



NEWSLETTER

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Friday 15th November 2024

Headteachers' message

Dear parents and carers,

It was good to see you all at this week's Parent / Teacher meetings and I hope these were helpful and productive for you. If you were unable to keep your appointment, please get in contact with your child's class teacher and arrange an alternative time.

There has been business across the school this week that started with a remembrance Mass on Monday, anti-bullying activities across the week to mark Anti Bullying week, visits to the church in Year 3 and 4 and lastly good deeds across Malmesbury in St Teresa's Class.

Remembrance Mass:

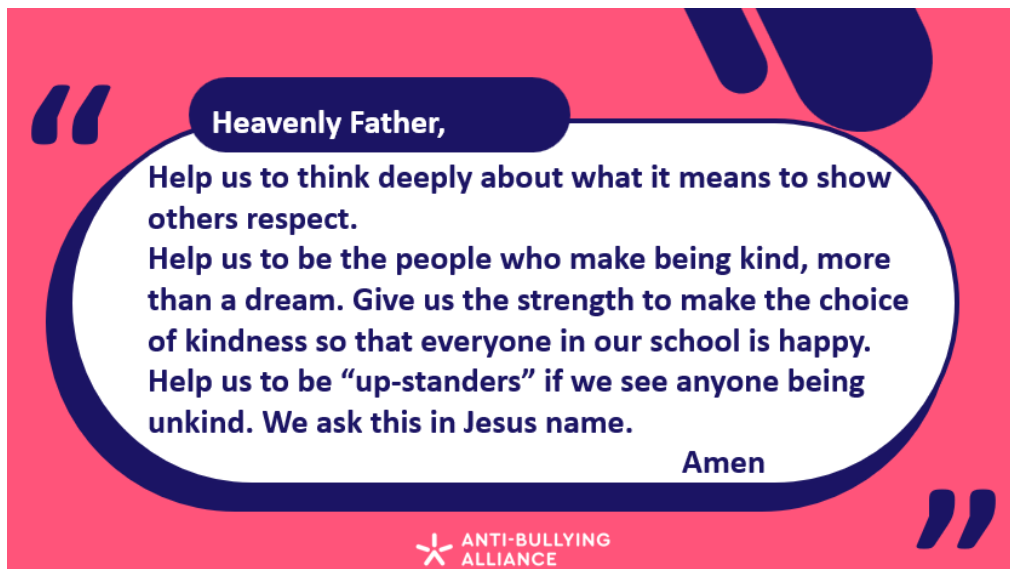
Our first Mass of the year was held in St Aldhelms Church on Monday 11th November. The focus of this mass was an opportunity to consider how all of us can be ambassadors of "The Word" through our words and actions. Through this, Father Shalbin suggested that acts of love and kindness could help stop conflict and unnecessary harm. The mass was supported by all members of our Chaplaincy Team who either read or contributed to ritual acts within the service.

My special thanks go to Father Shalbin for leading the Mass and to Mrs Chambray-Smith who coordinated readings, prayers and the singing. Please feel free to read some of the bidding prayers from the mass in the hall if you join us for Celebration worship today.

Anti-Bullying week:

The other whole school event this week was our focus on Anti-bullying Week. This year's theme was to treat others with respect and began on Tuesday with an invitation to join the rest of the country by wearing odd socks to school. The symbolic purpose of this was to recognise that although socks (and us) are all the same, all are also different. The Anti Bullying Alliance, who coordinate Anti Bullying Week in the UK, have a good summary video on their website that may help contextualise why having this focus is important to all of us, adults included – [Respect: What will you choose?](#)

Parents are reminded that I am holding the second parent forum of the year on Monday (14:30). The purpose of this is to share the children's Anti- Bullying Statement and the school's Anti Bullying Policy. All are welcome.



WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER

Whole school Christmas Events:

6th December : Late Night Shopping light up with St Joseph's Choir (18:00)

7th December : School Christmas Fair (11:00-13:30)

10th December: Carols in church (14:00) All welcome

12th December: KS1 Nativity (14:00) All welcome

17th December: Christmas Jumper Day (£1) and Christmas dinner

18th December: Whole school Advent Mass (10:00) All welcome

20th December: Term 2 Awards Ceremony (14:00) All welcome

Please see the separate Diary Dates attachment for more dates and information.

Chaplaincy Commissioning Service at Clifton Cathedral

On Friday 8th November selected pupils from our Chaplaincy team gathered for the Chaplaincy Commissioning Service at Clifton Cathedral. Bishop Bosco asked for, and celebrated, the pupil's commitment to be ambassadors of the Christian faith in our schools. During this service the Bishop and Clifton Diocese gave all attending Chaplains official badges. The Chaplains who did not attend were also provided with Chaplaincy badges that we will be giving to them shortly.



The key role of all our Chaplains is to support the faith element of our pupil leadership. As part of this, all our Chaplains are now involved with Miss Just to plan and lead our class worship.

School Photographs next Wednesday

Please ensure that your child is dressed in full school uniform including jumper/cardigan and tie for the individual school photos on Wednesday 20th. If they have PE that day please can they bring their PE kit in a separate bag to change into.

If you would like your child's photo taken with a sibling who is not at St Joseph's, these will be from 8.30am. Please complete the sibling photo form using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/WQv2nP0tTc>

School Uniform Bulk Order Deadline — Friday 22nd November

We will soon be placing a bulk order for school uniform from our supplier, to arrive before the end of this term. If you would like to order any new items then please complete the order form which can be found on our website, and return to the school office by Friday 22nd November. We do now have a supply of new school ties, please contact the office if you need one.



Weekly Attendance Monday 11th Nov — Friday 15th Nov

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| St Teresa 97% | St Lawrence 98.4% |
| St Francis 92.2% | St Scholastica 96.8% |

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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

Over the last week our class have been collecting items to donate to charity for children that might not have a lot of things for Christmas. The class has found so many items to donate and the shops were so grateful. The class were brilliant when we were in town and even had a special treat afterwards.



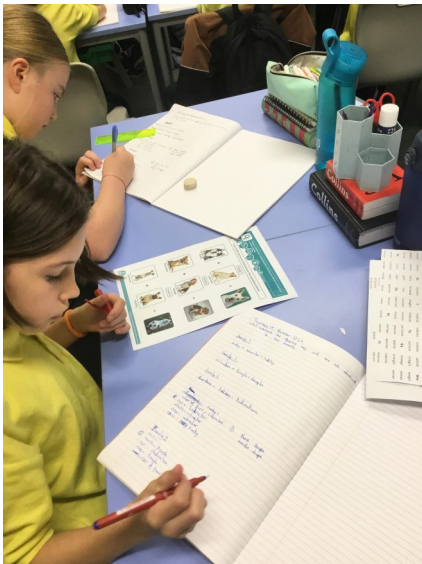
St Scholastica - Mr Wilkinson

This week our WOW moment was our science lesson where we examined how offspring inherit characteristics from their parents. The children looked at different breeds of dogs and identified the characteristics that their offspring have inherited. Relating the topic to breeds of dogs definitely helped to engage the children in the activity.

Belle - "I liked how we had to see the differences between the dogs."

Austin - "I liked looking at the Chihuahuas."

Gabriella - "I enjoyed learning the names of the offspring dogs that came from mixed breed parents."



St Lawrence - Mrs Cambray-Smith

St Francis - Miss Thomson

St Lawrence and St Francis class visited St Aldhelm's church on Tuesday to learn about the objects inside the church and how they help Catholics to worship God. We were joined by three members of the parish who spoke to the children about why they attend Mass and why it is important to them.

Marcos - "It was good exploring the church."

Evie - "I liked that we got to look around the church and go on the bit where the priest stands."

Mikaella - "I really liked exploring the church."

Eilis - "I liked meeting Mrs Doody, Mrs Cleaver and Mrs Barnard."

We would like to say a huge thank you to them for giving up their time to help us.



St Francis have enjoyed taking part in anti-bullying week and learning about what Respect means and how it can be shown.

Jessie - "I enjoyed the anti-bullying assembly. I liked the song that was all about Respect."

Rosa - "I loved being able to wear odd socks all week to show we are all different and celebrating those differences."



This week's Wednesday Word is FAITHFULNESS.



"Let us give thanks for all the blessings which God has bestowed on us, especially for his patience and for his faithfulness." Pope Francis.
The Wednesday Word is on our website: www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/prayer-life/

Malmesbury Jackdaw Article

Check out page 15 of the latest Malmesbury Jackdaw magazine for a great article about Mr Bacon.

<https://themalmesburyjackdaw.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/TMJ-21-draft-web-page.pdf>



MAMS Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

The Joy of Mozart

Friday 15 November
7pm, Malmesbury Abbey

BOCHMANN STRING TRIO
David Campbell clarinet

Michael Bochmann violin
Carol Hubel Allen viola
Nicky Tait-Baxter cello
with Ruth Schulten violin

W A Mozart
Divertimento in E flat for String Trio K563

Franz Schubert
String Trio in B flat major D471

W A Mozart
Clarinet Quintet in A K581

Tickets and information:
now on sale

Reserved (front row): £30
Unreserved: £25
plus concessions

Online (no booking fee) at:
malmesburyabbeymusic.com
or in person at: Coerbladen,
24 High Street, Malmesbury

Jack Lane
Charitable Trust

Registered charity number: 1034957

BARN DANCE

with Ploughman's Supper

Friday, 22 Nov, 7 to 10

The Town Hall, Cross Hages, Malmesbury, SN16 9BZ

Music By The Lucky 7 Band
With Bar & Raffle

Tickets £15
Scan QR Code to book
<https://ticketlab.co.uk/event/id/28177#/>
Gabrielle 01666 838 391
Mary 07771 656 331

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YOUR CHRISTMAS INVITATION

Come and join our
MALMESBURY goodafternoon CHOR

with their special CHRISTMAS GUESTS | Children from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Wednesday 4th December 2:00pm-3:00pm
at Malmesbury Town Hall / Assembly Rooms

Join CORRIE and the MALMESBURY Good Afternoon Choir

FREE ADMISSION EVERYONE WELCOME
www.goodafternoonchoir.org

Retiring collection supporting **as** alzheimer support

SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER

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Beauty and the BEES

PANTOMIME

PERFORMANCE START TIMES: 3PM AND 6PM

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