



# ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 27th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well we certainly have had a busy week here. Thank you for supporting the book fayre and the amazing Year 6 'Fiver Challenge'. A very big well done to our Year 6s for their incredible efforts! Our Year 5s have visited Backswood Farm (photos next week) and we have had forest school and swimming too! Oh and I almost forgot, Year 2 and 3 went on a boat trip!

It has also been a privilege to welcome 5 new families to the school this week, so please do look out for new faces in the playground and extend them a warm St Joseph's welcome.

In case you haven't seen it, a letter has been sent out today with our inspection report attached. We are thrilled that so many strengths of the school have been recognised - well done to all. Thank you also to those of you who took time to fill in the questionnaire and share so many kind words with the inspectors, it is much appreciated.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,  
Mr Willcox

## Upcoming Events

All year 6 dates for your diary have been sent to parents

1/7 Year 3 Greek Day  
1/7 PTA AGM @ 3.45pm  
2/7 Forest school year 4  
4/7 Welcome back Miss Thompson  
9/7 Year 1 Assembly @ 9.15am  
9/7 Forest school year 5  
18/7 PTA Summer Fair  
23/7 Break-up for Summer holiday

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

## Highlights

### River Boat trip

Cherry and Sycamore classes sailed the Stuart Line boat to Lymington and back last Friday.

Journeying along our wonderful local River Exe was the perfect way to experience first hand how a river meets the sea.

This has helped Sycamore class with their topic - Rivers, Seas and Oceans while Cherry class focused on tourism in Exmouth.

Afterwards they all enjoyed a sunny picnic in beautiful Manor Gardens.



### Year 6 'Fiver Challenge'

We are so proud of our entrepreneurial Year 6s, who have been planning their businesses for the past three weeks. On Thursday they opened the doors to customers from across the school. All business were a roaring success with most selling out of their product. They managed to turn a £30 investment into nearly £500 in sales in just an hour! Thank you to everyone who gave their children money to spend. The Year 6s plan to use the money to reduce the cost of their Crealy trip, buy a legacy gift for the school and plan their own celebrations!





## Other news

### Gospel Value of the week

#### Justice

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.'

Matthew 5:6

#### Summer Fair - Friday 18 July

We are looking for volunteers to help, thank you to everyone who put their name forward at Sports Day!

If you can spare a couple of hours to help set up, pack away or run a stall - or if you can bake cakes, donate a raffle prize or have any ideas to make it event more special please get in touch [pta@stjo.uk](mailto:pta@stjo.uk)

#### FOOTBALL IN THE PLAYGROUND: Amendment to our rules

To prevent younger children being hit by the ball:

Before school we can not allow football in the playground. However if your child wishes to play football before school then breakfast club very often facilitates this and you would be welcome to book them in so that they can play at this time.

After School Football can be played - but not until all younger children have cleared the area, so that there is not a risk of them - or their parents - being hit. Once the area is clear of younger children, then sensible Tiki-taka football is allowed until 5 minutes before the gate is closed and locked at 4pm.

Admin Admin

#### GIFT team

What an amazing response we had from the children to join our GIFT team here at St Joseph's. Due to the high levels of interest, the new GIFT team will be announced next week.

## St. Joseph's Awards

### Gospel Values Award

Congratulations to the following children:

Harry



### Reading Award

Congratulations to the following children:

10 - Olive  
15 - Spencer  
20 - Issy  
25 - Jasmine

### Stars of the week

Oaks - Saffron  
Rowan - Everlyn  
Sycamore - Albie  
Cherry - Felix  
Maple - Gabriel  
Willow - Oto  
Beech - Hollie



### Attendance

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

The class with the highest attendance this week is

**Rowan Class.**

Well done!

### Head teachers Award

Congratulations to the following children:

Sophia

## St Joseph's Notice board



### ST. JOSEPH'S - YEAR 6 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Dates, events and times

26<sup>th</sup> June - Visit to ECC library @ 9:30am

27<sup>th</sup> June - The Maynard school transition day - for students going to The Maynard school

30<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July - ECC transition days - for students going to ECC

3<sup>rd</sup> July - Plymouth Diocese Leavers Mass -  
Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Exeter @ 11am

7<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> July - The Kings school transition days - for students going to The Kings school

14<sup>th</sup> July to 18<sup>th</sup> July - Activities week:

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Charlie's Beach School  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Crealy - More information to follow  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Walk to Lymestone

21<sup>st</sup> July - Leavers Liturgy @ 2pm - time and location (school or Holy Ghost Church)  
tbc  
Parents/Carers welcome

22<sup>nd</sup> July - Leavers Assembly @ 9:15am- to be held in school  
Parents/Carers welcome

23<sup>rd</sup> July - Forest school - Reminiscing of their time at St. Joseph's - TBC

#### Reminders:

We are a nut free school. Please can you ensure your child's packed lunch does not contain any items they may have nuts in them.

#### Parking:

Please can we remind you to all be mindful and courteous of others when parking outside school.

### Family Friendly Film Festival at the Axminster Guildhall

£2 per film or £6 for a family of 4



Wonka - 31<sup>st</sup> July

The Lion King - 8<sup>th</sup> August

Frozen: Singalong - 14<sup>th</sup> August

Wicked: Singalong - 21<sup>st</sup> August

Paddington in Peru - 28<sup>th</sup> August

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