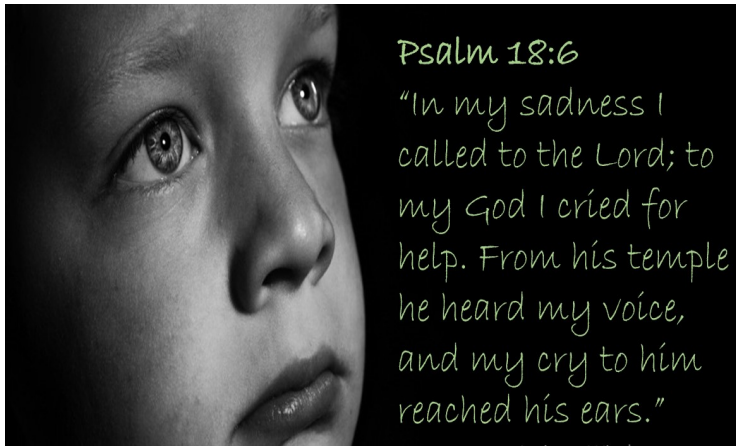




NEWSLETTER

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Friday 31st January 2025



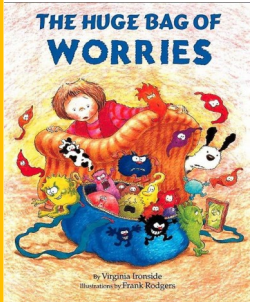
Psalm 18:6
"In my sadness I called to the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears."



Headteachers' message

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

We have had a hard working week this week with some exciting in class activities happening across the school. Mrs Bennett and I were very proud of our Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball team who were awarded late gold medals in assembly this week following a recalculation of results which means we qualify for the county championships. Well done to you all.



Worship:

This week's worship focus was really on how we can look after ourselves whilst at the same time looking out for our friends. The lens that we used to explore curiosity was to grow in awareness about how we feel, the worries we carry and what we can do about these. The story I used was called The Huge Bag of Worries by Virginia Ironside. The challenge I gave the children was to have an awareness of their own worries but at the same time look out for the feelings of others. This focus was covered in advance of Children's Mental Health week which starts next week.

Children's Mental Health Week:

This year's theme is "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself" and encourages children to be aware of themselves and their emotions. We will be exploring this in classes as well as celebrating this on Friday as detailed opposite.

CMHW Non-uniform day

To help support CMHW we would like to invite the children to make a donation of between £1 and £2 to join a 'Non-uniform' day on Friday 7th February. This donation will go towards Places2Be who support child counselling services across the UK. To support the theme "Grow Yourself" children should wear clothes that allow them to express who they are.

This week's Wednesday Word is HOPE

"Always know in your heart that God is by your side. Let us never lose hope." - Pope Francis.

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



Weekly Attendance Monday 27th Jan — Friday 31st Jan	
St Teresa 97.8%	St Lawrence 93.7%
St Francis 97.4%	St Scholastica 94.6%

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER

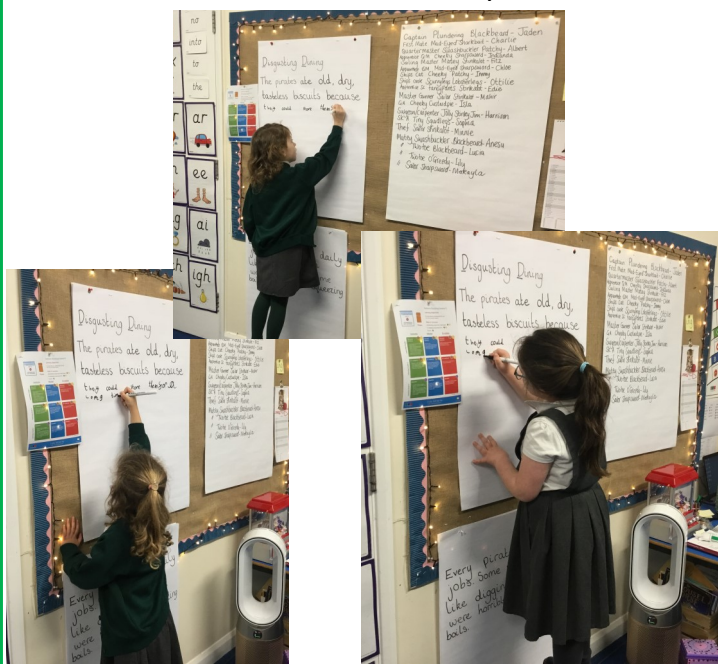
WOW moments across the school!

"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

Continuing with our writing about pirates, we have some budding teachers in our class! They were invited to come to the front of the class and add to St Teresa's class writing and they did an amazing job. We are very proud of all our children who have worked so enthusiastically on their writing, maths and everything this week. What a fantastic crew they are!



St Lawrence - Mrs Cambray-Smith & Miss Weatherall

This week, in art, we studied a range of roman mosaics used in villas to see what they showed. The children were then able to design their own picture on A3 paper which they will gradually fill with small pieces of coloured paper to create their own mosaics.

In History we have been undertaking our own enquiry path linked to Roman Life. As a class we generated a list of questions such as 'What was the education system like?' or 'What did the Romans wear?' Children then used research pages, books and BBC Bitesize to make notes in their history book. This afternoon, they got to choose how to present their notes to share with the class.



St Francis - Miss Thomson

Saoirse – "I liked using the computers to type up our answers in History, where we got to learn more about the Romans."

Sanugi – "I enjoyed using the computers in our History lesson - it was fun typing out our answers!"

Zwakele – "It was fun using a highlighter in school – it was my first time using one!"



St Scholastica - Mr Wilkinson

This week our WOW moment has been the science experiment that we carried out. We have been investigating the effect that submerging a gummy bear in different liquids has. This has been a part of us learning about osmosis and diffusion. The children have really enjoyed carrying out their experiment and recording their findings.

Freddie - "I enjoyed how we split up into groups and how different liquids changed the gummy bear."
Jayda - "It was interesting seeing the change of the gummy bears."

Poppy - "I enjoyed seeing the effects of the different liquids."



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 £2.75	3.00-4.00pm £3.85	4.00-5.00pm £3.85	Hot Tea SERVED 4.30 - 5.00pm £2.75	Amount to pay £
17	Monday		£29.50					
18	Tuesday							
19	Wednesday							
20	Thursday							
21	Friday							



Piano Concert - Friday 14th February at 2.30pm



Our piano teacher, Elena Stevens, will be leading our pianists in a piano concert on the last day of term. We would be delighted if the parents of Elena's piano students could join us in the school hall for this performance. This will be followed by our usual Celebration Assembly to which all are welcome.

Candlemas 2025

Please join us for our Candlemas celebration on Monday 3rd February (14:40) when we look forward to new beginnings and new hope.

In our celebration we will also think about the time when Jesus was presented in the temple and reflect on the hope and salvation he can bring to our lives.



Mark Thompson's Spectacular Science Show

The 10 Year Anniversary Tour

Fri 21 Feb 2025
14:30

Ticket price: £12 - £15

Group ticket: £50

(Booking fee applies)

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Looking for SEND Information?

Are you looking for information to support you to help your child with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)?

This free to attend event is for parent carers of children with SEND, and those who work with them. It could be just what you are looking for to help you find out more about some of the services and support in Wiltshire.

The aim of the event is to provide a range of information to help illustrate some of the choices and options available for children/young people, showcase elements of the Local Offer in an accessible and interactive format, and provide a comfortable space and opportunities to facilitate networking opportunities for both parent carers and professionals alike.

Other reasons to attend include: -

- Free workshop
- Information from over different services and providers
- Free tea, coffee and cakes
- Meet and talk to other parent carers and a range of professionals and practitioners

See our virtual pre-event pack for lots more information



You can book using this QR code



Friday 7th February 2025

Civic Centre
Trowbridge
BA14 8AH

Registration from
9.30am

Event Runs from
10am to 2pm

Parent carers will be able to claim travel & childcare expenses from the WPC

(Contact us to discuss childcare claims before the event)

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

You can book online
www.surveymonkey.com/r/SENDISFeb25

Alternatively
Phone: 01225 764647 (option 1)
Email: reception@wiltspcc.co.uk

Booking closes 5pm on
31st January 2025

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