



NEWSLETTER

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Friday 9th January 2026

Head Teacher's message

Dear Parents, Carers,

We have had a lovely first week back at school. The children seem rested and engaged in their learning!

Our week started on the Feast of Epiphany and we reflected on why the Three Wise Men journey to see Jesus and gave him gifts, and how we can give our own gifts to Jesus to show our love for him.

Our new St Joseph's Value for this term is Aspiration and we are thinking about the well known quote from St Oscar Romero – “Aspire not to have more, but to be more”. The children are thinking about their own aspirations for this new year and are invited to write them out and drop them into our new Box of Aspirations for 2026 in the hall – we are looking forward to sharing these in the next few weeks.

Although we have thankfully escaped the full effect of Storm Goretta, we will undoubtedly have a few more weeks of wet and cold weather. Please can we remind you to make sure that children have suitable footwear and outerwear as we still like to ensure that they are able to be outside during the school day at break times, and especially for Forest School.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2026 and our thanks for all of your continued support for everything we do at St Joseph's.



Our choir gave a wonderful performance at Heal's annual Christmas dinner celebration in the Town Hall on the last day of term. We received some lovely comments afterwards and are very proud of them all.

This week's Wednesday Word is NEW START

“Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.” Saint Teresa of Calcutta
The Wednesday Word is available on our website:
<https://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/prayer-life/>



Attendance W/C 5/01/26

St Teresa 96.6%

St Aldhelm 92.6%

St Carlo 96.4%

Opportunities Club for Breakfast and After School Wraparound Care

We are very proud of our wrap around care and, in order to further enhance this offer, we have introduced an additional playtime / sports coach led activity each day – it is hugely beneficial for the children to engage in some physical activity, ideally outdoors, at the end of the school day and they will partake in this session from 3.20pm until 3.45pm on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Tuesday all children booked in to Opportunities club will attend the Playground Games session which will run from 3.20pm until 4.20pm.

Children will also have the opportunity to benefit from a 20 minute homework session to support them with their home learning, spellings and TT Rockstars.

Our tea will be served at 4.30pm. If your child leaves the club before this time, we will not be able to serve them a meal. Children who book into a 5pm or later session are able to order a hot tea.

We continue to offer pot luck spaces but this may not always be possible at short notice. Please remember to book and pay for your sessions in advance as per our club terms and conditions.



Hot Tea Menu Winter 2026 *Fresh Fruit available with every meal* Please discuss any dietary requirements your child may have and we will adjust the menu to accommodate these.

WE ARE A NUT FREE SETTING. *Desserts offered after each meal!*

MEAL SERVED BETWEEN 4.30pm -5.00pm

COST PER MEAL £2.85	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Week commencing Jan 5 th , and 26 th , Feb 23 rd , Mar 16 th	Fish Fingers Potato Waffle, Carrots, Peas (A2,A5)	Pizza Ham, Pepperoni, Corn-on-Cob (A2,A7)	Beef Bolognese Pasta, Garlic Bread, Cheese, Cucumber (A2,A7)	Pork Sausage and Bacon Hash Brown, Toast, Baked Beans, Scrambled Eggs (A2,A4,A7)	Chicken Goujons in Wraps Potato Wedges, Cheese, Lettuce, Homemade Coleslaw (A2,A4,A7)
Week 2 Week commencing Jan 12 th , Feb 2 nd , Mar 2 nd and 23 rd	Pork sausage Mashed Potato, Yorkshire Pudding, Broccoli, Sweetcorn, Gravy (A2,A4,A7)	Fish Fingers Potato Waffle, Carrots, Peas (A2,A5)	Chicken Curry Rice Naan Poppadom (A2,A7)	Beef Bolognese Pasta, Garlic Bread, Cheese, Cucumber (A2,A7)	Hot Dog in Bun Cheesy Nachos, Corn-on-Cob (A2,A7)
Week 3 Week commencing Jan 19 th , Feb 9 th , Mar 9 th	Creamy Tomato Pasta Garlic Bread, Cheese, Cucumber, Pepper (A2,A7)	Chicken Burger in Bun Chips, Salad (A2,A4)	Chilli-Con-Carne Rice, Cheese, Sour Cream, Pepper (A7)	Pork sausage Mashed Potato, Yorkshire Pudding, Broccoli, Sweetcorn, Gravy (A2,A4,A7)	Pizza Ham, Pepperoni, Corn-on-Cob (A2,A7)

Allergens:

A1 Celery
A7 Milk
A13 Soya

A2 Cereals containing Gluten
A8 Molluscs
A14 Sulphur dioxide (sometimes known as sulphites)

A3 Crustaceans
A10 Nuts
P Possibly

A4 Eggs
A11 Peanuts

A5 Fish
A12 Sesame Seeds
A6 Lupin
GF Gluten Free



All this could be partially paid for using government childcare funding via Best Start in Life. Click on this link to enter your details and find out how you can save money on your childcare.

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/breakfast-clubs-and-wraparound-childcare/>

Ordering School Lunches - Polite Reminder

Hot meals **CANNOT** be ordered less than 7 days in advance. Catering provision orders are placed with suppliers 7 days in advance and based on numbers ordered on Parentpay. We do not over purchase and therefore we do not have surplus food. We are happy to provide a packed lunch.

Rags2Riches Collection

If you're having a post Christmas clear out, our next Rags2Riches collection is on Thursday 26th February. We can turn your unwanted clothes and shoes into cash for the school. Here's a reminder of what you can donate:

[Clean Men's / Ladies/ Children's Clothing Inc.](#)

Lingerie / Socks

Pairs of Shoes (tied together)

Hats/ Scarves/ Ties

Handbags / Bags / Jewellery

Soft Toys

Household Linen/ Curtains / Towels /Bed Sheets /

Pillowcases / Duvet Covers

