

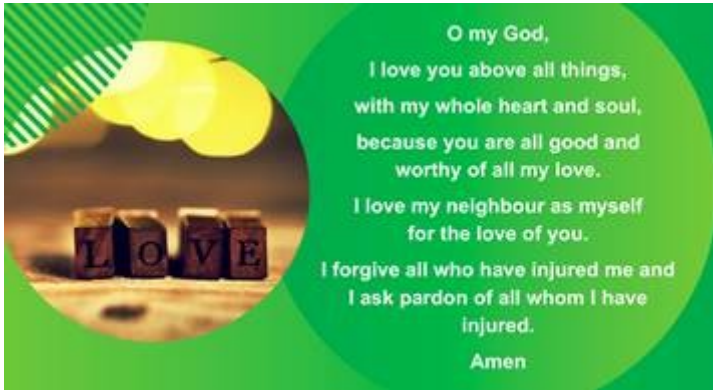


NEWSLETTER

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Head Teacher's message



O my God,
I love you above all things,
with my whole heart and soul,
because you are all good and
worthy of all my love.
I love my neighbour as myself
for the love of you.
I forgive all who have injured me and
I ask pardon of all whom I have
injured.
Amen

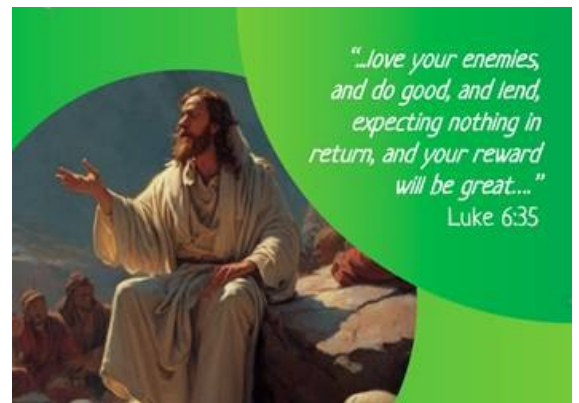
Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

Welcome back to Term 4. We all hope you had a restful half term break.

This week's newsletter will be brief as it has been quite a short week. The children all seem happy however, and there are positive things to report from our class pages and from Mrs Bennett about this week's gymnastics festival.

Worship

This week we have been looking at the components of a strong community in RE and this was very much supported through our Gospel worship which focussed on how our feelings can influence our actions. Through this we looked at how we can control the way we act by being aware of our emotions. The children were encouraged to remember that "Love" is the key virtue that can drive our reflections and this in turn can help us to moderate how we react to others. The scripture that supported this came from Luke 6:35 and our prayer reflected how we see our relationship with God.



*"...love your enemies,
and do good, and lend,
expecting nothing in
return, and your reward
will be great..."*
Luke 6:35

School Closure Day

As detailed in the last newsletter of Term 3, we were closed on Monday 24th February for staff training and school improvement activities. Our focus for the day was supporting children who have Special Educational Needs. In particular we looked at and explored our new resource called CLICKER. This is designed to help children's writing. In addition to this, we also had training and reflection led by Wiltshire Council Mainstream Inclusion Support Assistants that supported staff to understand ways we can support all children within lessons rather than as a specific intervention.

PFA Read-a-Thon

We hope that those children who chose to take part in the PFA's Read-a-Thon over half term are enjoying their reading and have discovered a wide variety of books and stories. We really appreciate their efforts to raise money for the PFA towards new books for the school library, and hope that they have renewed their love of reading in the process. The challenge finishes on Wednesday 5th March. Please send all money raised into the school office in a named, sealed envelope by Friday 14th March. Many thanks.

This week's Wednesday Word is ACTION

"We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions." - Pope Francis.

The Wednesday Word is on our website:

www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/prayer-life/



Weekly Attendance

Tuesday 25th Feb — Friday 28th Feb

St Teresa 95.2%	St Lawrence 100%
St Francis 97.9%	St Scholastica 95.7%

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 looking at the story of Humpty Dumpty this week and our wow moment (more like our whoops moment!) was when, with our partner, we looked after Humpty's family who came to visit our classroom. See the photos below for how that worked out! We will be looking at what happens next with a book called After The Fall.



St Scholastica - Mr Wilkinson

This weeks wow moment comes from our art lesson where we were looking at photomontages. As a class we made our own photomontages using magazines to create new artistic images to create new faces or scenes. The children really enjoyed this activity and found some aspects of making a new face very funny. Divine - "I enjoyed making a new person."

Austin - "I liked using the magazines to make new people."

Ottillie - "I liked mixing and matching different pictures to make a new image."



St Lawrence - Mrs Cambray-Smith & Miss Weatherall

Our new Rivers topic began this week with the children thinking about what a river is, where it starts (the source) and where it ends (the mouth). We have worked in groups to create a paper model of a river from source to sea and we were very impressed with the teamwork demonstrated. Children have researched the world's longest rivers and located them on a map. In Science, we have thought about the water cycle and how this relates to our Rivers topic. The children have created their own water cycle in a bag - please have a look at them on our classroom window.



St Francis - Miss Thomson

Marvin - "My wow moment of the week has been making models of rivers, it was really fun building these with paper, glue, tape and paint!"

Jessie - "I loved making the water cycle experiment bags in science!"



Flick - "I enjoyed using the fancy paper in Writing and doing my best cursive."

Year 3 Gymnastics Festival



This morning a small group of keen year 3 pupils, took part in an exciting primary school gymnastics event, where they had the opportunity to explore a variety of new gymnastics equipment and apparatus in a fun, supportive environment.



The event was designed to be non-competitive, allowing children to develop their skills, build confidence and enjoy the experience without pressure. It was wonderful to see our pupils embracing new challenges and their enthusiasm and determination were really inspiring.



Thank you to Mrs Watts for her help at this event.

Mrs Bennett and Mrs Raines

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
WBD
2025



We are all getting very excited in the lead up to World Book Day which will be happening on Thursday 6th March. We hope the children are starting to plan their characters. The staff at St Joseph's are all building themselves up to the big day.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Attendance Matters

This week we reviewed our school Attendance Policy. Very little of this has changed since last year with the exception of penalty notices which have now increased to £160 per child, per parent. This figure is a statutory fine and is not controlled by the school. It applies to each child and each parent in a family, (1 child = £320 fine).

Absences are marked and followed up on a daily basis so if your child is absent and you have not contacted the school, please expect a phone call from us. We will do this for each day of absence. Absences with no provided reason and late arrivals after 09:05 are always marked as Unauthorised (U). U codes for late arrivals will trigger an attendance meeting and a possible penalty notice if there are 10 U codes absences. Unauthorised holidays are also coded U.

The full policy can be accessed from the school website but two infographics are included with this newsletter as a reference to the key points from the policy.