



NEWSLETTER

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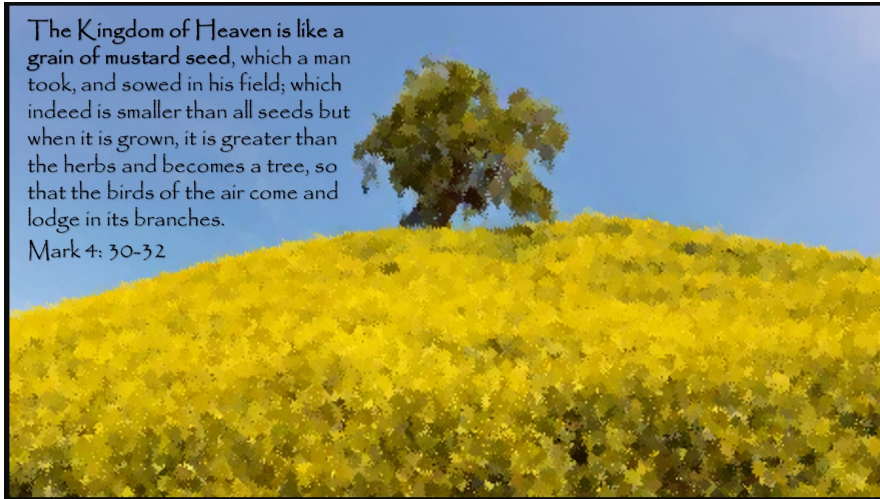
Friday 24th January 2025

Headteachers' message

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

This week's newsletter is short with only a few updates.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field; which indeed is smaller than all seeds but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches.
Mark 4: 30-32



Worship

This week we explored how curiosity is important in helping us understand the world around us. The parable of the mustard seed was used to illustrate to the children that no matter how small we may feel, we have the potential to do amazing things and to make meaningful changes to the world around us. The story I used to illustrate this was the Selfish Crocodile by Faustin Charles and Michael Terry. The story follows the misfortunes of a crocodile with toothache and how a tiny mouse came to the rescue. The message in this was that the mouse was curious to understand why the crocodile was in pain and realized that, with courage, he could help alleviate this. In the end the mouse and the crocodile became the closest of friends

Superstar learning

Thank you to all our families who have embraced our registration learning activities. We really appreciate the effort it takes to keep to schedules first thing in the morning and thank you for your support in enabling this to happen. As detailed last week, these sessions are aimed at providing some children with bespoke learning to either reinforce or fill in gaps that might affect progress. These sessions are led by a mixture of class teachers and our skilled higher level teaching assistants and teaching assistants. The sessions run every day and will continue for the remainder of this term.

We are all looking forward to another week of activities and hope that you are hearing good things from your children.

**This week's Wednesday Words are
GOOD NEWS**



"Jesus was sent to bring the Good News, to enter the heart of each one of us." - Pope Francis.

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

**Weekly Attendance
Monday 20th Jan — Friday 24th Jan**

St Teresa 96.7%

St Lawrence 91.6%

St Francis 99%

St Scholastica 95.4%

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER

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 Miss Thomson lent our class some exciting things to look at (we wonder if she is a real pirate!) and we really enjoyed a circle time exploring them. We have learned about real pirates and even have our own pirate names and jobs to do - some are not very nice!



St Francis - Miss Thomson

Jack – "My morning reading group has been really fun and is my wow moment this week!"

Ivan – "I enjoyed using the computers in writing."

Rosa – "Swimming was the best this week!"

Jessie – "I liked doing timelines in History because we were doing something fun and learning too."



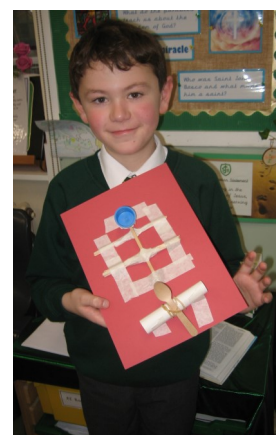
St Lawrence - Mrs Cambray-Smith & Miss Weatherall



It has been a busy week in St Lawrence, with children researching different types of Roman catapults - the Scorpion, The Ballista and The Onager. They then designed and built their own catapults which they thoroughly enjoyed. I wonder if they will work as ruthlessly as the ones the Roman's built?

In History, we have looked at the spread of the Roman Empire

and discussed why they conquered new lands. The children found it interesting to predict the reasons for the Romans retreating, especially from England. We have also been undertaking some independent research as to what daily life was like under Roman rule.



St Scholastica - Mr Wilkinson

This week in forest school we have been working on finishing our shelters. The children have been looking at ways they can keep their shelters waterproof. They also had to find an area close to their shelters where they could start a fire. There was lots of good teamwork on show as the groups worked closely to light the fire but also to collect sticks to feed the fire in order to keep the fire burning.

Josh - "I enjoyed building our shelter."

Beau - "I enjoyed climbing in order to help build our shelter."

Gabriella - "I liked gathering the materials to make our fire."



YEAR 5/6 DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT 16th JANUARY 2025

Apologies for the late post! We had a fantastic afternoon of dodgeball last week but unfortunately there was a mix up with the final results and we were placed incorrectly in 3rd place. After several days of requests for a review, I'm pleased to announce that St Joseph's topped their group and have qualified for a coveted place in the County Championships in June!!

We couldn't be prouder of our whole team for their incredible resilience this week, whilst we waited for the updated results. The team stuck together, encouraging each other throughout the tournament and were a credit to our school, themselves and their families.

A big thank you to Mrs Cockram for driving us to the event and for her invaluable support and advice throughout the day. I look forward to updating you with further details of the Championships very soon. Mrs Bennett



More photos on Dojo.

Opportunities Holiday Club in February Half Term

Our Opportunities Club will be open during the half term break in February from 8am until 5pm on Monday 17th through to Thursday 20th and from 8am to 4pm on Friday 21st. The booking form is now available on our website and a hard copy will be sent home with regular users of the club. Please book early to avoid disappointment - we have already received interest from non St Jo's children and places are limited. Thank you.

Date	February 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	Amount to pay £
			£29.50	£2.75	£3.85	£3.85	£2.75	
17	Monday							
18	Tuesday							
19	Wednesday							
20	Thursday							
21	Friday							



Playground Fun

We have seen some lovely examples of team work and collaborative play out in the playground this week.

