



NEWSLETTER

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Friday 8th December 2023

Intermin Co-Headteachers' message



Mark 1: 1-8

THIS IS THE GOOD NEWS

“A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.”

The 2nd Sunday of Advent teaches us that Advent is a time of preparation for Jesus' birth at Christmas and when He comes again. The children learnt that John the Baptist and the angels were messengers of the good news. And we too can be messengers, sharing God's message of love through our words and actions.

Celebration assembly

Thank you to all the parents that joined our celebration assembly this morning, it was wonderful for you to share in the amazing achievements of our children. Next week celebration assembly will be on Thursday 14th December at 2:30pm because of the nativity performances.

Pantomime – Snow White

It was wonderful to see the children become involved and enthralled by the Pantomime Snow White this afternoon. All the children were amazing (Oh yes they were!) in how they behaved. Well done.

Malmesbury Late Night Christmas Shopping

A huge well done to the St Joseph's choir who opened the late night Shopping event last Friday. It was a very cold evening but that did not deter our amazing children from singing and entertaining the crowd. Thank you to Mrs Cambray-Smith, Mrs Druce, and all the choir for the joy that you gave to others through your wonderful talent. See the attached link for the feature in the Standard newspaper <https://www.wiltsglosstandard.co.uk/news/23965697.hundreds-attend-malmesburys-christmas-late-night-shopping-event/>



WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER

PFA Christmas Bazaar – THANK YOU!!

Last Saturday the school became a hive of Christmas activity. There was a fabulous atmosphere and everyone was working together and enjoying the community spirit. **Thank you** to the PFA for their wonderful efforts to put on such a fabulous event and thank you to all who came because together we have raised an amazing £2729.90! Please look out in the New Year for future events that the school and the PFA are working on together.

Next Week

It is a busy week next week, please take note of the key dates and times:

Tuesday 1:30pm - KS2 Christmas carols in the church, all are welcome to join

Wednesday – Christmas Jumper day and Christmas dinner day

Thursday 2:30pm – Celebration assembly

Friday 10am and 2:30pm - Nativity



YEAR 5/6 SWIMMING GALA

Another fantastic performance from our super swimmers!

An amazing effort from all our swimmers, up against some stiff competition from 6 other local Primary schools. The year 5 girls team

came in 2nd overall. Some impressive individual performances too, Aleki came 1st overall in the Y5 breaststroke and Daisy 1st overall in the Y5 backstroke. The hotly contested mixed year group canon race was also won by St Jo's. Well done, Benjy, Christina, Aleki & Leandra.



As always, the children represented the school fabulously and were a credit to themselves and their families.... We were also the best at clapping, cheering and supporting our swimmers home!

WELL DONE TO ALL OUR COMPETITORS!

Thank you to Mrs Andreou for helping escort the children to TAZ



Need more time to prepare for Christmas??

With only 8 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/>



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

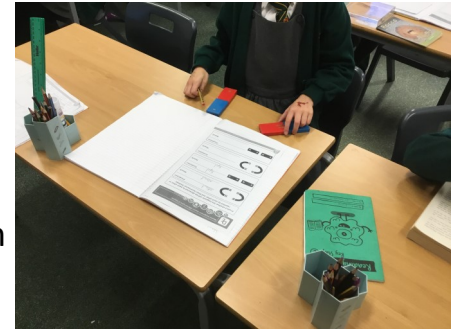
Miss Just: The children have tasted balanced fillings for wraps. They then chose the combinations they liked and designed and made their wraps. They had to grate, chop and spread their ingredients and gained lots of new skills.



St Lawrence

Mr Wilkinson:

This week our WOW moment happened during our science lesson where we were learning about



the different types of magnets, we had the opportunity to use some magnets to help us with our investigation. We learnt that in order to attract two magnets together they had to have opposite poles, however if they didn't have opposite poles then they would repel. Harriet - "It was very fun and it exciting to test out the different magnets."

Gino - "I enjoyed Mr. Wilkinson being funny with the magnets."

Victoria - "I really enjoyed it because it was interesting when we put two south poles of different magnets together."

St Francis

Miss Thomson: The children's WOW moments this week:



Connor - "I really like our new maths buddy system because I get to explain my knowledge and help my friend"

Freddie - "I liked learning my 11 times tables in maths this week - because we learnt a special method"



Jayda - "I liked making our kindness advent calendar - I'm excited to open one soon!"

St Scholastica

Mr Heavey:

This week St. Scholastica's WOW moment was our learning about World War 2 propaganda posters. The children enjoyed exploring the meaning behind the posters and even created some of their own.



Christmas Tree

The beautiful Christmas tree we have in the school hall will be looking for a new home after the end of term. If anyone would like it and has the means to collect it on Thursday 21st December (it's circa 9-10ft tall) then please contact the school office.



“Hope is a strength, a grace and a gift from God. Advent increases our hope.” Pope Francis

The Wednesday Word is available on our website.



Good News for Families

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

Weekly Attendance Monday 4th Dec — Friday 8th Dec

St Teresa 97.5%	St Lawrence 97.3%
St Francis 98.5%	St Scholastica 96.8%

The PFA 100 Club

Application forms and bank details / standing order mandates are now on the school website under the PFA tab <https://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/pfa/> or from the school office. Sign up now for the chance to win a monthly cash prize while raising money for the school!



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

Welcome to our 100 Club!

The 100 Club is a great way for you to support the PFA whilst having a bit of a flutter!

The membership fee is just £2 per month – less than the price of a cup of coffee! This adds up to £24 per year and gives you the opportunity to win up to £50 each month in the 12 draws running from January through to December.

50% of the money raised goes directly to the PFA to support the school in providing so many excellent extracurricular activities for our children. Each month 25% of the money raised goes to 1st prize, 15% to 2nd prize and 10% to 3rd prize.

Based on one hundred members, 1st prize would be £50, 2nd prize would be £30 and 3rd prize would be £20.

To join in the fun simply fill out and sign a copy of the membership form. This grants you a membership number (allocated by us), qualifying you for the monthly draw.

The draw will take place on the last Friday of each month. If you win you will be notified by email and prize money will be paid via cheque, which can be collected from the school office. The names of the winners will be published in the school newsletter, on the PFA Facebook page and on the PFA page on the school website.

Members are invited to join through November and December, and the first draw will take place on Friday 26th January. Membership forms will be available at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 2nd December, and from your friendly PFA or the school office.

Join the 100 Club today and you could be a winner!



We need sleep to function but sleeping doesn't come with a manual. It can be confusing finding the right information and advice about sleep that you can trust. The Sleep Charity produces a wide range of evidence-based information on all aspects of sleep from triggers to treatments.

Sleep Tight Workshop

4 weeks, 90 minutes per week

January 12th, 19th, 26th,

February 2nd.

1:15pm – 2:45pm

Malmesbury Primary School Pod

Must be able to attend all sessions.

Places are limited to 10

No children, please.

Free Parking is available off site.

To register please contact

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Don't forget your teddy. 