



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the May Bank Holiday, in school we have been considering the Gospel Value of Peace, and at the same time looking at how we can help bring peace to and look after our natural world. With this in mind, the Eco Team provided us with an excellent assembly today on how we can help the environment both in school and at home by reducing, reusing and recycling. They embodied the principles of Laudato Si' and encouraged us all to do our part. We were all encouraged that together we can make a difference.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr Willcox

Upcoming Events

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
13/05 Dodgeball - Match
15/05 Year 1 Forest School
15/05 Year 3 & 4 Swimming
15/05 Laser Tag & Nerf Battles
20/05 Year 1 - Powderham trip
22/05 PTA Colour Run

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

This week's highlights

Thank you PTA!



Thank you to the PTA for the money which you kindly gifted to each class.

In Year 1 we purchased six scooter boards which have been a very popular addition to our outside area.

Thank you!

PTA Colour Run

Don't forget to sign up for the Colour Run on ParentPay — only one week left to register! Please note: only those who have registered will be able to take part. Full details can be found in the email sent on Tuesday.

Year 2 enjoyed their forest school session on Wednesday. They identified different plants using a classification key. They also found some exciting mini-beasts. We finished the session with freshly made popcorn, popped on the fire.



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!

Gospel Value of the week

Peace

'You are all one in Jesus Christ.'
Galatians 3:28

May is the month of Mary

"For all those who have no peace, let us invoke Mary, the woman who brought into the world the Prince of Peace"
Pope Francis



Absences/ Holidays

At this time of year many of you may be considering booking a family holiday. Perhaps in the summer, or maybe a term-time break?! We have been asked by Devon Attendance team to point out that holidays during term time will be recorded as **unauthorised** unless circumstances are deemed as '**exceptional**'. The Government published a '**white paper**' where they set out their priorities for schools over the next few years. One area they are keen to target is attendance. Schools are being asked to monitor closely all pupil attendance and to act swiftly when a child's attendance falls below **90%**.

As a school our attendance levels have always been very good, but we have noticed a drop in our attendance and an increasing number of children being classed as 'persistently absent' (where attendance is below 90%). Our Attendance Policy can be found on our website Policies page - this explains our procedures for dealing with persistent absence. One of our procedures is to notify all parents/carers if their child's attendance drops below 90%; this includes absences due to **illness**, and/or any **unauthorised** absences. If you receive a letter from school stating that your child's attendance has dropped below **90%**, please understand that this is part of our absence monitoring procedures and within our duty of care to ensure that children attend school whenever possible.

Our aim is to offer families support so that children's attendance can be improved and ensure that they have access to teaching and learning and the wider opportunities that their schooling brings on a regular basis.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that all their children of compulsory school age are receiving an efficient full-time education by regular attendance at a school or otherwise. Devon County Council monitor school attendance and support schools in their efforts to raise school attendance. All schools have a legal obligation to inform Devon County Council of any child not attending regularly.

Should you have any concerns about your child's attendance or need support please make an appointment to see us.

St. Joseph's Awards

Gospel Values Award

Congratulations to the following children:

Siya, Finlay F, Aredhel, Halle, Murphy, Sofia, Darcey, Samuel A-R, Arnie, Penelope, Noah, Gabriel, Nathan, Sukie.



Stars of the week

Oaks - Muna
Rowan - Alyssia
Sycamore - Leo
Cherry - Archie
Maple - Samuel
Willow - Douglas
Beech - Sukie



Reading Award

Congratulations to the following children:

15 - Jonah & Nico





St. Joseph's Notice board

May is the month of Mary



During this month we honour Mary and seek her prayers for the world.

"For all those who have no peace, let us invoke Mary, the woman who brought into the world the Prince of Peace" - Pope Francis

The Hail Mary (Ave Maria):

"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

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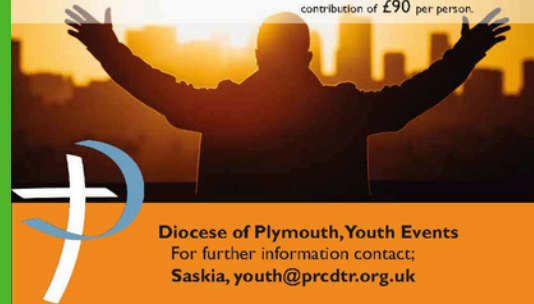
23rd to 25th May



'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

Swim Devon Aquathlon

Sunday 11th May

£10
Entry Fee

- ✓ Various distances
- ✓ All abilities welcome
- ✓ Under 8's, Age 8, Age 9+
- ✓ Teams entry (2 or 4)
- ✓ Fully enclosed course

Venue: Cranford Sports Centre Exmouth 3 pm

<http://bookwhen.com/seaswimdevon>

Email: seaswimdevon@gmail.com

School aged vaccinations

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

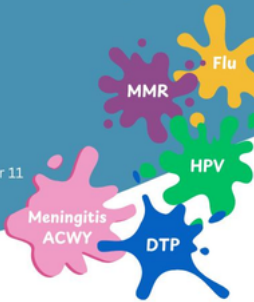
- ✓ Flu - reception - year 11
- ✓ MMR - catch up
- ✓ HPV - year 8 - year 11
- ✓ Meningitis ACWY - year 9 - year 11
- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) - year 9 - year 11

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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