



# NEWSLETTER

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**Friday 21st March 2025**

## KS2 FOOTBALL FESTIVALS



On Wednesday our Year 3 and 4 footballers took part in a fantastic non-competitive football event, playing against teams from local schools. It was a brilliant afternoon filled with energy, enthusiasm and great sportsmanship.



I couldn't be prouder of our 20 players who represented our school with determination, teamwork and respect. Every single player gave their best effort and it was wonderful to see them supporting each other and enjoying the game. A huge well done to all our players and thank you to the parents who came to support.



....and just because it was a non-competitive event, it didn't mean I wasn't keep track of the scores! The green team had 4 wins and a draw and would have been joint overall winners.



Mrs Bennett and Mrs Raines

There were equally brilliant performances from our year 5 and 6 boys and girls teams in the Thursday tournament. This was also held on the Red Bull Pitches and was supported by Year 10 Sports Leaders from our Sports Partnership. There was some genuinely outstanding goalkeeping in the boys team and some superb attacking play in the girls matches.

Well done to all of you and thank you for being such great ambassadors of our school.

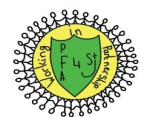
Mr Bacon



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.



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 17th Mar — Friday 21st Mar

St Teresa 96.7%

St Lawrence 97.9%

St Francis 96.5%

St Scholastica 98.1%

**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

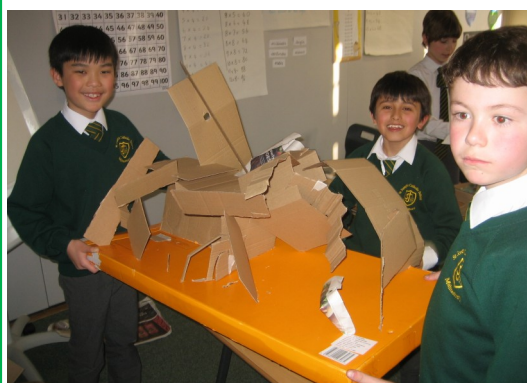
We have been continuing to learn about People Who Help Us and this week's WOW moment is a fiery one! We looked back through some old class photos from a trip to the local Fire Station, we walked around our school looking for fire extinguishers and smoke detectors and then we went outside and did some "fire fighting". An exciting afternoon!



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

This week St Lawrence class have enjoyed swimming and football.

We have created sculptures in our art lesson and learned about positive and negative space, looking at the work of Sir Anthony Caro.



We joined shapes together in a variety of ways, not using tape, to create an abstract 3D piece of art.

### St Scholastica - Mr Wilkinson

Today we spent the morning learning key cooking skills such as boiling water and controlling the heat, cutting using the claw and bridge techniques and grating a vegetable. This lesson was also really special as Mr. Bacon came to teach us all of these amazing skills. The first part of the morning consisted of the class learning how to make instant pasta. After break we learnt how to make our own zucchini pasta dish from scratch. The children loved tasting and trying these dishes and recorded their feedback on our feedback sheets where we scored different elements of the dish.

Ellie - "I liked tasting the food that we had made."

Josh - "I enjoyed learning how to chop an onion correctly and mixing the pasta."

Leandra - "It was fun having a hands on creative lesson."



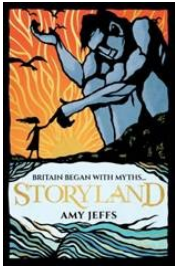
### St Francis - Miss Thomson

Marvin - "My favourite wow moment was doing football with Mrs Bennett, I liked that we got to play 6 games and it was very fun!"

Felicity - "My wow moment of the week was the wonderful, fantastic, river walk! We saw lots of wildlife and learned about a train."

Jessie - "My wow time was the river walk, it was really fun getting to see the river. I liked playing pooh sticks!"





## Author Visit

On Wednesday 30th April we will be welcoming author Amy Jeffs and Barn Owl Books to talk about Amy's children's book, *STORYLAND* (9 – 11 years but, if being read to, the book is suitable for all of Key Stage 2). Amy will talk about the ancient art of telling stories, recounting magical myths and lost legends which will give the children an insight into the history of Britain and its relevance to the town in which they live. The book itself is structured with the tales and legends followed by a short historical piece that puts them into context, so has a rich learning value.

If you would like to pre order a copy of the book at a cost of £9.99, an item will be set up on Parent Pay - Amy will sign copies at the end of the event. 10% of the value of sales will be given back to the school to spend on more books for our library.

### Storyland: Britain began with myths... Discover the Magical Myths and Lost Legends of Britain.

Enter a magical world of dragons, giants, heroes and monsters right on your doorstep. You will have heard of Thor, Medusa and Hercules. But what about the myths of the British isles? The Trojan heroes who wrestled giants. The Syrian sisters who found safety. The dragons who slept in hollow hills. And the kings who talked to the dead. In this vivid and beautifully illustrated mythology of Britain, children will discover tales of magic and adventure, giants and demons, princesses and prophecies. Travelling across the wildest of landscapes - as far north as Orkney and south as Cornwall - young readers will build Stonehenge with the young Merlin, ride stags into the forests of Scotland, and sail with Trojans along the rivers of Britain, discovering a land steeped in myth, monsters and heroes. This children's adaptation of Jeffs' bestselling *Storyland*, is a spell-binding adventure into Britain's lost myths and legends. With beautiful illustrations this is the perfect book for all the family.

### St Aldhelm's Church Grand Spring Raffle

Eldest and only children from each family will be bringing home a letter and raffle tickets next week for St Aldhelm's Church Grand Spring Raffle as part of their fundraising for the new parish hall. Please return any money, ticket stubs and unsold tickets to the school office by Friday 8th May. Thank you.

#### LIST OF PRIZES FOR OUR GRAND SPRING RAFFLE

1. V15 Dyson Vacuum Cleaner
2. £250 Cash - Donation
3. Family Studio Photo Shoot worth £250
4. Three course meal for 2 including drinks - Whole Hog Malmesbury
5. Deep Clean Bathroom
6. Private Art Lesson - CW
7. £30 Voucher - Tetbury Goods Shed
8. Facial Beauty - Clinta Malmesbury
9. Two Nights Airbnb - Oaksey
10. Free MOT - Hyams, Malmesbury
11. Horse Drags Carriage Driving for 2 - Cotswold Carriage Driving
12. Sunday Roast and two drinks - The Three Cups Inn, Malmesbury
13. £25 Book voucher - Barn Owl Books, Malmesbury
14. Bottle of Champagne
15. Private Art Lesson - PB
16. Cook Book and Hamper - Echo Foods
17. Bottle of Rum - Kings Arms
18. Flowers - Oops a Daisy, Cirencester
19. Cirencester Barn Theatre Years membership
20. Voucher - Aroma Italian Restaurant
21. Warre's 1977 Vintage Port Wine
22. Moet and Chandon Champagne
23. Warre's 1977 Vintage Port Wine

### This week's Wednesday Word is CHANGE



"Lent helps us fight against any of our faults. We all can improve and change for the better." - 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/)

### 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/>