



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 12th September 2025

Upcoming Events

This Sunday: Welcome to the Class of 25 - Mass at 10am at Holy Ghost

16/5 New Menu - Food Tasting for all after school

19/9 Playdate in the Playground & uniform sale - 3.30pm to 4pm

6/10 & 8/10 Parents Evening

14/10 Yr3 & Yr6 Escot Trip

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome to our new families! And welcome back to everyone else! It has been so lovely to see how smart and ready the children have been for their new classes.

As we establish our new routines, I would like to remind everyone of the School Uniform Policy please. Grey trousers or shorts, or grey skirt or pinafore dress, black, white or grey socks, black or grey tights, white polo shirt, with a green logo school sweatshirt or cardigan. Please also ensure all uniform is clearly named. If you are having difficulties we have a selection of donated items that we might be able to help with. We will also be starting to use these items to support children who arrive incorrectly dressed.

Sincerely,
Mr Willcox

Parish News

Fr. Philip is inviting the children, families, staff & governors to mass **this Sunday** at 10.00 am. Coffee & refreshments (and lots of ice lollies) will be offered after mass for all those who would like to join parishioners.



THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Fr. Philip and the Parishioners
of
Holy Ghost Church, Raddenstile Lane
extend a very warm invitation
to all at St Joseph's School
children - staff - governors
and their families
to join us for mass and refreshments
when we will especially welcome
all those new to the Parish Family
on
Sunday September 14th.
at 10 o'clock



R.S.V.P. The Parish Office exmouth @ prcdtr.org.uk

Sacramental Preparation in our Parish – Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation.

If your child is ready to take the next steps on their faith journey, please speak to Fr. Philip or contact the Parish Office, 01395 263384, in the first instance. Fr. Philip and the parish will support you and your child as you go forward and a date will be chosen when each child is ready.

This week's highlights

We are a Green Flag Eco-School!



We are thrilled that as a school, we have been awarded a Green Flag! This is as a result of our participation in a year-long project called Eco Schools, organised by Keep Britain Tidy. This involved undertaking a school-wide survey to discover where we could make improvements to be kinder to our environment. We focused on three areas: reducing the volume of rubbish we send to landfill, increasing our biodiversity on the school site and reducing our energy use. Projects included building a number of habitats in our forest school area, planting and growing a variety of vegetables, appointing an energy monitor in each class to make sure we turned our lights and screens off and making better use of our recycling systems in school. These were all decided on and managed by our wonderful Eco-Team who worked tirelessly checking bins, watering plants and encouraging others to make better choices. A HUGE thank you to our team - you earned this award with your dedication to and enthusiasm for our natural world. They will be celebrated in assembly this week!



All the best to Mrs Waite!

This week we said a fond farewell to Mrs Waite who is excited to be increasing her role with Heads Up. Thank you for all your hard work over the years Mrs Waite, you are amazing! We wish you all the best for the future and look forward to seeing you again soon in your new role!

Stars of the Week

Oaks - All of Oaks
Rowan - Emma
Sycamore - Lilah-Rose
Cherry - Leo
Maple - Rueben
Willow - Jack
Beech - Ozgur Su



Highest Class Attendance

The classes with the highest attendance this week are Year 1 and Year 2 both with 100%. Wow! Keep up the good work.

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

A welcome back from our wonderful Governors...



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Dear Parents and Carers

On behalf of the Governance Team, I would like to welcome you all to a new school year at St Joseph's.

We would like to extend a special welcome to all those families who are starting their school journey with us. You will find that everyone at St Joseph's is committed to ensuring our children get off to a 'flying start'.

For those families who are returning to St Joseph's we hope you had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to beginning another exciting year with us.

The start of a new school year is always a busy and exciting time for everyone. Mr Willcox and the staff have been working hard to prepare for the new year. You will notice some changes around the school. All of which are designed to enhance our children's experience of school life and learning.

As Governors we are very proud to be part of the wonderful school community we have at St Joseph's. Our governance responsibilities are delegated to us by Plymouth CAST Multi Academy Trust. Our tasks are designed to provide support and challenge on all areas of school life and include Safeguarding & Child Protection, RE & Catholic Life, Curriculum & Standards, SEND, Inclusion & Equality and Health & Safety & Data Protection. We are also very privileged to be able to join in the many activities and celebrations that take part in school including joining with our school and parish communities for worship and mass. For more information about our Governors and governance roles please see the school website (www.stjosephsprimaryschool.com).

~~We are extremely fortunate to have~~ a great team of people in our school community who always put the education and wellbeing of our children at the heart of everything they do. All Governors are very much looking forward to working with Mr Willcox, the staff, PTA and especially you as Parents and Carers to support the children to 'Walk with Jesus to be the best they can be' throughout the coming year.

Best wishes.

Lynn Cook

Chair of Governors