



# NEWSLETTER

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**Friday 19th January 2024**

## Intermin Co-Headteachers' message



**Mark 1:14-20**

**FOLLOW ME**

**"Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men."**

This week's Gospel was dramatised with the Chaplaincy team (and Miss Bathe) bringing 'Breaking News' from Galilee. The children learnt that: The first disciples dropped everything to follow Jesus, Jesus invites us to leave our old ways behind and follow Him and we can follow Jesus through our words and actions. The children and adults have been given the challenge to live out our school's mission statement this week and 'follow in the footsteps of Jesus' in their words and actions.

### **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 today 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.

### **Parent/School Communication**

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the education and wellbeing of your child then there are different ways to communicate with the school depending on the nature of the concern/request. Staff will discuss any concerns with you either directly face to face, via email or a phone call – not through Dojo.

**Dojo directly with the class teacher** – only to be used for daily organisational information e.g. XXX has forgotten their wellies for forest school because....

**Email the office on [office@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk)** – for any absence updates, medical updates and requesting meetings with class teacher etc.

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

**Email the Co-Headteachers** with any concerns that have not been resolved or you feel need our attention.

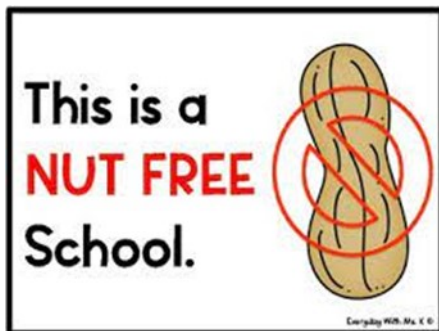
Monday-Wednesday – [pbacon@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:pbacon@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk)

Thursday and Friday – [kbathe@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:kbathe@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk)

Communication through public social media does not enable the school to respond. We can only ensure our school thrives and resolve any problems if we work together and you contact us directly.

### **NUT FREE SCHOOL**

Children are not allowed nuts or food where nuts are a specified ingredient. However, food that has the label, 'may contain traces of nuts' is allowed.



### **Special Educational Needs coordinator (SENCo)**

We are delighted to announce that we have been able to appoint a very experienced SENCo. Once all the employment checks are completed we will be able to communicate their working pattern and contact details. Until then Mr Bacon is Interim SENCo and if you have any SEND questions then please contact him via [pbacon@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:pbacon@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk)

A poster with a black background at the top. The text "Attendance + learning = success" is written in white chalk. Below this, a red banner contains the text "80% attendance equates to one whole day off every week for a whole year." The bottom half of the poster features a photograph of two young boys smiling. At the bottom, there is contact information for education welfare officers and the hashtag #EverySchoolDayCounts, along with the Wiltshire Council logo.

Attendance + learning  
= success

Attending school regularly helps children achieve.

80% attendance equates to one whole day off every week for a whole year.

For help and advice about attending school or any issues with going to school please contact your school or email our education welfare officers at: [ews@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:ews@wiltshire.gov.uk)

#EverySchoolDayCounts Wiltshire Council

<b>Weekly Attendance Monday 15th Jan — Friday 19th Jan</b>	
<b>St Teresa 99.1%</b>	<b>St Lawrence 100%</b>
<b>St Francis 93.5%</b>	<b>St Scholastica 97.3%</b>

**“The family is a community of love where each of us learns to relate to others and to the world around us.”  
Pope Francis**



The Wednesday Word is available on our website.

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

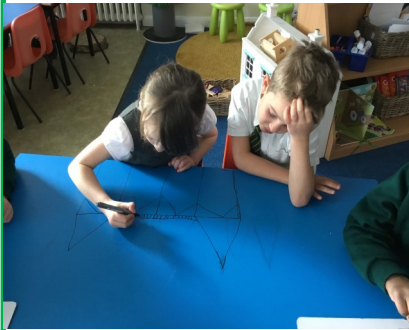
## WOW moments across the school!

"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 we have been expanding our understanding of everyday materials and have explored how we can change materials to make them stronger.



The children have built bridges out of paper and have had to work in teams to make their bridge strong enough to hold a toy car.

### St Francis

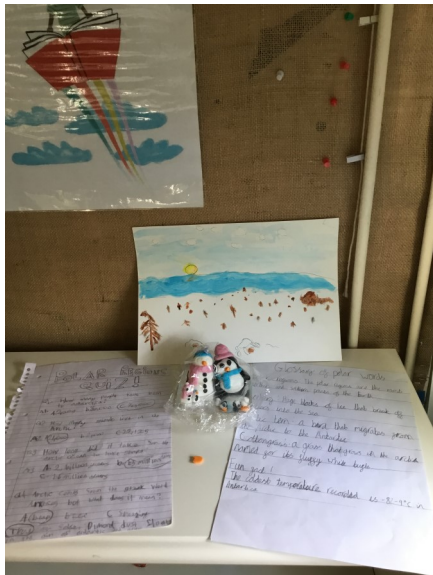
**Miss Thomson:**

The children have been producing some amazing homework based on our topic this term of Polar Regions.

Ottlie—"I've enjoyed seeing everyone's homework and doing their quizzes."

Daisy—"I enjoyed swimming because I got to go in the deep end."

Donal—"I've enjoyed maths this week because we are learning long multiplication which has really taken my interest."



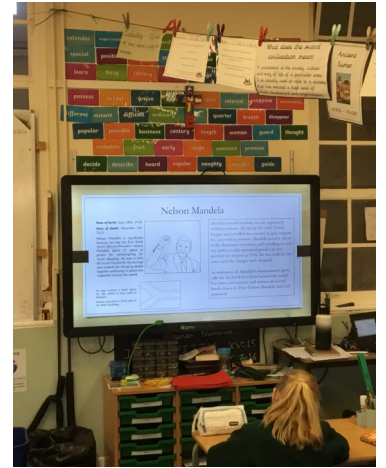
### St Lawrence

**Mr Wilkinson:** This week our WOW moment has been learning about how people can come together in solidarity to fight for the common good. We learnt about four very important people - Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, Emmeline Pankhurst and Marcus Rashford who have all fought for good causes. The children created fact files on their chosen person including lots of important information as to how they fought for their cause.

Wiktorija - "I really enjoyed finding out what these people did."

Jupiter - "I enjoyed writing about the people."

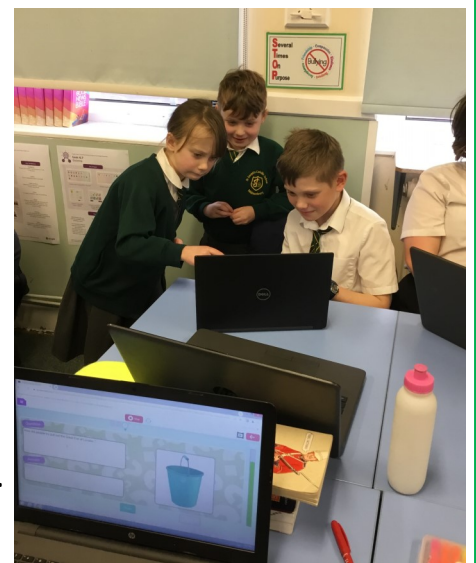
Gino - "I liked learning about how Marcus Rashford helped people by giving them cheap recipes."



### St Scholastica

**Mr Heavey:** In computing this week the class have been creating quizzes for KS1 children, they chose different themes including fairy tales and history. One of the history themes

was the Great Fire of London so we invited St Teresa to try out our quizzes to see what they have learnt so far in their new topic.



## 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 3 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/>

### Permission Forms—Please Return

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, were sent home earlier this week. 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.



We have a collection booked on Tuesday 23rd April so please keep good clothing to donate to us on this date.

#### Clean and reusable items that can be donated:

Good quality clothes and accessories.  
Adults, childrens and babies clothing such as jackets, jumpers, hoodies, trousers, skirts, scarves, gloves, belts, handbags, paired shoes and other footwear etc.

#### They cannot reuse the following items:

Worn out shoes or clothes, clothes that are wet or have holes in.  
Curtains, pillows or duvets, bric-a-brac or books. Personalised items.  
Work uniform, School uniform or school sports kit

#### If you are unsure what to put in the bags, then STOP AND THINK - WOULD SOMEONE ELSE BUY & WEAR IT?

If it isn't something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend, then no-one else will want to buy and wear it so unfortunately, it's not reusable and can't go in the bag.  
Donated clothes and accessories are sent to Europe, Africa and even further away to be sold at market stalls as affordable items for those in real need of clothing.



### 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 20<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!

### The PFA 100 Club

Today is the last day to return your membership forms for the 100 Club in time for the first draw on 26th January. Time 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.

