



# ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've made it - the Easter holidays are upon us. Thank you for all your support this term. Working together makes a huge difference to our children, as we help them navigate an ever-changing world.

A big congratulations to our Year 6 class who not only have been busy revising and brushing up on their skills, they have also had the highest class attendance this term and celebrated with a bonus play-time today!

As we come towards Easter and the deep significance and hope of resurrected-life, I thought it would be nice for you to have access to one of our favourite songs in school this year...

Wishing you a blessed Easter time,

Mr Willcox



## Upcoming Events

22/04 Tuesday - Back to school  
22/04 Earth Day  
22/04 Dodgeball  
23/04 Year 3 Forest School  
24/04 Year 3 & 4 Swimming  
24/04 Laser Tag & Nerf Battles  
30/04 Year 2 Forest School  
07/05 Year 1 Forest School  
12/05 SAT's week  
20/05 year 1 - Powderham trip

Further dates can be found on our [website](#)

## This week's highlight - Backswood Farm - Oaks



Oak Class went on an amazing visit to Backswood farm. Andrew the farmer showed us around the gardens where we learnt all about bees, pollen, tadpoles, fish, birds, fruit trees and so much more. We then explored the animals where we stroked a lamb and learnt about cows and their calves. Finally we explored the woodlands and found lots of bugs. A great day was had by all.



## Attendance

**Our current school attendance is 94.6% our target is 97%.**

The class with the highest attendance this term is Beech Class. Keep up the good work.

## Gospel Value of the week

### Forgiveness

**'Be kind and compassionate to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you.'**

**Ephesians 4:32**



## Weekly Highlights



### New Recycling Rules:

You may be aware that recycling rules for schools and businesses changed 31.3.2025. As a result, we will **no longer** be able to **accept rubbish from packed lunches**, bringing us in line with other schools in the area. This means that crisp packets, sandwich wraps and other non-compostable rubbish must be put back into lunch boxes and taken home. Children will still be able to dispose of fruit waste in school.

**This is a perfect opportunity to 'go green' with packed lunches!** Sending sandwiches in a reusable plastic container, buying larger bags of crisps which can be decanted at home into pots for lunches and making choices to avoid pre-packaged items as far as possible will help support us to meet our sustainability goals in school and do our bit to take care of our environment.

With many thanks for your support with this,

**Megan Jukes**  
Sustainability and Science Lead



**PJ Party thank you!**

Wow, the PJ Party was a great success, with more than 130 children joining in. We raised around £600 for our school. We'd love to have more events like this in the future and need your help to make this happen. Look out for information about the colour run and the summer fair next term. If you can spare a couple of hours to help please contact the pta team [pta@stjo.uk](mailto:pta@stjo.uk)



## St. Joseph's Awards

### Gospel Values Award

Congratulations to the following children:

Ned, Noah, Edie, Cara, Madison, Isaac, Luca, Timothy, Sophia, Rupert, Archie P-E, Oto, Oskar, Sienna M, Darcie.



### Stars of the term



Oaks - Mireya & Alice  
Rowan - Gracie & Isaac  
Sycamore - Albert & Aredhel  
Cherry - Jamie & Samuel  
Maple - Caitlin & Noah  
Willow - Jensen & Theo  
Beech - Louie & Brooke



### Reading Award

15 - Mireya

20 - Daisy, Erin, Dotty, Freya, Florrie.







## St. Joseph's Notice board

**The Parish of the Holy Family**  
**LENT AND EASTER 2025 in the JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE**



<b>JUBILEE OF THE SICK AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS</b> Friday April 4th	2.00 p.m. Mass with the Anointing of the Sick Procession and Mass 7.30 p.m.
<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b> April 10th	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
<b>REFLECTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK</b> Tuesday April 15th	12 noon
<b>CHRISM MASS in PLYMOUTH CATHEDRAL</b> Wednesday April 16th	12 noon
<b>MASS OF THE SUPPER OF THE LORD AND WATCH AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE</b> Thursday April 17th	7.30 p.m.
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Friday April 18th	11.00 a.m. 3.00 p.m.
<b>THE WAY OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b> Saturday April 19th	11.00 a.m. 8.00 p.m.
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> BLESSING OF EASTER BREAKFASTS THE VIGIL OF EASTER EASTER DAY	Mass 10.00 a.m.

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN ON GOOD FRIDAY 11.00 am.**  
I invite you to bring your children to walk 'The Way of the Cross' with Jesus. I am most grateful to a dedicated parish team who have spent a lot of time preparing an engaging and meaningful introduction to the Stations of the Cross. The story will be told in simple way and each family group will be able to collect something memorable to take home at each Station to help them remember Jesus' journey



**The Blessing of Easter Breakfasts** is a tradition we have marked for many years at Holy Ghost. *Święcenka* meaning "the blessing of the Easter baskets", is one of the most enduring and beloved *Polish* traditions on *Holy Saturday* during *Easter*.

The tradition of food blessing at Easter, which has early-medieval roots in Christian society is said to date from the 7th century in its basic form, the more modern form containing bread and eggs (symbols of resurrection and Christ) are said to date from the 12th century.

Baskets containing a selection of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. The basket is traditionally lined with a white *linen* or *lace* napkin and decorated with sprigs of *boxwood* the typical Easter evergreen. Families take special pride in preparing a decorative and tasteful basket with crisp linens, occasionally embroidered for the occasion, and boxwood and ribbon woven through the handle.

All welcome at 11.00 am on Holy Saturday

# EXMOUTH DINOSAUR & GEOLOGY DAY

**SATURDAY 19TH APRIL**  
**10:00AM - 3:00PM**

**HAVE A TON OF FREE DINOSAUR FUN IN DINOSAUR CANYON**  
AKA SQUIRREL PATH, BETWEEN MANOR GARDENS AND THE BATH HOUSE

**COME AND ENJOY**  
Exmouth's famous free Dinosaur Trail of models, murals and etchings, with some brand new additions

**FREE DINOSAUR PARK RUN**  
Run as inflatable dinosaur or in dinosaur themed outfit from Orcombe Point at 9am (Newbies check-in 8.50am)  
Sign up at [parkrun.org.uk](http://parkrun.org.uk)

**FANCY DRESS COMPETITION 0 - 12 YEARS ... JUST TURN UP IN ANY DINOSAUR-RELATED OUTFIT!**

**WALKABOUT DINOSAUR ENTERTAINMENT DINOSAUR EASTER EGG HUNT DINOSAUR QUIZZES DINOSAUR-THEMED STALLS PAINT YOUR OWN EXMOUTH POTTERY DINOSAUR @SEADOG DRAWING COMPETITION DINOSAUR SCAVENGER HUNT**  
All activities free except pottery painting

Exmouth Dinosaur Trail is managed and maintained by volunteers with support from Exmouth Town Council, to inspire love for our ancient earth and its bygone inhabitants. Please donate if you can - keep the Jurassic joy flowing!

**PLEASE DONATE** £3 text KAAH92 to 70331 | £5 text KAAH92 to 70970 | £10 text KAAH92 to 70191

  /ExmouthDinosaurs


## School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?


- ✓ Flu - reception - year 11
- ✓ MMR - catch up
- ✓ HPV - year 8 - year 11
- ✓ Meningitis ACWY - year 9 - year 11
- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) - year 9 - year 11

**Did you miss us?**  
We also have community clinics across Devon for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

  
Delivered by Kernow Health CIC

For more information, scan the QR code, or call us to speak with a member of our team



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