



# NEWSLETTER

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**Friday 22nd November 2024**

## Headteachers' message

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a change in the seasons we have had this week. There was real excitement across the school earlier on in the week with the first flakes of snow for the season. As with previous communications we will always try to remain open in the event of heavy snowfall but will of course be dictated over opening feasibility by the availability of staff. If there is ever a need to close or adjust the timing of the school day due to unforeseen weather we will always try to communicate this at the earliest opportunity. Our official notification if we ever have to close the school will be through ParentPay and then a website update. This communication will always come from me via the office. With the cold spell we are travelling through I'm also really pleased to report that our new Air Source heat pump is working fantastically and the school has never been warmer!

## Welcome Back:

We were really pleased to welcome Miss Thomson back to school this week. Her class seem very settled and she has been able to catch up with all her parent / teacher appointments. Thank you to everyone who accommodated this change in scheduling and, as with last week, it was good to see you all when you had your appointment. My thanks also go to Mrs Bradley who covered Miss Thomson's absence last week.

## Worship:

We continued our focus on kindness and how, if this is our mind-set, there will be no bullying in the school. This week I shared the children's Anti-bullying Charter and we had a revisit of what it means to stand up to bullying and how we can all achieve this. Our Anti-Bullying Charter was written and reviewed by the school council and reflects what they want to achieve to make our school a happy and caring place.

Our scripture reading came from Ephesians 4:29-32. The words from this passage have been slightly adapted by me so they are more accessible to the children. Our school discussion around this highlighted that, if we all did this, the world would be a happier and more peaceful place. Bullying would not exist. The resource I used to help children have the skills to tackle bullying can be found by following the [NED link](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeqQCyQOCpg)

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Further resources and information can be found through the [UK Anti-bullying alliance](https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/)

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This week's whole school virtues prayer also reflected this in our mission for the week.



Heavenly Father,  
Although we are all  
different, help us always  
treat others with  
kindness and  
find ways to avoid disagreements. Help us to  
"Think about what we think," before we speak  
or act.

Amen

**WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER**

### Cross Country Trials:

On Thursday afternoon this week and in glorious winter sunshine, 34 pupils took part in our X-Country trials. There was so much excitement ahead of this event, and with only 16 places up for grabs, the competition was fierce! ALL the children showed such determination and resilience, and we are incredibly proud of all their efforts. The support and encouragement they gave to each other was truly inspiring. Well done to everyone who participated! The highly anticipated results and Team selections will be announced in Celebration Worship today. A big thank you to Mr & Mrs Cockram whose help was invaluable.

### PFA Christmas:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the PFA non-school uniform day today. We will be holding another one of these events next Friday as we continue to collect items for the school Christmas Fair on Saturday 7th December.

### Church / School links:

We have been in contact with St Aldhelm's Church about the youth events that are coming up. Attached to this newsletter is a summary of these and how to make contact or attend if these are things that are of interest to you.

In particular you will find details on the following:

- Youth Sunday (24.11.24)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- First Holy Communion preparation
- Confirmation



## Whole School Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 17th December

Children are invited to join in the festive fun on the last Tuesday of term with our traditional Christmas lunch in the hall

### Menu

Roast Turkey or Quorn Roast Fillet (A4)  
Roast potatoes, roast parsnips, sage & onion stuffing (A2), Pigs in blankets or meat-free mini sausages (A2 A13), Carrots, Brussels Sprouts, Gluten free Gravy, followed by Christmas Ice Cream (A7)  
Price £2.75

**Please book and pay via Parentpay in the usual way by Friday 6th December**

If you don't usually book lunches via Parentpay and need assistance with ordering, please contact the school office and we can raise this as an individual payment item.

A2 Cereals containing gluten A4 Eggs A7 Milk A13 Soya



### School Uniform Order Deadline extended to Monday 25th November at 9am



This is the last opportunity to order any new items of school uniform to arrive before Christmas. The next order will be in Term 4 to arrive before Easter. If you need any uniform items please complete and return the order form on our website:

<https://www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/school-uniform/>

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



"Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others, leading us on our journey towards eternal life." Pope Francis.

The Wednesday Word is 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 18th Nov — Friday 22nd Nov

St Teresa 95.9%

St Lawrence 92.1%

St Francis 96.7%

St Scholastica 98.8%

## 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

Our wow moment this week was making autumnal wreaths in class, we experimented with using sellotape, glue and string to find the best adhesive. We collected the leaves from our garden and dried them for a couple of days to make them stick successfully. Jaden said "I liked writing my name on the back and making it."

Isla said "It was my favourite thing to do because you can make and stick it, you can hang it up by the string."



### St Lawrence - Mrs Cambray-Smith & Miss Weatherall

'Marvellous Me' has had us thinking about our bodies, in particular our teeth. This week, we have used knives, tweezers and cubes to demonstrate the impact of each tooth on a banana before discussing the particular role of each tooth. We then used our knowledge to name each tooth on a diagram in our books.



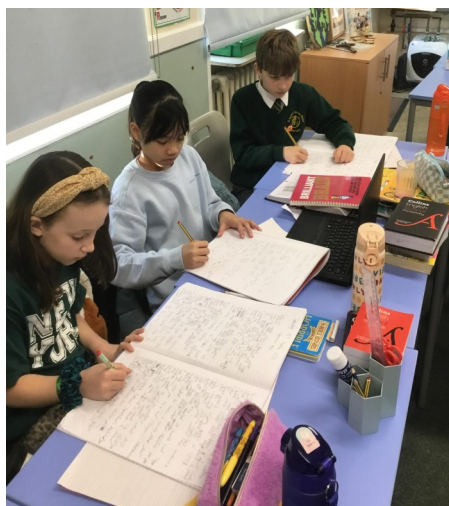
### St Scholastica - Mr Wilkinson

This week we have been researching the life of Charles Dickens and what general life was like in the Victorian era. The children have really enjoyed doing independent research on this topic and have been developing their research skills. The research that the children have collected will help them to write a persuasive letter to Mr. Scrooge as part of their new writing topic.

Freddie - "I enjoyed using the laptops to research."

Ellie - "I really enjoyed learning new facts about the Victorian era."

Austin - "It was fun learning about who Charles Dickens was."



### St Francis - Miss Thomson

The childrens' WOW moments this week were:

Finn - "Making Snowflakes! Because we are going to use them to decorate our classroom to look nice!"

Franchesca - "Playing fun games with Mr Wilkinson in PE."

Saoirse - "I enjoyed the cross country because we got to have lots of exercise and run for a long time."



# BARN DANCE

with Ploughman's Supper



Friday, 22 Nov, 7 to 10

The Town Hall, Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, SN16 9BZ

Music By The Lucky 7 Band

With Bar & Raffle

Tickets £15

Scan QR Code to book  
<https://ticketlab.co.uk/event/id/28177#/>  
Gabrielle 01666 838 391  
Mary 07771 656 331



St Mary's Hall, Malmesbury  
Thurs 28th Nov 19:30  
Fri 29th Nov 19:30  
Sat 30th Nov 14:30, 19:30

Athelstan Players Presents

# ALICE IN WONDERLAND

A pantomime by Ben Crocker

**ADMIT ONE** 604760

**TICKETS**  
Adults £10, Concessions £8  
Available at Miles Morgan  
Travel (cash only) and online at:  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/athelstan-players](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/athelstan-players)  
Payable bar and raffle during interval

For more information visit:  
[www.athelstanplayers.org](http://www.athelstanplayers.org)  
Facebook @TheAthelstanPlayers  
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**NODA**  
For every stage

YOUR  
**CHRISTMAS**  
INVITATION

Come and join our  
**MALMESBURY**  
goodafternoon **CHOR**

with their special | Children from St Joseph's  
CHRISTMAS GUESTS | Catholic Primary School

**Wednesday 4th December 2:00pm-3:00pm**  
at Malmesbury Town Hall / Assembly Rooms

Join CORRIE and the MALMESBURY Good Afternoon Choir

FREE ADMISSION | EVERYONE WELCOME  
[www.goodafternoonchoir.org](http://www.goodafternoonchoir.org)

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**SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER**

hope CHURCH

# Beauty and the BEES

PANTOMIME

PERFORMANCE START TIMES:  
3PM AND 6PM

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS: [WWW.THEHOPE.CHURCH/XMAS](http://WWW.THEHOPE.CHURCH/XMAS)