



# NEWSLETTER

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**Friday 4th October 2024**

## Headteachers' message

Dear parents, carers, children and families,

It was good to have St Scholastica back in school this week. We have had a slightly more routine week with the exception of Day 2 filming for our promotional video and a visit from the Big Bad Wolf in St Lawrence and St Francis. This week's "Wow" moments will give you more detail.

Thank you to all parents who completed our Home Learning Questionnaire. I am in the process of collating these responses and drafting and updating our Home Learning Policy. This will be fed back shortly.

Lastly, please check our diary of upcoming events and in particular our Harvest celebrations next week. As detailed in last week's newsletter, we will be holding two celebrations. The first is on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – this will be a special harvest service led by members of our Chaplaincy Team, Mrs Cambray Smith and me. The second celebration is the school's traditional harvest celebration which will have harvest themed presentations from each of our classes on Tuesday 8th October. Both celebrations will start at 14:40 and parents are invited to both celebrations.

We will be taking food donations for the Foodbank in Malmesbury and for Doorway, the homeless charity in Chippenham. Any packaged and in-date food items can be donated. Each class has a focused donation day next week when the collection box will be in that classroom, anything you can contribute will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**Harvest Festival**  
**Your Class Donation Day Is:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>St Francis</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St Teresa</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St Lawrence</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St Scholastica</b>

**Malmesbury & Hungerford foodbank**  
North Wiltshire

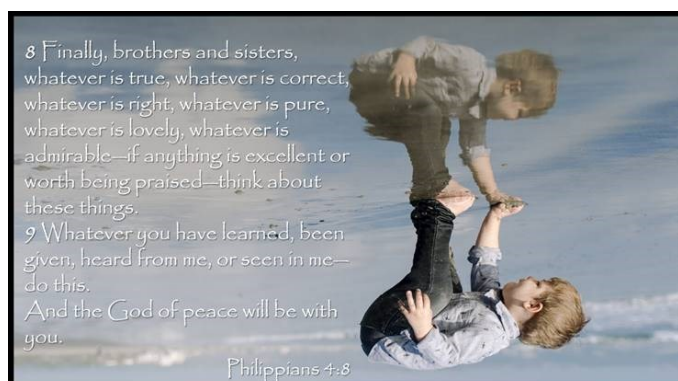
**Harvest Collection**  
Stock items needed

- Chocolate and sweets
- Savoury snacks
- UHT milk
- UHT fruit juice
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned soup
- Tinned beans/spaghetti
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Shaving gel and razors
- Cereal
- Tinned hot meat
- Tinned cold meat
- Tinned rice pudding
- Washing detergent

Long life food products only please!  
Please make sure all donated items are in date. Thank you!

## **Worship:**

This week we again shared the amazing contributions from our School Council who worked with me to draft a set of Golden Rules that will form the basis of our school's Behaviour for Learning Policy. In worship this week we explored these further and I encouraged the children to reflect on why having rules helps to keep things fair and this in turn helps us to feel safe and happy. Our scripture reading came from Philippians 4:8:



## **Celebration Worship:**

Today's worship was slightly longer than normal and included special recognition of the brilliant attitudes shown by the children in St Scholastica while they were on their Kilvrough Manor residential. With respect to this visit, I would like to thank Mr Wilkinson, Mrs Bennett and Archie Bennett who gave up their time to enable this visit to happen. Special thanks also go to the PFA, who very generously sponsored a large proportion of this visit. Without their contribution to this and many other activities, we would struggle to enable savings to be passed onto parents.

## Parent Forum:

Our first parent forum of the year will be held on Tuesday 14th October at 14:40. I aim to keep this informal and would like to use this as an opportunity to share the updates to the school's virtues and to also overview what the school's improvement priorities will be for the coming year. I would also welcome any suggestions for future meetings.

## Playground Fun

Activities laid on by the lunchtime Sports Coach last week included volleyball and circuit training. There was great participation by children across the year groups - our younger pupils were particularly excited at tunnelling through the parachute!



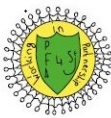
## Congratulations to the September PFA 100 Club Winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – No. 27 = Gaynor Grayson (£18.50)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – No. 2 = Claire Hickman (£11.10)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – No. 25 = Molly Carvey (£7.40)



Winnings will be available from the office next week.

It's not too late to join and the more members we have, the greater the winnings every month. The membership form can be found on our website and paper copies are available from the school office.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School  
Parents and Friends Association  
Registered Charity No: 1145152

## This week's Wednesday Word is OPENNESS.



"Let's try to be open to God's word, and open to the Lord's surprises when he speaks to us." Pope Francis.  
The Wednesday Word is on our website: [www.st-josephs-malmsbury.wilts.sch.uk/prayer-life/](http://www.st-josephs-malmsbury.wilts.sch.uk/prayer-life/)

## Term 2 After School Sports Clubs

Payment items for term 2 after school sports club will be available on Parentpay shortly.

## Opportunities October Half Term Holiday Club



We are now taking bookings for our October Half Term Holiday Club. A booking form has been emailed to all our regular users and is available on our website. Please contact the office if need a paper copy. Please book early to guarantee your childcare requirements as places are limited.

Date	October Half Term	Breakfast 8.00-8.30am Includes Breakfast £4.90	School Day 8.30 – 3pm	Packed lunch	3.00-4.00pm	4.00-5.00pm	Hot Tea SERVED 4.30 – 5.00pm
			£29	£2.75	£3.85	£3.85	£2.75
21	Monday						
22	Tuesday						
23	Wednesday						
24	Thursday						
25	Friday						
28	Monday						
29	Tuesday						
30	Wednesday						
31	Thursday						
1	Friday						

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

If you have a time critical message for the office e.g. that your child will be absent, or is being collected by someone other than yourself at the end of the day, then **please contact us by telephone**. Whilst we endeavour to read emails in real time, this is not always possible due to other work commitments, and email messages may not be seen until later in the day, or after the school day has ended. Thank you.

## 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:

This week has been so exciting! We have been artists, flicking paint to make our firework paintings, and have been working on our firework poems too. We also made egg sandwiches - the children had to peel, mash and mix the eggs, butter the bread and then enjoy their yummy snack!



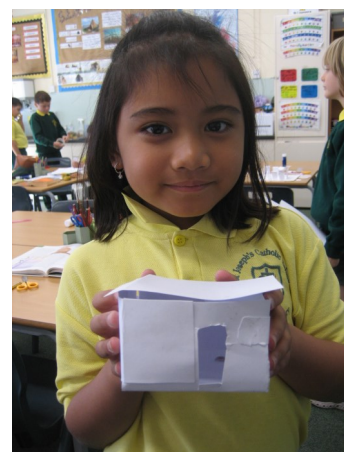
### St Lawrence - Mrs Cambray-Smith:

St Lawrence have enjoyed our writing lessons this week, especially when a wolf visited us, and we got to eat cake!  
Victoria - "It was really delicious and helped us use describing words in our writing."

Harriet - "I really liked our writing lesson because it was really fun and we got to eat cake."

Henry - "I really liked our history lesson because you could choose what to make. I'm making Stonehenge."

Mikaella - "I liked making the long barrow and I put the hedgehog inside it."



### St Francis - Miss Thomson:

Francesca - "Playing wink murder and games at forest school."

Rosa - "Creating our RE pictures with pastels for St Francis' prayer on creation."

Willow - "Writing! Having cake and seeing the big bad wolf!"



### St Scholastica - Mr Wilkinson:

This week we have been reflecting on our amazing residential trip that we went on last week. The children had a fantastic time and created some incredible memories that they will cherish forever. We took part in some brilliant activities that we have still been talking about this week.

Leandra - "I loved the bodyboarding whilst at Kilvrough."

Charlie - "I enjoyed caving."

Austin - "I enjoyed creating sand art whilst on our beach exploration day."



### Weekly Attendance Monday 30th Sept — Friday 4th Oct

St Teresa 96.4%

St Lawrence 97.4%

St Francis 98.3%

St Scholastica 95%