



Easter 2026

Head's update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems only yesterday that I was writing to introduce myself and now, here we are, at Easter!

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your children over the past five weeks. The enthusiasm and joy that I pick up every day here at St Jo's is wonderful to behold. Your children are fortunate to be taught and cared for by exceedingly hard-working and thoughtful staff and I thank them all for their efforts this term.

Dates for your Diary

Tue 21 Apr	Parent Teacher Meetings	15:30 – 18:00
Thu 23 Apr	Parent Teacher Meetings	15:30 – 18:00
Mon 27 Apr	Mini Marathon	09:00 – 09:30
Fri 1 May	May Day Disco	18:00 – 19:15
Mon 4 May	May Bank Holiday	
Mon 11 –Thurs 14 May	KS2 SATs	09:00 – 11:00

PfA

Thank you for our wonderful PfA for all they have done this term to enrich life at St Joseph's. Please do book your tickets for the upcoming May Day Disco (details below). It promises to be a great evening.

Exciting news

There are some exciting works that have already started to take place on the land and which will be completed over Easter.

The School is going to benefit from:

- A new, secure perimeter fence
- A brand-new forest school shelter
- A refurbished, watertight roof for our outdoor nature classroom
- A reseeded, outdoor auditorium space next to the river
- A more formal kitchen garden area, for children to grow their own vegetables
- An extended, flattened and reseeded multi-sport grass pitch

There will be a period of regrowth required for areas of grass that will be disturbed during the works, but I am told that we are at the right time of year for this to happen swiftly. I look forward to updating you further after the break.

Might I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a joyful and blessed Easter.

Nick Morrell
(Head)

Attendance Term 4
St Teresa 91.7%
St Aldhelm 92.2%
St Carlo 94.6%

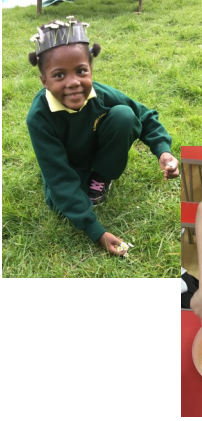
WOW moments across the school!

"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 month.

St Teresa — Miss Just

This term we have been very creative and have been cooking, baking and making. "We put eggs and sprinkles on our nests and a chick, we are going to eat it later." (Jaden) "I liked the pancakes because it was so yummy, we used egg, milk and flour." (Mahir). "I loved making flower crowns because they're beautiful." (Anesu). "It's spring, I like flowers and baby animals." (Minnie)



St Aldhelm — Miss Thomson

St Aldhelm's Class have had a wonderfully busy and exciting term! Our main topic this term was the science of plants; we have been exploring plants and how they reproduce. The children particularly enjoyed taking cuttings from a spider plant to grow their very own clone plant. We also got our hands dirty digging the land and planting potatoes (fingers crossed for a great harvest)! In our PE lessons we have been learning Bollywood dance and they have choreographed some truly exceptional routines - full of energy, rhythm, and creativity! Meanwhile, in Computing, the children have been focusing on internet safety and have created their own interactive posters on the topic. In French, our topic has been clothing, so why not *dress to impress* and ask your child to teach you the French names for what they're wearing. Throughout the term, in RE, we have been learning about Holy Week and are now looking forward to celebrating the coming Easter! Wishing you a joyful Easter Break – Miss Thomson



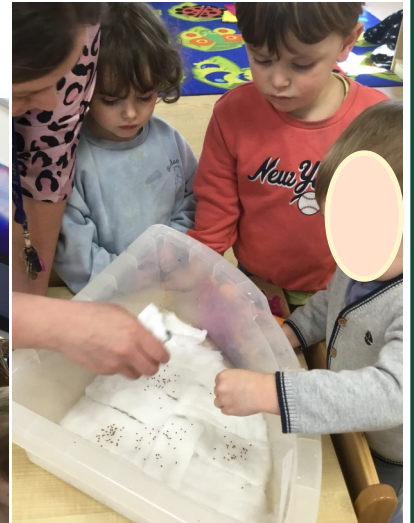
St Carlo — Mr Wilkinson

St Carlo class have been very busy over the past few weeks. During Science Week the class completed different activities and challenges such as designing their very own Mars rover. This term we have also been doing exciting things in forest school such as planting, and looking after and tidying up the land. Of course we cannot forget World Book Day where the children enjoyed partaking in many book themed activities such as making their very own wardrobe door based on the book Narnia. Austin - "I enjoyed science week and making my own Mars rover." Jessie - "I loved World Book Day and all the activities we did."



Nursery — Miss Carvey

We have had a lovely time learning about how things grow and have looked at different seeds. Our potatoes will take a long time to grow, but the cress seeds grow very quickly! We have found it very exciting to watch the seeds sprouting and growing almost in front of our eyes. We have enjoyed creating some Easter and Spring crafts and spent lots of time outside on the land creating beautiful natural flower crowns. Have a lovely Easter break and we cannot wait to see you all and welcome lots of new friends after the holidays.



TCS Mini London Marathon 2026 – Fundraising for CAFOD

We are excited to announce that our school will be taking part in the **TCS Mini London Marathon** on Monday 27th April! This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to be active, have fun and raise money for charity. This year's event is a two mile run / jog / walk and this will be completed throughout the school day.



To help the children prepare for the event we suggest they start some gentle training now. Simple activities like running, jogging or even brisk walking for a few minutes a day can make a big difference! A range of donation options will be added to parent-pay or cash donations can be made on the day. By taking part, we will be raising funds for CAFOD, helping communities around the world overcome poverty.

Please remember to:

Order your school meals by Sunday 5th April
Book after school sports clubs via Parentpay
Submit your Opportunities Club booking forms for Apr
Settle any March payment items on Parentpay.
Thank you.

Playground Fun

This term the children have been enjoying some good, old fashioned skipping as well as micro skateboards and dancing at lunchtimes on the playground.



PfA Headlines:

Booking now open for the May Day Disco!
Scan the QR to book ahead.
Friday 1st May, 6:00—7:15pm



This week's Wednesday Word is HOLY WEEK



“Holy Week is the time to give Jesus our hearts. On the cross He gave us all of His love.” St Teresa of Calcutta

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