



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 26th September 2025

Upcoming Events

1/10 Yr4 Forest school
2/10 Autumn Census Day
6/10 & 8/10 Parents Evening
6/10 - 10/10 Kindness week
8/10 Yr 3 Forest school
13/10 Harvest festival
14/10 Yr3 & Yr6 Escot Trip
15/10 FSU Forest school
16/10 Phonics workshop Oaks & yr1
3.45pm-4.45pm
22/10 yr1 Forest school
23/10 PTA Disco
27/10 - 3/11 Half-term
Further dates can be found on our [website](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed another great week here at St Joseph's! It was so good to take several of you on tours of our new learning spaces last Friday, in our new forest lined 'Glade', previously known as 'The Street'.

As the new year gets well under way, we are busy making connections in and beyond our community to further enrich our curriculum. So I am pleased to announce St Joseph's are once again **part of the Arena Schools & Dartmoor School Sport Partnership**. Our first event is Cross Country at Bicton soon.

I have also been working with the Devon Family Hub team this week and they have asked if we could highlight the various ways they are there to support you if you need it. So please see the advert at the bottom of the newsletter with all the links you need should they ever be helpful for you or someone you know.

Sincerely,
Mr Willcox

Weekly highlights



A Wonderful Start to their First Term in School!

We are so proud of how brilliantly the new reception children have settled into the start of their journey at school. The children that were with us in Acorn class have done a fantastic job of welcoming our new starters, helping them learn the routines and setting a great example. Our new children have been absolutely amazing – it's been lovely to see how quickly they've settled in and become part of the group.

New friendships are blossoming already, and the Foundation area has been full of happy, smiling faces. As you'll see from the photos, the children have been busy exploring, learning, and enjoying their new environment!



Our census is on Thursday 2nd October, so that would be a great day to try out the new school dinners if your child hasn't already, as it will also help the school!

Gospel Value of the week

Integrity

'So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.'

Matthew 7:12

Highest Class Attendance!

The classes with the highest attendance this week is Yr1 with 98.1%, closely followed by Yr5 with 97.1%.

Wow! Keep up the good work.

Headteachers Award

Congratulations

Arthur - year 5

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week

Oaks - Primrose

Rowan - Lily

Sycamore - Bella



Cherry - Joseph


Maple - Noah

Willow - Caitlin

Beech - Isla

Congratulations!





PART FUNDED 1:1 SWIMMING LESSONS FOR SEND CHILDREN OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE

If you or anyone that you know would benefit from subsidised specialist 1:1 swimming lessons with Swim Devon or Splashin follow these 3 simple steps:

1
VISIT
WWW.LEVELWATER.ORG/LESSONS

2
CLICK 'APPLY FOR LESSONS' AND FILL OUT OUR ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

3
WE WILL CONTACT YOU WHEN WE HAVE A SLOT TO OFFER YOUR CHILD

We support children;

- Aged 4-11
- With a special educational need or disability
- Who cannot swim ten metres unaided on front & back

How does it work?

We work in partnership with Swim Devon & Splashin. We provide their teachers with specialist disability training. They deliver your lessons and we provide funding so that together, we can offer a weekly 1:1 lesson for the same price as a standard group lesson.

For further information contact: Ashleigh@levelwater.org



Devon Family Hubs

FREE FAMILY ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

For Parents/Carers of children aged 0-19 and Young People aged 13 and over (25 with SEND or care leaver)



Need help?



1hr Single Sessions Available in person, via phone or online

www.devon.gov.uk/children-families-education/child-family-support/family-support/family-hubs/

0800 538 5458
Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm



Devon Family Hubs

Let's Talk, Read & Play

Let's Talk, Read and Play is a 5 week intervention group for children aged 2 years to 2 years, 11 months, and their parents/carers.

This group is for children who are struggling with their language and communication



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Donations Please.

If you have any bedding plants, compost or large plant pots we would really like them. Some of our students enjoy gardening, and its a lovely way to make our school look nice.

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.