

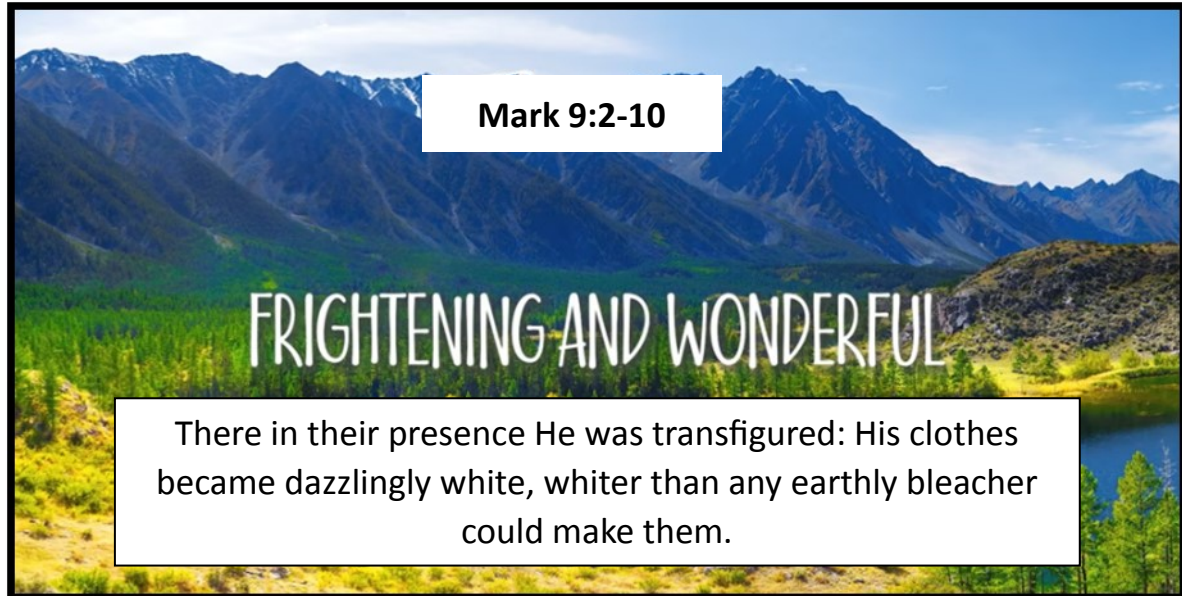


# NEWSLETTER

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**Friday 23rd February 2024**

## Interim Co-Headteachers' message



**Mark 9:2-10**

**FRIGHTENING AND WONDERFUL**

There in their presence He was transfigured: His clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them.

Welcome back! Even though the weather has been changeable it is so wonderful to see the signs of spring, blossom on the trees, snow drops and daffodils. We return with our focus virtues of serving and forgiveness in the season of Lent, we will be reflecting and thinking about Jesus' journey to the cross and his resurrection. In each Gospel assembly we will be asking the children how they will GIVE, ACT and PRAY. This week we have been asked to think how we can share God's blessings with others.

We have a busy term ahead so please take note of diary dates.

**The Last Baguette** <https://www.thelastbaguette.com/>

The Last baguette Theatre Company will be visiting the school next Thursday and all the classes will have an opportunity to complete a theatre workshop with them – thank you to the PFA for funding this great opportunity.

### **Safer Internet week**

This week there has been a spotlight on how to use the internet safely.

The children have been thinking and learning about 'Inspiring change - Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.

As parents it can be challenging to navigate the online world and be aware of the potential pitfalls and dangers. To support you in making informed decisions we have included this week information on minimum age requirements and safe search engines for children.

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### **Minimum age requirements**

Most of the popular social media services require users to be at least 13 years of age before they can register, although some sites are created especially for children under 13 (see Internet Matters' [Social networks made for children](#)).

The age requirements are there because of data protection laws. Online services are not allowed to collect or store children's personal information if they are under the age of 13. Data protection laws also say that only children aged 13 and over can sign up to online services without parental permission. Following the age restrictions sets a good example for your child. Although the age requirement doesn't always mean the site is inappropriate for children to use, it's a good indication, especially for younger children.



### **Safe search engines**



**Kiddle** <https://www.kiddle.co/>

Ages: 4+

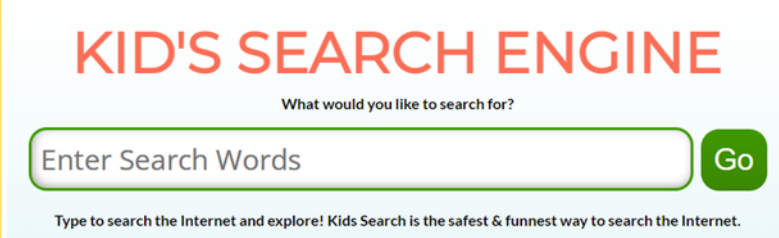
[Kiddle](#) is a safe, visual search engine for children powered by Google. The first three results to each query are child-safe sites and pages written specifically for children and hand-picked by the editors at Kiddle. Results 4-7 are also hand-picked by the editors, and include safe, trusted sites that are not specifically written for children, but have simple, easy-to-understand content. Finally, all the following results are written for adults, but filtered by Google safe search. This site can also be used to search for images safely.

**Swiggle** - <https://swiggle.org.uk/> -



Swiggle is a search engine designed to provide a safer environment for kids taking their first steps on the road to safe online searching. Powered by Google Custom Search, the results are filtered using Google SafeSearch and educational resources prioritised. We also filter the search terms to check that Swiggle is not being used to search for inappropriate content. This site can also be used to search for images safely.

**Kids search** - <https://kidssearch.com/>



Another safe search engine that can also be used to search websites, images and videos.

**Chess Club** will be starting after half term on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 3:30-4:30pm** and then every Tuesday until the end of Term 6. The office has now contacted the families that have signed up with the full details. If you wish your child to join the chess club there are still places available – please contact the office.

### Parents' evenings and Reports

All parents and carers are invited to a face to face meeting with your child's teacher on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March or Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. You will have an opportunity to discuss progress, next steps and look at their books. An end of year written report will be sent to parents and carers in July with an opportunity to discuss with the class teacher by appointment if you wish.

Weekly Attendance Monday 19th Feb—Friday 23rd Feb	
St Teresa 90.9%	St Lawrence 94.3%
St Francis 96.5%	St Scholastica 95.9%

**“The invitation of the Transfiguration is to listen to Jesus and to follow him, laying down our lives as a gift of love for one another.” Pope Francis**



The Wednesday Word is available on our website.

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

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## 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 in science we have been exploring the make up of plants. We have dissected flowers and bulbs to see exactly what they look like inside. The whole class said a loud "wow" when they discovered the bright colours inside the crocus.



### St Lawrence

**Mr Wilkinson:** This week our WOW moment has been during our RE lesson when we looked at how important different roles and work are in society. We tested this out with a task which involved the children working in groups where they were assigned different roles. The children had to make something out of Lego, however the challenge was that only one person in the team could speak and communicate.

Victoria - "I really liked being the manager as the manager was the only one who could speak."

Gino - "I enjoyed making our design out of Lego as it was really hard to make."

Finn - "I liked working with my team and seeing the importance of teamwork."



### St Francis

**Miss Thomson:**

Léandra - "My wow moment was doing creative writing on space, because I liked imagining that I was floating in space!"

Leighton - "I enjoyed PE because we all tried our best and we had lots of fun learning new dance moves."

Poppy - "I enjoy doing the safe technologies activity, I really liked trying to imagine how I could improve technology."



### St Scholastica

**Mr Heavey:**

Alfie J - "I have enjoyed starting poetry in writing".

Christina - "Bikeability, I enjoyed learning how

to be safe on the road".

Benjy - "I liked bikeability because it taught me how to properly ride a bike and rhyming in English".

Jenson - "I enjoyed decimals in maths because it's fun".

Alex - "I liked the computer safety lesson and exploring how technology will be in the future".







## School Disco—Save The Date!

The PFA are running a whole school Spring disco on Wednesday 27th March from 5.30-6.30pm in the hall. Tickets are £2.50 which will appear on your Parentpay account, and permission forms will follow next week for completion.



**TETBURY R.F.C.**

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