



NEWSLETTER

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Interim Co-Headteachers' message



Lent is a time for reflection and the children have been given the challenge to GIVE, ACT and PRAY. To support in prayer, please find attached Lent Prayer Intentions that you can use together at home. If you wish to download, the link is here. <https://assets.ctfassets.net/vy3axnuecuwj/7sakJL3WtyQORhwh1NANXR/a6400d487f08ec9d7fb7fae222e27c01/>

Lent prayer intentions

Use our Lent prayer intentions, and colour in each leaf, as a family everyday from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

ASH WEDNESDAY

1. Pray for people who are hungry.
2. Pray for people who are sick.
3. Pray for lonely people
4. Thank God for the gift of creation
5. Pray for people without a safe home.
6. Pray for refugees.
7. Pray for your friends.
8. Pray for your family.
9. Pray for your Church community.
10. Thank God for something that brings you joy.
11. Pray for the government.
12. Pray the 'Glory Be...' today.
13. Pray for your neighbours.
14. Pray for someone you love.
15. Pray for people in places where there is conflict or war.
16. Pray for creation to be cared for.
17. Pray for people in your class at school or your workplace.
18. Pray for a more just and fair world.
19. Pray for people suffering because of climate change.
20. Pray for people without access to safe, clean water.
21. Thank God for your family and friends.
22. Ask a saint to pray for you today.
23. Pray the 'Our Father' today.
24. Pray for people who don't have a job.
25. Pray for your teachers or mentors.
26. Pray for mothers and the people who care for us.
27. Pray for people who are treated badly because of their beliefs.
28. Pray for world leaders.
29. Tell God something you are sorry for.
30. Pray for children who can't go to school.
31. Pray that God will help you make good choices.
32. Pray for people who are poor.
33. Pray for someone who has hurt or upset you.
34. Pray for people in prison.
35. Pray for the Pope.
36. Pray for the elderly.
37. Pray for people affected by flooding.
38. Pray for someone you find difficult.
39. Thank God for your food today.
40. Pray for peace in the world.
41. Pray for Christian unity.
42. Pray for people affected by droughts
43. Ask Mary to pray for you and say the 'Hail Mary...'
44. Pray for an end to racism and prejudice.
45. Pray for people who are grieving or sad.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

GOOD FRIDAY

HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER SUNDAY

46. Pray that you will be close to Jesus today.

47. Pray for patience and hope.

48. Thank God for the new life that Jesus brings.

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

The children had an amazing day yesterday with the Last Baguette Theatre Company. All the classes had an opportunity to complete a theatre workshop with them and the children responded with great enthusiasm. Some of the activities they did were playing games like the 'rubber chicken' and 'yes/no' to warm up their bodies and voices. They learnt how to use their bodies through mime and improvise scenes with each other. The children listened really well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, with many citing it as their WOW moment of the week (see next page).

Chess Club will be starting after half term on **Tuesday 5th March 3:30-4:30pm** and then every Tuesday until the end of Term 6. 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 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 will be sent out early next week. 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.

Reconciliation service – lead by the chaplaincy team

You are invited to join us on **Friday 8th March at 2:30pm** for a whole school reconciliation service lead by the chaplaincy team. This will replace the celebration assembly.

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.



We will send paper copies home to all our regular bookers next week. An electronic copy is available on the school website: <https://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/breakfast-after-school-holiday-clubs/>

Congratulations to the February PFA 100 Club Winners:

- 1st – Riza Pe (£10)
- 2nd – Eimear Maloney (£6)
- 3rd – Katie Hermolle (£4)



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Winnings will be available for collection from the office next week.

It's not too late to join and the more members we have, the greater the winnings every month. We will be sending home today a membership form and payment details with your child. Look out for it in their bag!

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 started their science experiment. They have planted seeds and are investigating what they need to make them grow. They have all made predictions and can't wait to see what happens over the next week.



St Lawrence - Mr Wilkinson:

This week our WOW moment in St Lawrence was when we split into groups and were trying to act out Gospel stories of how Jesus helped transform peoples lives. The children enjoyed becoming actors and characters within the gospel stories. Their acting skills were also showcased in the Last Baguette theatre workshops which the children fully immersed themselves into.



St Francis - Miss Thomson:

Audrey - "I liked doing Maths this week, because I enjoyed converting fractions and finding common denominators."

Daisy - "I really enjoyed the Last Baguette's visit and doing the human models activity. It was really fun!"

Austin - "I loved the Last Baguette because I got to be one of the table legs and the inside of the washing machine!"



St Scholastica

Mr Heavey:

Poppy - "My wow moment is the drama session we did with the theatre company because we practised doing freeze frames of different scenes. Afterwards we got to make the scene come to life."

Eva - "I enjoyed doing Hockey in PE because it is fun and we played matches."

Christina - "I enjoyed Science because it was fun to solve problems like forensic scientist would."

Benjy - "I liked the poetry topic we have been doing in our writing."

Alex - "I liked doing the speed writing test because it allowed me to use my imagination and creativity."



The PFA are running a Mothering Sunday Market for the children **next Friday, 8th March**. If your child would like the opportunity to purchase a Mother's Day gift then please send them in with £1 in cash in a named envelope on that day.



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Don't forget it's World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March** and we are having a whole school Alice in Wonderland themed day.

We are inviting the children to dress up as a character from the book or to come to school in their own clothes as if they were going to visit Wonderland.

If you have not ordered the Mad Hatter's Tea Party lunch for that day, please ensure that your child brings in a packed lunch from home.



This year our school has partnered with Barn Owl Books in Malmesbury who will be supplying a World Book Day book for every child in the school to take home with them on World Book Day to celebrate books and encourage reading. Titles in this year's promotion are:



The World Book Day books are a gift to children from booksellers and publishers.

Barn Owl books are also hosting a number of FREE workshops for children in KS1 and KS2 which will run every afternoon in the shop from 3.30 – 4.30pm throughout the World Book Day Week 4th - 8th March.

Weekly Attendance Monday 26th Feb—Friday 1st Mar	
St Teresa 97%	St Lawrence 97.6%
St Francis 93.5%	St Scholastica 98.2%

“Dear young people, may you always live the faith with enthusiasm.” Pope Francis



The Wednesday Word is available on our website <https://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/prayer-life/>

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