



# NEWSLETTER

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**Friday 21st June 2024**

## Interim Co-Headteachers' message



St Teresa's led our school Mass beautifully on Thursday and many parishioners commented to me and members of staff how beautifully the children sang - it really was very special!

The last school Mass of the term is on Thursday 18th July at 10am – this will be led by the Y6s and will be one of the milestone events that will mark the end of their time with us and the start of the next part of their journey. Please join us if you can.

### **Class structure 2024- 2025**

<b>Year group and class name</b>	<b>Teacher(s)</b>	<b>Other information</b>
Rec, Y1 and Y2 – St Teresa	Miss Just	
Y3 and Y4 – St Lawrence	Mrs Cambray Smith and Mrs Bradley	Mrs Cambray-Smith will work Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Bradley will work Thursday and Friday
Y3 and Y4 – St Francis	Miss Thomson	
Y5 and Y6 – St Scholastica	Mr Wilkinson	

This year there will be two parallel mixed age year 3 and year 4 classes. This is to enable a fair split of pupils across the classes. There will be **two equal mixed ability classes** and the split will take into account academic achievement, SEND needs and friendship. The Year 3 and Year 4 maths will be taught in separate year groups.

You and your child will be informed on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> which class they will be moving into, in preparation for the whole school transition day on the 2nd July.

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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:

Last week we invited the dads and grandads to come to forest school, to celebrate Father's Day! It was a fantastic day and everyone had a great time. Thank you to everyone who came and made the afternoon brilliant.



We have also been having a great time meeting our new starters at our stay and play sessions! We hope they enjoy coming and we can't wait to see them all again next week.



### St Lawrence - Mr Wilkinson:

This week our WOW moment has been creating a booklet on the different parts of Mass as part of our work on Sacraments. The children were asked to draw pictures showing what the four parts of Mass look like.

Lilly: "I liked drawing the stages of Mass."

Wiktoria - "I liked writing about the four stages of Mass because it was interesting finding out the order of Mass."

Victoria - "I liked how calm the lesson was."

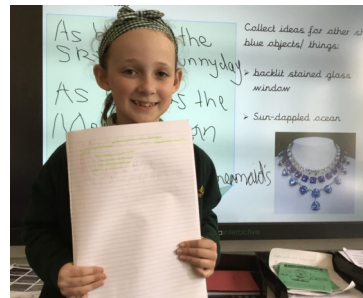


### St Francis - Miss Thomson:

Leandra – "I enjoyed sports day because I liked cheering on my friends and watching all the races!"

Joshua – "I liked sports day because I came third in the long run, and I didn't expect to manage that."

Ellie – "I love our writing topic this term, because it is poetry! I really enjoyed yesterday's writing lesson, because we got to describe the royal carriage that the highwayman is about to rob!"



### St Scholastica - Mr Heavey:

Year 6 have been reflecting on leavers mass at Clifton Cathedral. We were so proud of the way they represented themselves and the school.



Eva: "I really enjoyed taking up the offertory."

J-Jay: "I was excited to celebrate my final year at St Joseph's."

Agathe: "I was excited to see the Bishop because he is very important."



## ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY 2024

A huge well done to all our pupils! We are so proud of each and every one of you. Races included long distance, sprints, balance, skipping, obstacle race, sack race, egg & spoon and, of course, the much anticipated parent races. All our house groups tried their very best and were outstanding in their support and encouragement to all the competitors.

Another incredibly close set of results:  
 1st place - Blue with 186 points  
 2nd place - Yellow with 172 points  
 3rd place - Green with 168 points  
 4th place - Red with 151 points

The morning ended with our traditional family picnic on the land.

Thank you for supporting our annual sports day.



### July and Summer Holiday Club Bookings

This week we have sent home booking forms for July and for our Summer Holiday Club to all the regular users of the Opportunities Club.

The holiday club will be running from 25th July to 9th August from 8am-6pm with the exception of Fridays when it will close at 4pm (26th July, 2nd and 9th Aug). The summer holiday club is always popular with both St Joseph's and non St Joseph's children so please return your booking forms to the office early to secure your place. If you have not received a form and would like one then please contact the office or download one from our website <https://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/breakfast-after-school-holiday-clubs/>



### Summer Fete Volunteers

The PFA summer fete is always a wonderful event and a fantastic fundraiser for the school. If you are able to volunteer to help in any way at the event itself or afterwards to help tidy up then please contact the school office. Many hands make light work! This year's fete is on Friday 12th July from 4pm—6.30pm. Many thanks in advance for your support.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School  
 Parents and Friends Association  
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## Exciting Athelstan 1100 History Focus

As you may be aware, the town of Malmesbury will be celebrating the importance of King Athelstan in British history as well as our own town's history.

So that the children in St Joseph's are part of this and also understand the importance of King Athelstan, we will have a special history curriculum focus of King Athelstan and his place in the Saxon and Viking period of British history. The work we will be doing will also run parallel with the town's Big Dig activities.

So that you understand what to expect, the following is a summary of the activity areas we are planning.

**Week 1 (beginning 24<sup>th</sup> June):** Who were the Saxons (and Vikings – Y6) and why was Malmesbury important to them? Our focus work will start with an assembly with visitors from Historic England who will give each child a historical question to answer. In answering this question the children will be exploring maps and photographs, placing events from this period on a time line and thinking about what life might have been like for Saxon / Viking people. Understanding Saxon / Viking life will be part of an immersion morning where children may be invited by their class teacher to dress as Saxons / Vikings. During their class's immersion morning children will learn about Saxon / Viking crafts, how they built homes and what foods they may have eaten. All these activities will be hands on historical enquiry.

**Week 2 (beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July):** What do archaeologists do? Our focus will now change slightly and the children will learn about what archaeologists do. The week's activity will enable all children to take part in our version of the town's Big Dig. Over the week, the children will find out how archaeologists undertake an excavation, how they record their findings and how this helps them find out about the past. Within this week the children will also undertake a dig on our land and will search for evidence of everyday life in the Saxon / Viking period.

Parents are reminded that that our school is probably one of the only schools in Britain that is built on a registered and protected historical monument.

By doing these activities in school we hope to ensure that all children will have the opportunity to feel part of the town's Big Dig which is planned to happen on the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Week 3 (beginning 8<sup>th</sup> July):** Can we answer our question? This is the week where the children will try to draw all their knowledge from the past two weeks together and see if they can answer Historic England's enquiry question from Week 1. Each class will share their answers with Historic England and the other children in the school.

Any particularly practical activities requiring your child to wear or bring something into school will be communicated by your child's class teacher in advance of the event.



### This week's Wednesday Word is CALM.

"Having faith means keeping your heart turned to God's love, to his fatherly tenderness, amid the storm. Jesus wanted to teach this to the disciples and also to us today" Pope Francis.

The Wednesday Word is available on our website: [www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/prayer-life/](http://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/prayer-life/)



### Weekly Attendance Monday 17<sup>th</sup> — Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

St Teresa 98.6%

St Lawrence 100%

St Francis 94.6%

St Scholastica 98.6%

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