



# NEWSLETTER

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**Friday 9th February 2024**

## Intermin Co-Headteachers' message



**Mark 1:12-25**

**FOCUS, REVIEW, RESET**

“The time has come”, He said, “and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.”

We cannot believe where this term has gone! There has been so much to celebrate and be proud of. Candlemas last Friday was a wonderful celebration of how our light is shining bright and together we will continue to shine and spread God's love and joy.

This term's virtue has been resilience and the children have been able to recognise in themselves the times that they have needed to be resilient and also recognised resilience in others. When we return after half term Lent will have started and the focus virtue will be serving others and forgiveness.

Pyjama day has been a great success and the children thoroughly enjoyed relaxing and having a film together. Thank you very much for your support and helping us raise funds for the PFA. We hope you all have a wonderful half term and we cannot wait to see you all in Term four.

### **End of Term 4**

The Governors have agreed that the end of Term 4 will finish on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1:30pm** for all children and staff. This is because it is Maundy Thursday, a Holy day of obligation and part of Holy Week. After school club will be made available for families to book from 1:30pm – 4pm on that day.

### **Safer Internet week**

Safer Internet day is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February but at St Joseph's we are going to make a week of it! The week after half term the whole school will have a focus on Safer Internet. The theme this year is 'Inspiring change - Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.



During this week, we will be highlighting the key messages with pupils of how to stay safe online and what to do if you have a concern when you are online. In this ever changing world where technology is all around us, it is important to put the spotlight on the safe and positive use of digital technology.

There is also a wealth of support out there for Parents and Carers. Visit the below websites to find out how you can support and inform your child of how to stay safe online.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/>

**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 will contact the families that have signed up after half term 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. Details on booking Parents' Evening appointments will be available early next term.

Weekly Attendance Monday 5th Feb - Fri 9th Feb	
St Teresa 93.5%	St Lawrence 98.2%
St Francis 96.9%	St Scholastica 98.2%

**“The compassion of God, his suffering-with-us, gives meaning to our struggles and our sufferings.” Pope Francis**



The Wednesday Word is available on our website.

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

**Mad Hatter's Tea Party Lunch**  
World Book Day Thursday 7th March

- Sandwiches - Ham, Cheese, Egg Mayo
- Cocktail sausages (meat & vegetarian)
- Cheese savoury snacks
- Cucumber Sticks
- Jam Tarts, Cup Cakes,
- Fruit Skewers, Jelly

RSVP: Order your meal on Parentpay by 19th Feb  
£2.60 for K&S children, free for K&L children paid for by Infant Meal Grant

Allergens: Sandwiches - Ham A2, Cheese A2 A7, Egg Mayo A2 A4, Cocktail Sausages A14, Meat free Cocktail Sausages A2 A13, Cheese Savoury Snacks A2 A4, Jam Tarts A2, Cup Cakes A2 A4 A7

## 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 St Teresa have done so many wonderful things and we couldn't pick just one wow moment. We have completed our art project with Mrs Cambray-Smith, made valentines cards and gifts. On Wednesday we had a fantastic arcade afternoon and on Thursday we made bread. This term the class have loved the topic and we have all been so proud of them.



### St Lawrence

**Mr Wilkinson:** This week our WOW moment in has been our class trip to the STEAM museum in Swindon. The children were really excited to explore aspects of the Victorian Railway and made links to our current topic Railway Revolution. The children had a wonderful time and represented the school really well.

Sean - "I really liked going underneath one of the trains."

Florence - "I liked learning more about the trains that we didn't know already."

Harriet - "I really enjoyed looking at the different trains and going inside some of them."



### St Francis

**Miss Thomson:**

Charlie: "My WOW moment is the netball tournament because, despite not winning, I still had the best time!"

Léandra: "I enjoyed practising lengths in my swimming lesson because we did different lengths each time."

Audrey: "I really enjoyed doing Art because I got to use soft pastels to make an amazing picture of the Northern Lights."



### St Scholastica

**Mr Heavey:** Our WOW moments this week have been:

- Winning the netball tournament - Eva: "It was really fun and we all had a great time."
- Creating the street art (Graffiti) in our art lesson - Sam: "It was fun because we got to make a mess!"
- Our PE lessons focusing on netball - Cameron "I enjoyed beating Mr Heavey's team".

Pupils also demonstrated impressive creativity in their "UK OK!" topic related homework.





## YEAR 5/6 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Two teams from Y5&6 competed in this year's inter school netball tournament earlier today and represented our school amazingly.



Competing in different pools, both teams played 4 matches and then a further play-off match to determine overall places. The children can be proud of their performances, individually and as a teams and for the positive attitude that they demonstrated, all working really hard and working together!

Team B had some very stiff competition in their pool but showed great teamwork and courage in all their matches. Team A won all their matches keeping clean sheets in every match. They topped their group and went straight through to the final. A very tense match against a strong Lea & Garsdon team, but our defence held fast and our attacking players pushed on for an amazing 2-0 win! St Joseph's are the 2024 Netball tournament CHAMPIONS!!



Congratulations to you all!!

We are committed to promoting physical activity and its many benefits to all our pupils.



## Congratulations to the January PFA 100 Club Winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> No. 13 - Keren Cockram (£10)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> No. 29 - Mrs R Pe (£6)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> No. 6 - Andy Dawson (£4)



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

It's not too late to join and the more members we have, the greater the winnings every month. Please find the membership form and payment details on the school website:  
<https://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/pfa/>



## Children's Lent Retreat event—Save the Date!

The parish is delighted to invite children aged 4 – 11, to a Lent themed 'retreat' event, with many new and faith inspiring arts and crafts activities on **Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.30 – 5.30pm at St Joseph's school**. Cost will be £10 per family on a first come first served basis; participation is not dependent upon ability to pay full cost. **To express interest**, please sign up your children using the link below and a parental consent form will be forwarded later with details of how to pay.

<https://staldhelmsromancatholicc.flocknote.com/signup/154544>

We'd again welcome parents, secondary aged young people and parishioners to assist as volunteers. Please use the Volunteer sign-up link above and a registration form will be forwarded later.

This Children's Lent Retreat will also form the initial, important, interactive and joyful session for Yr 3 children and above to commence sacramental preparation towards **First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion in June 24**. For families who have separately registered for First Holy Communion preparation, or those yet to register for it, we politely request your children's participation in the Lent Retreat, as we're unable to repeat the event this year. For further information on any aspect, please contact [mary.lillis@outlook.com](mailto:mary.lillis@outlook.com)

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