



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 25th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week we have had, starting off the Summer term thinking about the Gospel Value of Kindness. Pope Francis stood out amongst world leaders, seeking to live out his values, leading by example and showing kindness to all. Today we celebrated Pope Francis' legacy and acknowledged how the "Year of Hope" we are enjoying is a wonderful parting gift from him.

Today we also celebrated Purple Up Day, when we acknowledge military children and the role they play in the Armed Forces family. Thank you to Aggie's Naval Charity for making today special for our military children.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr Willcox

Upcoming Events

29/04 Dodgeball
30/04 Year 2 Forest School
01/05 Year 3 & 4 Swimming
01/05 Laser Tag & Nerf Battles
02/05 Playdate - PTA
06/05 Dodgeball
07/05 Year 1 Forest School
08/05 Year 3 & 4 Swimming
08/05 Laser Tag & Nerf Battles
12/05 SAT's week
20/05 year 1 - Powderham trip

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

This week's news

Celebrating Pope Francis



Here is the link to a very special newsletter created by Fr Jonathan that we are sure you would like to read:
[Pope Francis Newsletter](#)



On Tuesday, as a school we remembered and reflection on the life of Pope Francis. The GIFT Team then set up a special Prayer Station in our prayer area for us to go to.

There is also one in the reception area where we have left a candle lit in remembrance.

Attendance

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

The class with the highest attendance this week is Beech Class. Well done!

We will be inviting families whose children's attendance is under 90% to come in and see if we can find ways to support you with this.

Gospel Value of the week

Kindness

'So now faith, hope and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love'

Corinthians



Weekly Highlights & News

Well done Harry!



Harry, in year 5, completed a walking/steps challenge in the Easter Holidays to raise money for the school!

The challenge finished Monday 21st April & he smashed it, coming in at 180,407 steps out of his 170,000 target.

We think you'll be pleased to know Harry raised a total of £300 altogether!!!

He is so thrilled & we are really proud of him. Well done & thank you Harry

This week, every class has been given a Prayer Bear by the GIFT Team. Each class has had a special prayer session where they have been introduced to their bears. They will stay on our focus tables and will always be accessible to the children. This have been introduced to support individual prayer and reflection. This bear will sit in our prayer area or can come with you if you want to say a special prayer. We have explained that when you're happy, worried, or need help, you can hold the bear and talk to God. This week, we prayed with our Prayer Bears for Pope Francis.



PTA Colour Run - Get ready for some colourful fun! We're excited to announce the PTA Colour Run, happening after school on Thursday 22nd May! £4 entry per child, to cover costs which includes sunglasses, and a participation medal to take home. There's also the chance to raise sponsorship money - every penny goes back to support our school. Keep an eye out—more details will be sent out soon!

St. Joseph's Awards

Gospel Values Award

Congratulations to the following children:

Leo & Charlie.



Head Teachers Award

Congratulations to:

Jude M

Stars of the week

Oaks - Arlo P-E
Rowan - Noah
Sycamore - Murphy
Cherry - Rudy
Maple - Florence
Willow - Isla
Beech - Shiloh



Reading Award

20 - Alice & Emma.

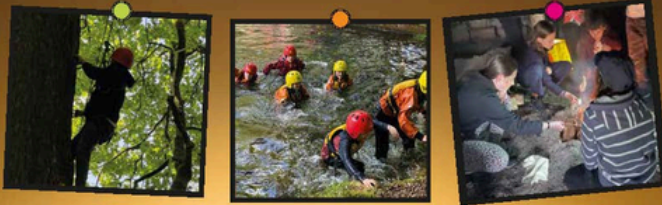




St. Joseph's Notice board

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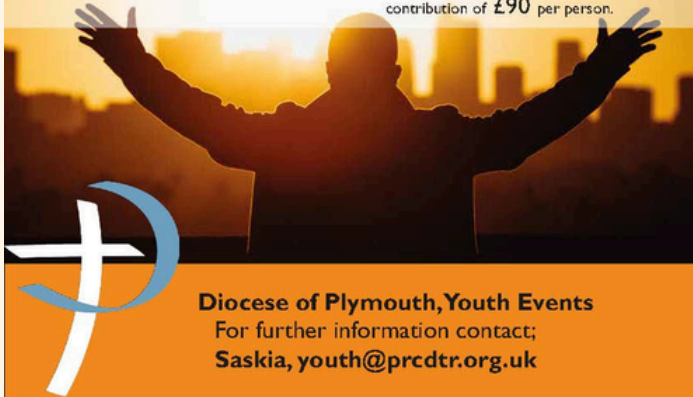
23rd to 25th May



'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching' John 14:23

A residential aimed at young people aged 10 - 12 years old. It's a chance to meet other young people from parishes across the Diocese. The programme includes outdoor activities such as high ropes and raft building, along with opportunities to explore your faith.

This event is subsidised by the Diocese of Plymouth. Families are asked to make a contribution of **£90** per person.



Diocese of Plymouth, Youth Events
For further information contact;
Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk

School aged vaccinations

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

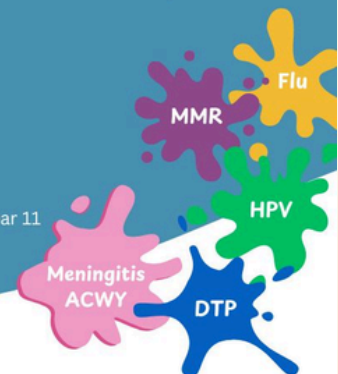
- ✓ Flu - reception - year 11
- ✓ MMR - catch up
- ✓ HPV - year 8 - year 11
- ✓ Meningitis ACWY - year 9 - year 11
- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) - year 9 - year 11

Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Devon for:

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

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School Age Immunisation Service
Delivered by Kernow Health CIC



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



Call us on **01392 342678**



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