

Sporting events

Below are the Athelston Trust Sports Partnership Touchline expectations for supporters. These are being distributed to all schools as a reminder of the key values and behaviour expectations for all. We trust that these will be adhered to at all future events.



Touchline Parents

Respect the Referee
Cheer for both teams
Praise and support
Respect the Coaches
Control your emotions
Always be positive
Promote fair play
Enjoy and have fun

TEAMWORK • RESPECT • ENJOYMENT • DISCIPLINE • SPORTSMANSHIP

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Miss Bathe's WOW moments

The KS2 children went to St Aldhelms church for All Saints day mass, they behaved, sang and read beautifully. We are all very proud of how they represented the school – well done!

Miss Bathe Visited St Teresa's on Wednesday afternoon and celebrated the word with them for All Saints day. The children were excellent with their thoughtful responses and we discussed how we can be like the saints.

"I want to be helpful, kind and respectful." Charlie

"I want to be kind, helpful and make people happy." Grace

"I want to be a vet and help animals" Otilie

"I want to be a kind person and not a mean person" Sophia



What kind of person do you really want to be?

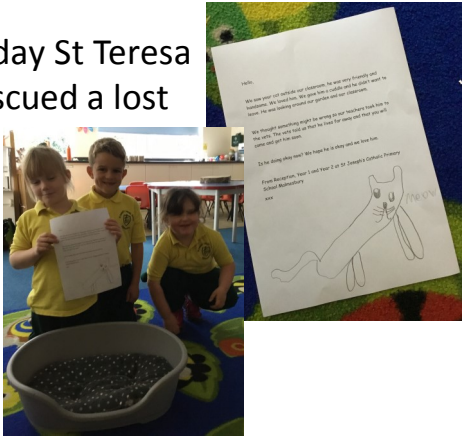
WOW moments across the school!

"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: Today St Teresa found and rescued a lost cat. They all feel very proud and happy that he is going to be okay.



St Lawrence

Mr Wilkinson: St Lawrence's WOW moment was making Rosary Beads to understand the importance of the Rosary. I have been very impressed with the children's enthusiasm when learning about the importance of the Rosary. The learners loved creating their own Rosary Beads and were very happy with their creations.

Oléssia - "It was interesting to find out about why the Rosary is so important."

Ivan- "It was really, really fun to make our own Rosary Beads."

Felicity - "I really enjoyed learning the different prayers used in the Rosary and also why Mary was so special."



St Francis

Miss Thomson: Our WOW moment in the St Francis class was visiting the Bristol Museum. We learnt all about Ancient Egypt, Mummification and were even able to

handle
REAL
Ancient
Artefacts!
What a
great
start to
term!



St Scholastica

Miss Austin: The children loved their fitness class this week that took place instead of swimming. Mrs Bennet coached them through a Tabata session which involves repetitions of high intensity exercise for 20 seconds followed by a 10 second break. After working their way through squat jumps, burpees, high knees etc they were rewarded with a cool down stretch and meditation.

Benjy: - "I loved fitness because I didn't get to do PE on Monday so the extra lesson was great. I like to keep moving and keep fit and healthy."

Alfie: - "I'm still exhausted from it which shows how tough it was!"

Poppy: - "I can still feel it too!"

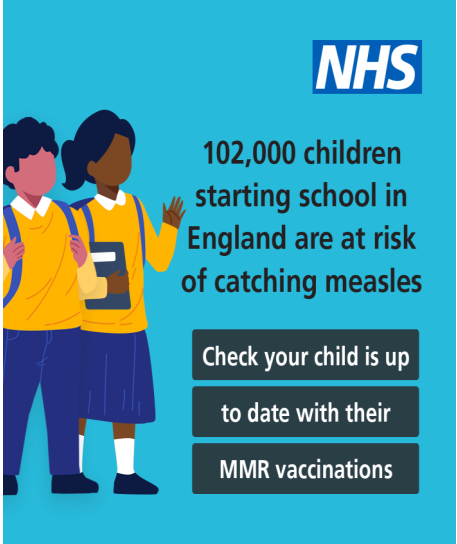


Over 102,000 children starting primary school in England are at risk of catching measles With millions of children across the country going back to school this week, NHS England is urging parents to check that their children are up to date with their MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations in the wake of measles cases rising across the country.

Childhood vaccination rates have fallen over the past ten years and this week statistics show that over 102,000 children aged four and five years old starting in reception are not protected against catching measles, mumps and rubella. Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.

If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses. For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule, please visit.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/?msclkid=9df15083b5ab11ec890d081689933c03>



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Anti Bullying Workshop

The Stay Safe Initiative ran an Anti-Bullying Workshop for the whole school this week. The children were engaged and enthusiastic in their participation. The Instructor said that the pupils were fantastic and he was impressed by their responses and contributions.



POSTER COMPETITION TIME

Design a poster to advertise the Christmas Bazaar. One winner will be chosen from each class. The winners will have their poster displayed in Malmesbury and will receive a £5 book token!

Please use the entry form **DATE YOUR POSTER** and write your name and class on the back.

All entries must be returned by Friday 3rd November. Hand your poster in at the office or to your class teacher.

GOOD LUCK!

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

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

SAVE THE DATE!!!! The always popular Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday 2nd December from 11am until 1.30pm.



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If your child would still like to enter the poster competition and has not yet submitted their design, the **deadline has been extended to Monday 6th November**. Please hand your entries to the office.

Finally, thank you to everyone who contributed to The Spooky Cake Sale, either by making or buying cakes. We raised a spooktacular £101!

Art Club—Term 2

There are still places available for Art Club on Thursdays after school. This term there is the option to design/alter a t-shirt using different painting and sewing techniques. Please contact the school office for a booking form.

Polite reminder

Children in KS2 may bring in a healthy snack for break time. Please ensure that they **do not** bring in crisps or chocolate bars, or anything containing nuts. Thank you.



Christmas Holiday Club

We are delighted to confirm that our Opportunities Club will be open on 21st and 22nd December for holiday bookings. Watch this space for more information.



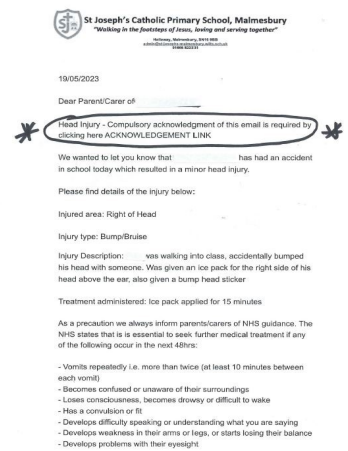
ESSENTIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HEAD INJURY NOTIFICATIONS

We are now using the Medical Tracker to notify parents/carers of any accidents or incidents that happen at school.

If the injury involves a bump to the head then you will be asked to acknowledge receipt by clicking on the link at the beginning of the email—see example letter.

It is imperative that this is done **as soon as you see the email** so that we have a record you have been notified of this type of injury. This is because of the potential for concussion to develop after the event and the need to observe your child accordingly. Most head bumps at school are very minor but it is our policy to let you know.

The emails will be from donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk.



Quiz Night

St Aldhelm's Church are having a quiz night on Friday 10th November at 7pm to raise funds for a new church hall. Tickets are £10 per ticket which can be purchased after weekend masses or by contacting the church direct. Tables of 8 so either bring your friends, or turn up on the night and join a team. Held in the old school room in the town hall. There will be a bar and grazing boards to purchase.



Odd Socks Day - 16th November

We will be marking anti-bullying week by inviting the children to wear odd socks on Thursday 16th November as a way of celebrating what makes us all unique. You can be as creative as you like with your socks! The idea is to get children to express themselves fully, without any fear of judgement from others. Wearing funky socks may seem like a very small way to do this, but its overall impact can be huge.

Weekly Attendance Monday 2nd — Friday 6th October	
St Teresa 89.2%	St Lawrence 97.1%
St Francis 95.9%	St Scholastica 90.8%

“Being humble helps us share the problems of others. When we live humbly, God takes our small efforts and creates great things.” Pope Francis

The Wednesday Word is available on our website. Follow the link below: <https://www.st-josephs->



Diary Dates Term 2

November

Wednesday 8th	Headteacher/Parent forum catch up 2:30pm. Please join us for coffee and catch up
Tuesday 7th	Parent Evening appointments 3.30pm—6.30pm Deadline for booking online is 12 noon on Sat 4th Nov
Wednesday 8th	St Scholastica swimming resumes. Please settle payment for Term 2 on Parentpay
Thursday 9th	2.00-3.00pm Stay and Play session drop in for Preschool children Parent Evening appointments 3.30pm—6.00pm Deadline for booking online is 12 noon on Sat 4th Nov
Thursday 9th	Y3&4 TOPS multi sports Festival for selected children.
Thursday 9th	School Photographs—Individual and with siblings follow link to book NON school sibling Photographs. ALL children in school will have their photo taken. This link is for NON school older or younger siblings. https://forms.office.com/e/cpWzAWbTJx
Friday 10th	Fundraising quiz—St Aldhelm Church 7pm, £10 per ticket. The old school room town hall.
Mon 13th-Fri 17th	Kilvrough Manor Residential Yr6. Please ensure all payments are up to date.
Wednesday 8th	2.00-3.00pm Stay and Play session drop in for Preschool children
Thursday 16th	Odd Socks day—supporting Anti—Bullying week
Wednesday 22nd	2.00-3.00pm Stay and Play session drop in for Preschool children
Wednesday 30th	2.00-3.00pm Stay and Play session drop in for Preschool children
Thursday 29th	Flu vaccination booking needs to be completed by today. https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2023/wilts

December

Saturday 2nd	Christmas Bazaar—support the PFA and come join the fun!
Monday 4th	Flu vaccinations—whole school. Must have prebooked via link by the deadline
Friday 8th	Travelling Panto—Snow White. Whole school performance.
Wednesday 13th	Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings!! Available to book now on Parentpay.
Wednesday 20th	Whole School Mass at St Aldhelm's Church, all welcome.



January

Monday 15th	Deadline to apply for a Reception 2024 school place https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1657/Apply-for-a-school-place
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Permission links—In case you missed them. Please cut and paste the entire link into your browser

School Photographer—NON SCHOOL sibling photo appointments from 8.30am 9th November

<https://forms.office.com/e/cpWzAWbTJx>

KS1 After school sports clubs. Spaces available

<https://forms.office.com/e/CR1fFV1YXs>

Flu Vaccinations

<https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2023/wilts>

Apply for school place—15th January 2024 deadline

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TOP Activity—The Activity Zone, selected Y3 and 4 children

<https://forms.office.com/e/HjzfUjWc4Z>