



NEWSLETTER

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Head Teacher's message

Dear Parents, Carers, Children,

It almost seems impossible that we are approaching the last term of the school year. Although this has been a short term, so much has happened and there is still so much to look forward to.

Other than Year 6 SATs and a multitude of school and sports activities, one of our big achievements was receiving a one-off grant from the government to establish a nursery on the school site. Work to establish this is already underway including advertising for staff to run the provision. Details with respect to this can be found on the school website and through Wiltshire Jobs once the advert goes live.

Mrs Allott:

Sadly today was Mrs Allott's last day in St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. As detailed in our last newsletter, Mrs Allot has a new job that will allow her greater flexibility for academic study along with new professional challenges. Mrs Allott has been a dedicated member of staff who will be missed by us all. She has worked across classes but has in particular supported the children in upper Key Stage 2. On behalf of staff and children, I would like to thank her for all that she has given to our school family. We wish her every success in the next chapter of her life.

May the month of Mary:

This week we celebrated and recognised the importance of St Mary to the Catholic and wider church. As part of this celebration we recognised all the values that she upholds and in particular her challenge to us to "Walk in the footsteps of Jesus". As part of our celebration, the children thought of a virtue they wanted to emulate and prayed for this as they laid a flower at the statue of St Mary in the grotto on the Nun's Walk. Our celebration ended with cake and a drink on the land. We were pleased to be able to welcome parents and members of the St Aldhelm's congregation to our short service and reflection.

Sports Festivals:

As detailed in last week's newsletter update, April and May seem to be Sports Festival season. Updates in relation to this are included in a separate section of this week's newsletter. All festivals are organised by the Athelstan Sports Partnership and North Wiltshire Sports Association. These two organisations are enabled through the school Sport Premium. Mrs Bennett is the school's focal point for enabling our school to participate in these events and we are grateful for her dedication that enables our participation and success. Thank you Mrs Bennett!

Sports Day:

Parents are reminded that our Sports Morning will soon be upon us. If you would like to join this and more importantly to return to school after the event for a burger, these need to be ordered by the start of next term.

Registration Learning Clubs :

Please be reminded that our before registration keep up and catch up sessions will continue into Term 6. Those children who have received an invitation are still invited to these early morning sessions.

As this is the last newsletter before the school holiday I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy break and we all look forward to seeing you on the 2nd June.

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 from each class this term.



St Teresa - Miss Just

We have had a great term learning about Kings and Queens and the history of the Monarchy. Our trip to Chepstow Castle was a highlight of our term, we have also made our own kingdoms and learnt about London in lots of detail. To round up the term we had a Royal Ball! This was a fantastic day and all the children had a wonderful time!



St Francis - Miss Thomson

Jack – "The highlight of my term has been Forest School - we got to make headdresses and decorate them!"

Jessie – "I liked the celebration of Mary, the flowers were pretty and I really enjoyed having cake on the land!"

Sanugi - "It was really fun making the balloon globes, I managed not to pop mine!"



St Scholastica - Mr Wilkinson

One of our WOW moments this term was an RE lesson where we made collages of Pope Francis. These show an understanding of how Pope Francis was able to follow the teachings of Jesus, taking part in activities such as feeding the hungry, washing the feet of criminals and visiting the sick. The children really enjoyed completing their collages and all were very proud of their finished work.

Josh - "I really liked seeing how our collages looked at the end, I was proud of what we had made."

Gabriella - "I enjoyed searching and finding the pictures of Pope Francis and putting them all together."



Divine - "I enjoyed being creative and creating our collage."
The children have also been really excited to start taking our Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat show to the next level with lots of practise and costumes!



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St Lawrence—Mrs Cambray-Smith and Miss Weatherall

Wow, what a busy term! Our Rainforest and conservation topic began with Miss Carvey bringing in her giant land snails and baby tortoise for the children to see. She talked about their habitats as well as what they needed to survive. Our topic then led us on to creating balloon globes where we identified lines of longitude and latitude, and where tropical rainforests are located. Last week, we had guest speakers (Mr Bacon and Ms Weatherall) who talked about the rainforests in the countries that they lived – Gabon and Singapore – and the children had to compare the two places.



We will continue our rainforest topic next term thinking about the importance of these areas and their impact on global warming. We have also enjoyed having Archie in to teach us our dance for Joseph, learning a song with Makaton sign on VE80 as well as practising for sports day. A busy but fun term!



This week's Wednesday Word is PEACE

"Let's promote friendship and respect between people of different religious traditions in order to build a world of peace." - Pope Francis.

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



Termly Attendance Tuesday 22nd Apr — Friday 23rd May

St Teresa 94.5%

St Lawrence 96.1%

St Francis 95.1%

St Scholastica 97.8%