



NEWSLETTER

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Friday 20th September 2024

Headteachers' message

Dear parents, children and families,

We have had another action packed week with so much to look forward to in the coming week. Having had Teddy Bears picnics in St Teresa class last week, we are looking forward to waving off St Scholastica on Monday when they go to Kilvrough Manor in Wales for their residential trip and on Thursday the children in St Lawrence and St Francis classes will be going back in time and finding out about the amazing achievements of our ancient ancestors from the Stone and Bronze Ages.

I have also attached a link to the school's home learning parent survey and we would welcome as many contributions as possible.

We all hope you have a happy and restful weekend.

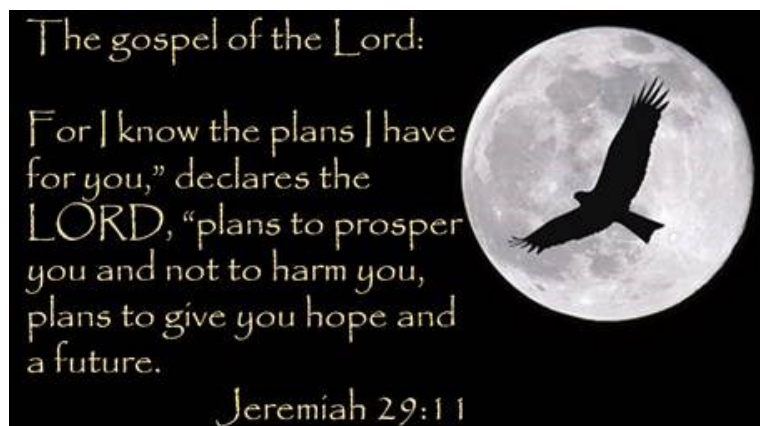
Please read on to find out about:

- Worship
- [Home Learning Survey](#)

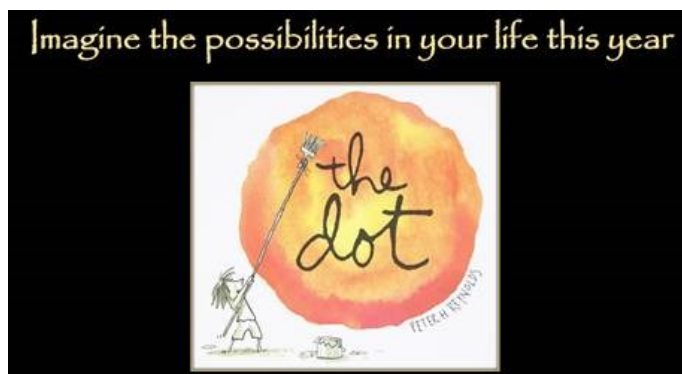
Worship this week:

We have continued our focus on the value of Belief and in particular have explored what it means to believe in yourself and how those around you can help with this self-belief.

Our scripture focus was from Jeremiah 25:11



Our story was The Dot by Peter Reynolds. This story explored the importance of those around us in helping us to develop a belief in what we can achieve. I encourage everyone to think of ways they can help others take their first steps in meeting a new challenges.



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Our prayer for the week asked God to help us believe in ourselves and also to help us see the way we can support other to achieve.

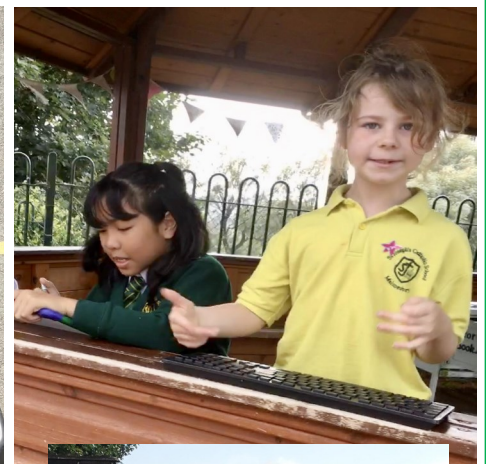


Home Learning Survey:

In our school improvement meeting this week the teachers and I reflected on what we expect of the children in terms of what they do at home to keep the momentum in their learning. Based on this we have started to formulate a set of shared expectations. To help us to complete this reflection we would really value your thoughts. To try and keep this specific I have drawn up a short [Home Learning Survey](#) to canvas your thoughts. I would be very grateful if you could spare 5 minutes to complete this over the weekend. The link is in the covering email to this newsletter.

Playground Fun

We have been blessed with the weather this week which has meant lots of fun in the playground. The children have enjoyed role playing with the office equipment in the shelter, some energetic skipping, trying their hands at golf, and building toy castles. It has been lovely to see the new children grow in confidence and all year groups playing collaboratively 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 reception have had lots of fun exploring new subjects and have been taking part in lots of fun activities. They have shown great listening and excitement.



St Lawrence - Mrs Cambray-Smith:

St Lawrence have learned how to scale up their drawings this week, and to use charcoal. They have written imaginatively about living in the Stone Age.

Jack - "I enjoyed the Independent Write about the Stone Age."

Mikaella - "I enjoyed using charcoal to draw animals. I did some smudging."

Eilis - "I used charcoal and it was fun. We practised scaling up our drawings."



St Scholastica - Mr Wilkinson:

Our WOW moment in this week was an art lesson where we went down onto the land to find leaves to sketch. The children were asked to pay attention to the details on the leaf and try to ensure that they were depicted in their sketch.

Ellie - "I liked this lesson as we were working collaboratively."

Beau - "I enjoyed being on the land!"

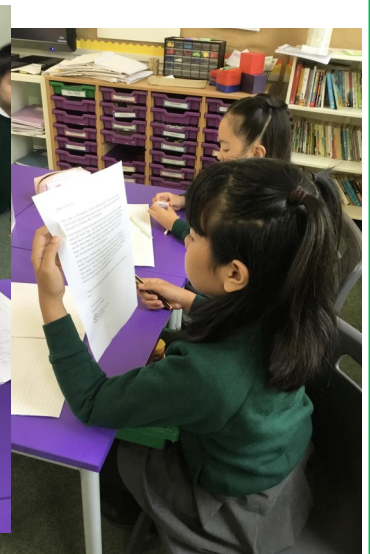


St Francis - Miss Thomson:

Wiktorina - "I really liked PE because we are playing football. It's a cool sport!"

Zoe - "I liked when the package arrived with the Stone Age artefacts."

Jack L - "Picking pebbles in the prayer garden!"



This week's Wednesday Word is SERVING.

"Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others."

Pope Francis. The Wednesday Word is on our website: www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/prayer-life/

THE WORD
Good News for Families

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Harvest Collection Stock items needed

- Chocolate and sweets
- Savoury snacks
- UHT milk
- UHT fruit juice
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned soup
- Tinned beans/spaghetti
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Shaving gel and razors
- Cereal
- Tinned hot meat
- Tinned cold meat
- Tinned rice pudding
- Washing detergent

Long Life food products only please

Please make sure all donated items are in date. Thank you.



Tel: 01666 826982

<http://malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk>

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1157896)



Harvest Festival Collection

From next week we will be collecting items for this year's Harvest Festival. We will be donating to the Malmesbury & District Foodbank who have kindly provided us with a list of items that they are most in need of. Last year the foodbank provided 4,136 three day emergency food packages to local people who are referred to us in crisis, so this is a much needed and very worthy cause.

Please could children bring their donations into class. We will add these to the collection box in the school office and will take these to the foodbank after the Harvest Festival Mass on Friday 4th October.



Weekly Attendance Monday 16th — Friday 20th Sept

St Teresa 97.6%	St Lawrence 98.9%
St Francis 97.9%	St Scholastica 98.1%

PFA AGM

The PFA's Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 1st October, 8pm at The Old Bell. All welcome—please join us and find out how you can get involved.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Parents and Friends Association

Registered Charity No: 1145152

Opportunities Club October Bookings



Please can you send all completed booking forms for October into the office by the end of next week. These will be sent home with your child over the next few days or can be downloaded from the school website:
<https://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/breakfast-after-school-holiday-clubs/>



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Are you looking for a nursery place for your 2, 3 or 4 year old?

We are exploring the possibility of opening a nursery
for

2 - 4 year old in January 2025

Interested?

Please complete our feasibility questionnaire.

<https://forms.office.com/e/XVt53wfrMd?origin=lpLink>

Questionnaire
link



This provision will be :

- For children between the ages of two and four.
- Facilitated and overseen by experienced early years practitioners and teachers.
- Within a secure school building and site.
- Cater for a hot lunch at a small additional cost.

In addition, your child will access:

- Separate toilet and intimate care facilities.
- An existing, excellent, early years (EYFS) outdoor environment.
- St Joseph's extensive land and outdoor facilities.
- St Joseph's wrap-around care before and after school (3 and 4 year olds and for an additional cost).



Provisional times are:

Breakfast club – 7:30am - 9am
Session 1: 9am – 12pm
Lunch session: 12 – 12:30pm
Session 2: 12:30pm – 3:30pm
After school club – 3:30pm – 6pm

