



# NEWSLETTER

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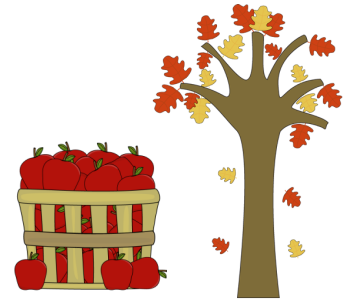
**Friday 3rd October 2025**

## Head Teacher's message

Dear Parents, Carers, and Children,

September has been an active month. We have been making the most of bright autumn days to spend time outdoors:

- St Teresa class had a great time at the "beach" earlier this week
- Year 2 and 3 have been enjoying forest school
- Year 3 and 4 took a seasonal walk around Malmesbury to explore the changes in nature from summer to autumn
- St Aldhelm class spent time on the land reflecting on creation as part of class worship and also took a trip to the library
- St Carlo class has been swimming weekly at the Activity Zone
- Our nursery children have been enjoying outdoor play, the mud kitchen and picking apples on the land
- Everyone has had fun with the creative play and sporting activities in the playground at lunch time.

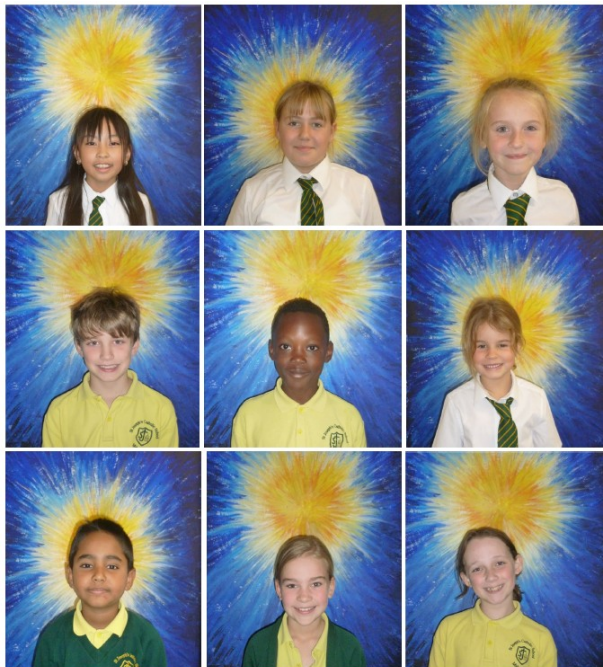


## School Chaplains:

Over the last two three weeks the children have been involved in the process of either putting themselves forward for positions of school responsibility or voting for class representatives. These elections have now drawn to a close and we now have a school Chaplaincy team that consists of:

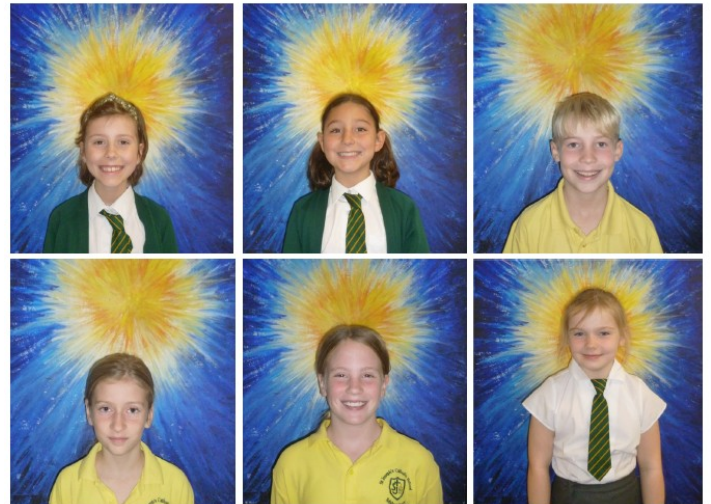
### School Stewards

Ellie, Freddie, Marvin, Lily, Mikaela, Victoria,  
Ava, Edie and Mahir



### Prayer Leaders

Felicity, Josh, Oléssia, Rosa, Rosalie, Sophia



The two roles are quite separate from each other but sit underneath the umbrella of Chaplains or Pupil Leaders. For your clarity, School Stewards are like the school council and they work with staff to try and make our school and community a better place. They seek to do this through class councils, setting actions and raising money for charities and good causes.

Our prayer leaders work with Mr Wilkinson and their class teachers to lead class and school worship activities. Both roles require confidence, a vision and a willingness to talk to adults and children.

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Our School Chaplains are led by our school ambassadors from Year 6 (Freddie and Ellie). Both Freddie and Ellie were elected to be the school's pupil representatives. They are supported by all the Chaplains but also the house captains in Year 6 - Otilie (Blue), Jack (Green), Ellie (Yellow) and Freddie (Red).

**House Captains**



**Sports Leaders**



As is the school tradition we also have other school leaders drawn from Year 6. These children are:

Sports Leaders - Celine, Gabriella, Josh and Rory

Library Monitors - Ellie, Freddie, Gabriella, Jack, Josh and Rory

Hall Monitors - Alfie, Austin, Beau, Belle and George.

### Harvest Collection

As part of our Catholic Social Teaching and school Virtue focus for this term, Serving and Giving, the children are going to be creating food gift boxes to donate to Malmesbury and District's Foodbank. We would welcome any donations to go into these boxes and would particularly encourage the items suggested on their Harvest Appeal list, which you can see below. You can bring these into school any time from now, up until 15<sup>th</sup> October, when we will be holding our Harvest Celebration in school - the children will deliver the boxes to the Town Hall after this. We thank you in advance for your kind donations and supporting school to help those in our community who are in need.

We would like to welcome you all to our Harvest Assembly at 1pm on Wednesday 15th October.

### **This week's Wednesday Word is FAITH**

"Faith is the union of God with the soul." - St John of the Cross.

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



### **September Attendance**

**St Teresa 95.8%**

**St Aldhelm 96.4%**

**St Carlo 97.8%**



Thank you for your Rags2Riches donations which raised a total of £15.05 for the school.



## **Harvest appeal**

### **Help support your food bank this Harvest**

In August the food bank provided food parcels for 66 families, helping 170 individuals. Harvest collections will help us to continue to support local people facing hardship.



### **Stock items needed**

- Savoury snacks
- UHT milk
- UHT fruit juice
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned pasta sauces
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned soup
- Tinned beans/spaghetti
- Chocolate and sweets
- Cereal
- Tinned hot meat
- Tinned cold meat
- Tinned custard
- Washing detergent
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Shaving gel & razors

Long Life food products only please

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

**Tel: 01666 826982**  
[malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk](https://malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk)  
Registered Charity in England & Wales (1157896)





## St Joseph's Choir in the Community

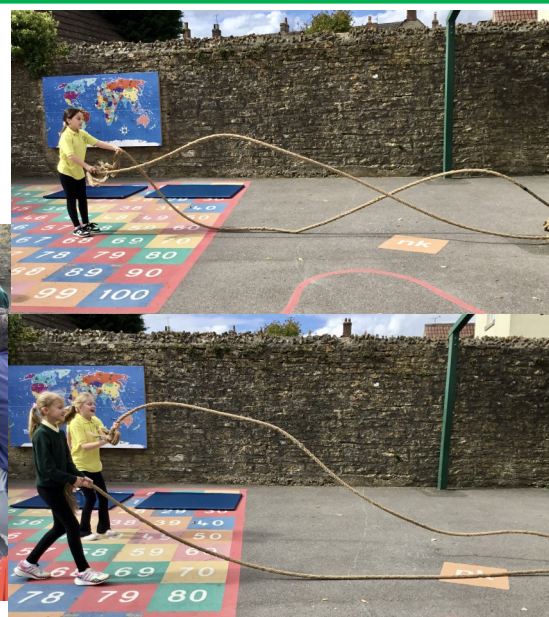
Last Saturday some of the children from the school choir took part in a charity talent show at the Kings Arms to raise money for Cancer Research UK and Stand-up-to Cancer. Accompanied by Mrs Cambray-Smith, the children behaved and sang well with great enthusiasm and sounded great despite there only being ten of them!

The three solo pianists played brilliantly. There was a very good reaction from the audience and the organisers after our performance. We were very proud that St Joseph's was so well represented. Thank you to Mrs Cambray-Smith and the 10 children gave up their Saturday afternoon!



## Playground Fun

The children have been enjoying circuits with the sports coach at lunch time, the rope workout proving to be a huge hit! Others have been working together to create dens with the building tiles while small groups have been trying their hands at curling.



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Date *4th October 2025*

Time *12.30pm - 3.30pm*

Location *The Gallery in the Town Hall*

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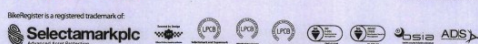
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## Family and Community Learning

### Understanding School Anxiety Early Signs of Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Online Course

Co-taught with education psychologist



### What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance?

- Strategies to support with anxiety and worry
- Strategies to support attendance
- Advice on reasonable adjustments that schools can make

Thursday 16 October 10am - 12pm

or

Friday 12 December 10am - 12pm

Contact [familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk)  
Visit <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>  
Call the FACL team on 01225 770478  
or scan the QR code



Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ on 31 August this academic year; they must have a Wiltshire postcode and meet certain residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick one of the following criteria: on a lower income, earning less than £25,750 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to go into work, now or in the future.

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