



# NEWSLETTER

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**Friday 14th March 2025**

## Head Teacher's message

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

Now the dust has settled after our trip to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, we returned to an almost normal week in St Joseph's. The highlights were a visit from an ICU nurse in St Teresa class, a river study in St Lawrence and, for our choir, a very special trip to see Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.

### Worship:

This weeks Gospel Worship was led by Miss Thomson and theme focussed on Jubilee Joy: Freedom. Inspired by the account of Jesus' temptation in the desert, the Celebration of the Word assembly invited children to explore the Jubilee themes of slavery and freedom through the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The reading linked to this came from Luke 4:1-13.


### Support from our amazing PFA:

The PFA are preparing to mark this year's Mother's day with their traditional flower gift giving on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. To support this initiative they are asking for a £1 cash donation to support PFA funds and to help cover the costs of the flower purchase. I would also like to thank the Malmesbury Garden Centre for their generous sponsorship of this initiative. I'm reliably informed that this is not the only thing they have supported our school with as we have also been given a very generous donation of seeds to support our Stewardship and Science curriculum.

See more information later in the newsletter about the Mother's Day market and the Easter Egg Hunt. The PFA will also be holding their annual quiz night on Friday 25th April, more information to follow. **SAVE THE DATE!**

### Developing the virtue of Aspiration - Joseph and his amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

I was so proud to hear some really positive feedback from Mrs Cambray-Smith about the Choir and the impression they left on the audience at the Bristol Hippodrome. Our children were a credit to themselves and to St Joseph's. Thank you to our parent chaperones, Mr Wilkinson, Mrs Bennet and Mrs Raines for accompanying our children. A massive thank you to Mrs Cambray-Smith for organising the visit. We are all looking forward to putting on our own performance of this musical later in the year and hope our choir took inspiration from the professional musicians they saw yesterday.



*Mother's Day*

The PFA are running a Mothering Sunday Market for the children on **Friday 28th March**. If your child would like the opportunity to purchase a Mother's Day gift then please send them in with £1 in cash in a named envelope on that day.



**EASTER EGG HUNT**

Each Class will have their own special Easter Egg hunt during the school day on Wednesday 2nd April. A contribution towards this activity of £1.70 has been set up on Parentpay as a fundraiser for our PFA. Children who take part will receive an Easter Egg to take home. We hope that all children will have permission to join in the fun. If you do not wish your child to take part, please contact the school off by Friday 28th March. Thank you.



ST. JOSEPH'S PFA  
Registered Charity No. 1145152

Weekly Attendance Monday 10th Mar — Friday 14th Mar	
St Teresa 95.6%	St Lawrence 99%
St Francis 97.8%	St Scholastica 96.2%

## 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 had a very exciting visit from Denise this week, a nurse who works in the ICU at GWH in Swindon. She brought lots of things she uses in her job to show us how they work and we had a chance to try them out on each other. The children have had a great starter course in first aid and were keen to fix each others illnesses.



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

What a gorgeous morning we had for a stroll along the Tetbury Avon! Whilst walking we chatted about the natural features of the river and those that were man made. We thought about why people settled near the river and how Malmesbury grew and changed over time. We also thought about flooding and the impact on the community. The children had a wonderful time:

Grace: "I loved playing Pooh Sticks to see how fast the river flowed."  
Evie: "I liked seeing how the river separated and then joined back together



again."  
Harriett: "The trip was really interesting as we could see where people had built walls to try to make the river flow where they wanted it to."

### St Scholastica - Mr Wilkinson

This week our WOW moment happened during our science lesson where we have celebrating Science Week. The theme of this year's Science Week was Change and Adapt. Fitting with the theme, as a class we investigated the reaction of mixing different chemicals such as bicarbonate of soda and vinegar.

The children enjoyed exploring the science behind the reactions and it lead to a very fun lesson.

Austin - "I was really surprised by how the balloon inflated."

Ottillie - "I really liked the anticipation we had for the experiment."

Ellie - "I enjoyed the small explosion at the end."



### St Francis - Miss Thomson

Felicity and Wiktoria: "Our WOW Moment was going to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat at the Bristol Hippodrome. The singing was amazing and there was confetti at the end!"

Thomas: "I really enjoyed Forest School because we got to make a fire and eat marshmallows."

Aryan: "In R.E we pretended we were the disciples and re-enacted the Last Supper. Wiktoria was Jesus and we pretended to drink wine from the glasses and pass the bread around."





## THE BIG MATCH

Last Friday, a group of 12 year 4&5 girls attended The Biggest Ever, Girls only, Football Event. This was an initiative by England football aimed at encouraging widespread participation in girls football across schools in England. With nearly 400 girls from schools across Mid-Wilts, this really was a huge event! The objective was to inspire and empower the next generation of female footballers by providing them with opportunities to play and enjoy the game.

The girls had a great morning, learning basic skills, including: passing, dribbling and shooting. They also had an opportunity to



play matches. The teams were made up with girls from different schools. This helps promote play, breaks down barriers and removes competition pressures. All of our girls displayed enthusiasm, commitment and a genuine joy for the game.



Well done to all involved and a big thank you to Mrs Cockram for driving us to this event and supporting throughout!

Mrs Bennett

## Choir Trip to Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat



The choir trip to see Joseph was a great success. The show was fabulous and the children behaved beautifully. We had several comments from other audience members on how well behaved the children were and how lovely they looked in their school uniform.

We have all been inspired and will take several ideas from this production to use in our own version in July.



### School Uniform Bulk Order Deadline —Friday 28th March



We will soon be placing a bulk order for school uniform from our supplier, to arrive at the beginning of next term. If you would like to order any new items then please complete the order form which can be found on our website, and return to the school office by Friday 28th March.

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

### This week's Wednesday Word is ENCOURAGEMENT

"The invitation at the Transfiguration is to listen to Jesus and to follow him, laying down our lives as a gift of love to one another." - 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/)



### PFA Read-a-Thon

Today was the deadline to return all sponsor money for the PFA Read-a-Thon half term event in honour of World Book Day. If you have any unreturned sponsor money at home then please bring it in to the school office on Monday.