



# ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 4th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we close in on the summer holidays, we are busy making our preparations. Reports are nearly ready, new classes have been announced and we are looking forward to our Moving Up day this Monday. At the same time as all of this, we are busy making plans for next year too. We would be really grateful if you could complete our **Parent Questionnaire** to help us with this:

<https://forms.gle/QYHJMpp4E6igWk6i9>

It has been timely to think about the Gospel Value of Compassion this week. We often focus on having compassion for others, but it is also important to be compassionate to ourselves too. As we try to find moments to pause and reflect, or take time to enjoy quality time with those we love this weekend, perhaps we can also make time to be compassionate to ourselves too.

Mr Willcox

## Upcoming Events

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

9/7 Year 1 Assembly @ 9.15am  
9/7 Forest school year 5  
9/7 School starters 2-3pm  
14/7 FSU Ferry trip  
16/7 Forest school FSU  
18/7 PTA Summer Fair  
21/7 Leavers Liturgy  
at Holy Ghost 2pm  
22/7 Leavers Assembly  
at School 9:15am  
23/7 Break-up for Summer holiday

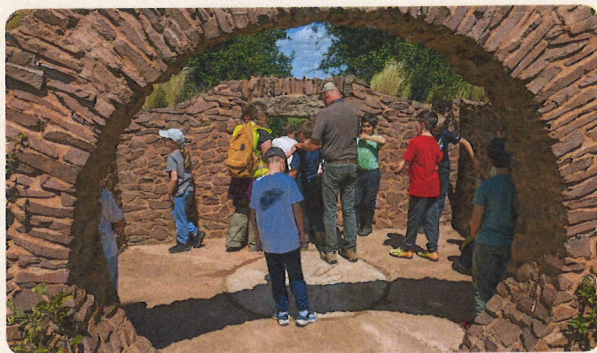
Further dates can be found on our [website](#)

## Highlights

### Backwood Farm - Year 5

On Friday, Year 5 went on a Geography trip to Backwood Farm. We learnt all about the plants and animals that live there, as well as how the farm is run. We enjoyed the pool teaming with life. In particular two young frogs, and relaxing on the bag of fresh wool.

It was a fantastic experience.







## Other news

### GIFT team

What an amazing response we had from the children to join our GIFT team here at St Joseph's. We are pleased to introduce you to our new GIFT team:  
Sam, Flossie, Theo H, Harry, Thea, Poppy J, Catriona, Finley, Zara, Gabriel, Poppy B, Anna, Penelope & Liam.  
Congratulations to you all.

### PTA AGM thank you

We had the AGM this week where we re-elected the committee - Emma Kay (Penelope in yr 3's mum), Hattie English (Yr6 teacher), Jenna Binding (Noah yr 4 and Emma Oak's mum) and Brenda (Imogen in yr 3 and Alice in Oak's mum). We set out ideas for the year to come and agreed the fundraising focus will be for our new school library redesign. Huge thank you to the fabulous committee for all the fundraising and events. We'll share the minutes on the website soon.

### Non-uniform day - Friday 11 July

Bring a contribution to the Summer Fair for wearing non-uniform. We've made some suggestions below but please feel free to bring in anything you can.

Sweets - think starburst, drumstick squashies or maoam style

Small prizes - think leftover party bag fillers

Jolly jars - fill a clean jar with treats such as sweets, lego, hair ties, stickers or small toys

Teddy or cuddly toy

### Summer raffle

Buy your tickets for £1 per ticket, raising funds for the school library. Prizes include Exeter Chiefs tickets, Stuart Line mini cruise, £100 Smyths toy voucher and World of Country Life family ticket, plus lots more. All children have brought home a book of 5, with more available from reception to sell to your friends and family. Put the money and ticket stubs with your name and address in the PTA letter box at reception (next to Kay). Please return any unsold tickets.

### Summer Fair - Friday 18 July, 4.30-7pm

Join the fun of the fair with bouncy obstacle course, games and craft stalls. There will be hotdogs and burgers for sale plus drinks and snacks, and the GIFT team will be running the cake sale. If you can help run a stall with a friend please get in touch [pta@stjo.uk](mailto:pta@stjo.uk).

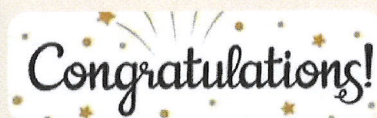
**Repair cafe** at the Summer Fair - There will be volunteers from the local repair cafe at the Summer Fair. More information and how to pre-book coming soon.

## St. Joseph's Awards

### Gospel Values Award

Congratulations to the following children:

Bea, Albert, Sullivan, Adam, Poppy B, Lily, Flossie, Willow, Ruben, Rudy, Art, Zara, Archie P.



### Reading Award

Congratulations to the following children:

25 - Frankie

### Stars of the week

Oaks - Florence  
Rowan - Joshua  
Sycamore - Halle  
Cherry - Ruben  
Maple - Adam  
Willow - Thea  
Beech - Alfie



### Gospel Value of the week

#### Compassion

'As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.'

Peter 4:10

#### Attendance

Our current school attendance is 94.7% our target is 97%.

The class with the highest attendance this week is

**Sycamore Class.**

Well done!



## 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 - Creaky - More information to follow  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Walk to Lymington
- 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

#### School starters:

There will be an induction parent meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2-3pm for all new school starters.

#### 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, or in the road next to 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

[www.axminster-guildhall.co.uk](http://www.axminster-guildhall.co.uk)



Fix it don't ditch it!

- Garden tools
- Small appliances
- Bags & Clothing
- Jewellery
- Toys

Tea, coffee & cake  
while you wait



### Exmouth Repair Café

next session on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
10am - 1pm

Exmouth Methodist Church, Roundhouse Lane EX8 3BU

