



# NEWSLETTER

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**Friday 12th January 2024**

## Intermin Co-Headteachers' message



In this week's Gospel Jesus, the Lamb of God, invites us to 'Come and see'. The children have been learning that Jesus wants you to 'come and see' and get to know Him better. The children and adults have been given the challenge to plan some special time to spend with Jesus, this week.

### **Prayer room** (Official name yet to be given)

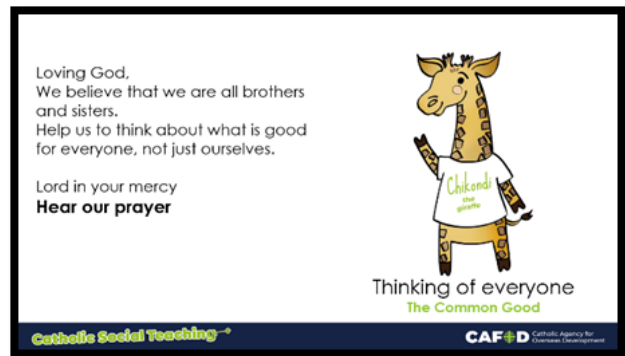
The Chaplaincy team are delighted to announce the opening of the Prayer room. This is a calm, quiet and reflective space that will be available to groups of children to take time to be close to God. The Chaplaincy team will lead prayer and activities that will enhance the prayer life of our school.



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

## Catholic Social Teaching

Next week, across the school, the children will be learning about one of the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching, **Solidarity and the Common good**.



## Celebration Assembly

Starting from **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January** Celebration will start at the new time of **2:45pm** – this will mean that it will finish at 3:15pm ready for the children to be dismissed from their classes at the end of the day.

## Curriculum update

Term / Curriculum maps for your child's learning this term have been published on the school website. Teachers have also updated their class pages with respect to any changes in arrangement with respect to home learning, PE and weekly organisation.

## Art Exhibition

Following a very successful art workshop with the Athelstan Museum in Term 1, we would like to invite parents to a small exhibition of paintings, drawing and art inspired by the Turner painting. This exhibition will be after school next Friday at 15:30 (19<sup>th</sup> January 2024). We are also pleased to say that the Athelstan Museum will be selecting a small number of our school's paintings to be part of an exhibition in the museum.

## February Half Term Holiday Club

We are now taking bookings for our February half term holiday club. We will be open from 8am through to 6pm on Monday to Thursday (12th - 15th) and 8am to 4pm on Friday (16th). Breakfast, lunch and tea can be provided depending on your requirements.



Half term is only 4 weeks away and places are limited to 16 so please book early to guarantee yours. A paper copy of the booking home was sent home this week with all children who regularly attend Opportunities Club. An electronic copy is available on the school website:

<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 class have really enjoyed learning about The Great Fire of London. They have all built a Tudor house, been to work in Pudding Lane Bakery and can retell the story in chronological order.



### St Lawrence

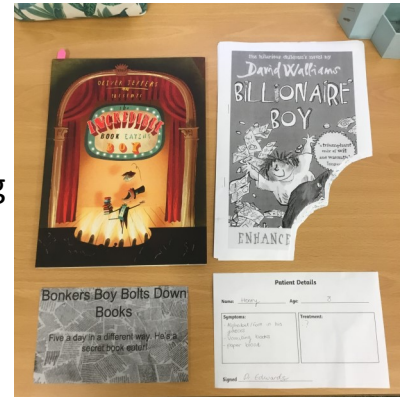
#### Mr Wilkinson:

This week St Lawrence have started a new writing topic, where we are looking at the book 'The Incredible Book Eating Boy'. One of our first lessons

involved looking inside a bag that had been left in school, which had a half-eaten book, a medical report and a newspaper headline. The children really enjoyed investigating what was inside the bag.

Ivan - "I really liked seeing what was inside the bag"

Rosa - "I enjoyed looking inside the bag and finding out who's it was"



### St Francis

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

George - "I really enjoyed making our papyrus style paper last week because I have never done something like that before!"

Ellie - "Last week I liked drawing the Egyptian symbols and creating my papyrus design in my sketch book."

Aleki - "I've enjoyed starting our new topic this week and learning about the explorer Robert Scott."

Connor - "I enjoyed PE this week, because I liked watching everyone's James Bond dances - it was great because everyone tried their best!"



### St Scholastica

**Mr Heavey:** St Scholastica's WOW moment this week was during Forest School where the children were tasked with being creative and building things with natural resources. Children built boats, swords, bows and dens. They had a great time braving the cold and enjoyed their last Forest School session until the summer.

J-Jay - "It was so fun and exciting because we got to make swords and long bows."

Alisia - "It was fun because we had independence to choose what we wanted to build."

Eva - "I learnt a new skill - whittle with loppers."



## Permission Forms—Please Return

We will shortly be sending home permission forms including use of photos, local trips, and food sampling as well as a form detailing authorised collection arrangements at the end of the school day. These forms have to be completed annually and it is imperative that they are returned to the school office. Thank you for your co-operation.

## The PFA 100 Club

Time is running out to secure your chance to win up to £50 every month! Membership is just £2 per month and you will be raising money for the school at the same time. 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.

Please return your forms by 19th January for the first draw on 26th.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School  
Parents and Friends Association  
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### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> January. Membership forms will be available at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, and from your friendly PFA or the school office.

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

## “Let us allow God’s constant help to make us new people.” Pope Francis

The Wednesday Word is available on our website.

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



Good News for Families

### Weekly Attendance Monday 8th Jan—Friday 12th

St Teresa 96.5%

St Lawrence 97.7%

St Francis 94.6%

St Scholastica 99.1%



### Exclusive Wonka Screening



Save the date for an exclusive screening of Wonka for St Joseph’s only, at Movies at Malmesbury in the Town Hall on 14th February at 2pm. £5 per ticket (£2 per ticket donated to the PFA). Tickets will be available from the school office nearer the time.

