

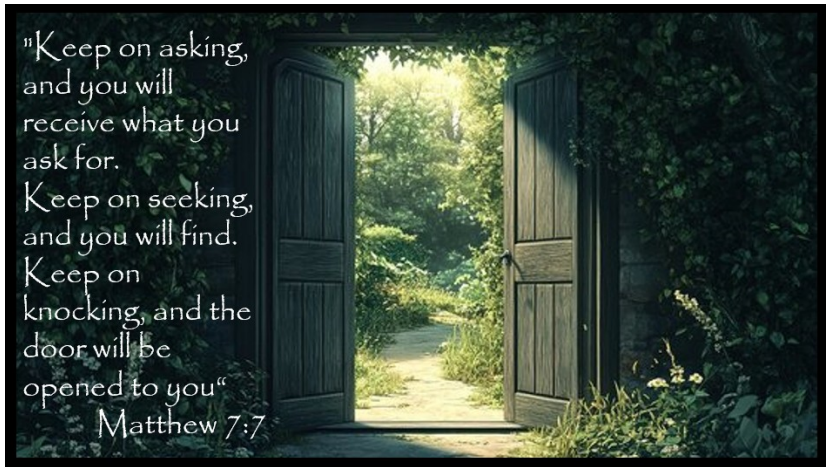


NEWSLETTER

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Friday 14th February 2025



Head Teacher's message

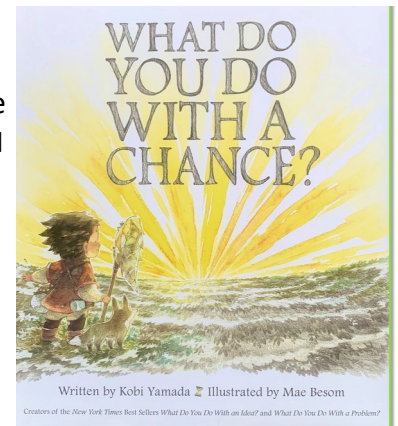
Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,
It seems hard to believe that another term is again behind us and that we are now approaching the halfway point in the academic year. Although this term has gone quickly it has been productive and, over the last two weeks, the subject leaders and I have been pleased to get lots of positive feedback from the children about their learning. This week we were also treated to a creative and dramatic retelling of the story of Grace Darling

by St Teresa class. For those of you who do not know, Grace Darling was a lighthouse keeper's daughter from Northumberland who rescued 9 sailors stranded on rocks near her lighthouse during a storm. This retelling fitted perfectly with this week's worship theme which challenged the children to take action where they see things they feel are unjust or that need to change.

As this is the last newsletter of the term, we all wish you a healthy and restful break.

Worship this week:

As outlined above, this weeks theme continued to explore the virtue of "Curiosity" and in particular taking opportunities to be curious about the future and taking chances to make our lives, and the lives of others, better. The story I used to illustrate the was "What do you do with a chance?" by Kobi Yamada. This is a clever and beautifully illustrated story for both children an adults.



School Closure Day (24th February 2024):

Parents and carers are reminded that school will be closed on Monday 24th February for staff training and school improvement activities. Our focus for the day will be supporting children who have Special Educational Needs. In particular we will be looking and exploring a new resource called CLICKER which supports children's writing. In addition to this, we will also have training and reflection led by Wiltshire Council Mainstream Inclusion Support Assistants. School will be open again for the children on Monday 25th February

PFA Valentines Disco:



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PFA for organising, at such short notice, a brilliant Valentine's Day disco for the whole school. This was a free event, wholly funded by the PFA, and arranged to mark the end of term and also celebrate St Valentine's Day. If your children were able to join us, we hope that they had a lovely time (photos on page 3).

This week's Wednesday Word is TRUST

"Put your trust in God. The Beatitudes are Jesus' way of life." - Pope Francis.

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



Weekly Attendance

Monday 10th Feb — Friday 14th Feb

St Teresa 85%

St Lawrence 88.4%

St Francis 93.2%

St Scholastica 96.5%

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.

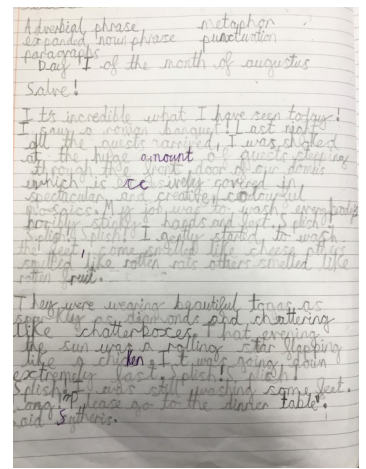
St Teresa - Miss Just

We loved learning about absorbent and non-absorbent materials in science this week. Button the puppy loves all his new raincoats too! Lucia says "We used plastic to keep it dry and felt to keep Button warm".



St Lawrence - Mrs Cambray-Smith & Miss Weatherall

Wow, what a term...we have absolutely loved learning about the Rotten Romans. In English, we have written our diary entries about a Roman feast, from the perspective of Iliona the slave, before getting to laze in the library and have our own feast! In Art, we've worked hard to complete our Roman mosaics. History this week has culminated with us thinking about the legacies of the Romans and the impact they had on British History - the children generated 15 legacies and had to record their top 6 within their books. Finally, the topic ended with a quiz around the school which challenged us whilst having fun.



St Scholastica - Mr Wilkinson

Our WOW moment has been the amazing circuit training that Mrs. Bennett carried out. The children have been looking at being healthy this term and, as part of our topic, there has been a big focus on fitness. During the circuit training the children were able to work up a sweat and get their blood pumping. Taking part in sessions like these help promote healthy habits that we hope they will be able to maintain throughout their lives.

Ottillie - "I really like doing exercise to keep my body healthy and to get fit."

Gabriella - "I enjoy getting my fitness levels up and loved the 'lucky dip' station and shuttle runs."

Jack- "I love doing exercise and really enjoyed the tricep dips and shuttle



St Francis - Miss Thomson

Zoe - "My wow moment was making the Roman catapult and playing with it at the end!"

Rosa - "My wow moment was making Roman mosaics, because we got to choose our designs."



Florence - "My wow moment was making the mosaics because it was really fun choosing our own design and putting it together!"



PFA Valentine's Disco

