



NEWSLETTER

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Friday 15th March 2024

Interim Co-Headteachers' message



John 12:20-33

LOSING AND GAINING

A voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

This week St Lawrence shared the Easter story with us through drama and music. They were magnificent and we are all very proud of them, it was wonderful to have so many of you come and watch their performance – thank you!

On Thursday 21st March we are delighted that the local author Charlie P Brooks will be visiting our school to talk about his new book "Sammy and the Extra-Hot Chilli Powder". Books can be pre-ordered through Parent Pay for £7.99



Parents' evenings and Reports

All parents and carers are invited to a face to face meeting with your child's teacher on Tuesday 19th March or Thursday 21st March. You will have an opportunity to discuss progress, next steps and look at their books. The link to book your slot has been sent and if your child is on the SEN register you will have the opportunity to book a longer time slot. 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.

St Joseph's Mass – Thursday 21st March 10am at St Aldhelms

Please join us in celebrating St Joseph, in church next Thursday. The Mass will be led by St Francis class.

Resignation of the Bishop of Clifton and appointment of a new Bishop

The Right Reverend Bishop Declan Lang has resigned as Bishop of Clifton, having served the Diocese for 23 years as its Bishop. We wish Bishop Declan all the very best for his retirement. Please see the link to the press release for more information: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/resignation-of-the-bishop-of-clifton-and-appointment-of-a-new-bishop/>

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER

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 had a visit from Harold the Giraffe. The children were talking about feelings, body parts and even had a disco with him. "I saw Harold at a party, on some videos, he was setting the food up, the penguin came and he said you can take the pictures. When Kiki came the penguin was so mean because she forgot her costume" - Otilie
 "When the lady came she told us so many things about our bodies, we were sitting on our gluteus maximus" - Evie.



St Lawrence - Mr Wilkinson: This week our WOW moment in St Lawrence was our outstanding Easter Production. It was amazing to see so many parents come to watch our play. The children have been putting in so much effort over the past couple of weeks and it's more than safe to say that all that hard work has paid off. We are all extremely proud of what we have accomplished.



St Francis - Miss Thomson: We had a lovely visit to No 1 Royal Crescent in Bath on Wednesday. On arrival the children chose their costumes and had a tour of the house, followed by some quill writing on parchment. Afterwards we had a picnic lunch and looked at some of the historic buildings in Bath.



St Scholastica - Mr Heavey: Our WOW moments this week are:

Poppy S - "Planning our Stations of the Cross activities, because we could be creative about how we can link our activity to the station we are doing."

Alfie J - "I enjoyed doing hockey in PE because I am competitive and enjoy playing in a tournament."

Jay-J - "Completing our SATs practise assessment because I did better than last time."

Weekly Attendance Monday 11th — Friday 15th March

St Teresa 92.6%

St Lawrence 92.1%

St Francis 94%

St Scholastica 96%

"Lent is a journey during which the Lord asks us to follow three steps: almsgiving, prayer and fasting." Pope Francis



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Easter Holiday Club



We are now taking bookings for our Easter holiday club. We will be open during the second week of the holidays, 8th - 12th April, from 8am through to 6pm Monday to Thursday and 8am to 4pm on Friday. Breakfast, lunch and tea can be provided depending on your requirements.

Paper copies have been sent home to all our regular bookers. An electronic copy is available on the school website: <https://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/breakfast-after-school-holiday-clubs/>



We are looking forward to the school disco on 27th March, kindly organised by the PFA. Children will be offered squash and a packet of crisps at the event—if you would prefer that your child does not have these then please contact the school office in advance to let us know. £1 entry is payable via Parentpay.

It was very peaceful listening to the orchestra - Felicity

I really enjoyed singing together with the other schools - Gabriella and George

I loved listening to the orchestra - Wiktorja

Listening to the orchestra made me feel very calm - Otilie

Singing 'Fire' in a round was my favourite - Jessie

The children's reflections on the Music for the Soul concert in Malmesbury Abbey

I enjoyed singing 'Fire', especially as a round - Victoria

I loved the perfect performance of the orchestra - Audrey

Singing with the orchestra was amazing! - Florence

I loved singing together as a group - Harriet

A recording of the Malmesbury Junior Voices performance as part of the concert can be found on our website:

<https://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/music/>

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



Share the gift of learning!

Celebrations Around the World

Thursday 11 April
11am-1pm online
Get crafty together! Make simple gifts to share or to decorate the home. Enjoy activities to do at home as a family.

Please sign up by 4 April!



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Courses are no cost if you are 19+ , live in Wiltshire and have been a resident in UK/EU for 3+years, and if you can tick any of these criteria:

- have less than 5 GCSEs grades A-C
- in receipt of benefits/are unemployed and seeking employment
- are a military family
- are a family with SEN child/children
- want to brush up on your maths or help your child with maths



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10am-12pm online
Learn to make exciting experiments you can create at home as a family.
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