



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 17th October 2025

Upcoming Events

22/10 Yr 6 Assembly @ 9.10am
 22/10 yr1 Forest school
 23/10 PTA Disco - Don't forget to book your child/ren's ticket
 24/10 yr5 & 6 Walkability
 25/10 Daylight saving time ends - Clocks go back
 27/10 - 3/11 Half-term
 31/10 - **Deadline for Secondary school applications**
 5/11 Individual/Sibling photos
 12/11 Paralympic Swimmer & Triathlete

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

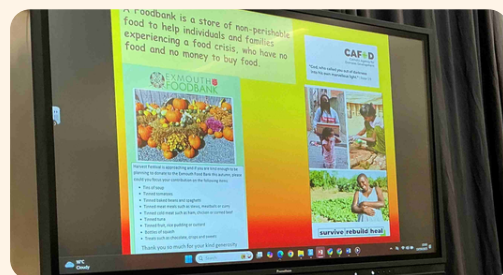
Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been looking at Poppy the bird this week, who reminds us of the Catholic Social Teaching on preferring those who are in need. Thank you again for your kindness donating food for harvest, see below for the impact this has had!

We have also just signed up with a company called Atom as a way to really develop our KS2 children's learning both in school and at home. I have heard Atom have already emailed out to parents, but we have actually only received access to the platform today, so we will be busy setting it up next week ready for children to start using it after then.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
 Mr Willcox

Weekly highlight

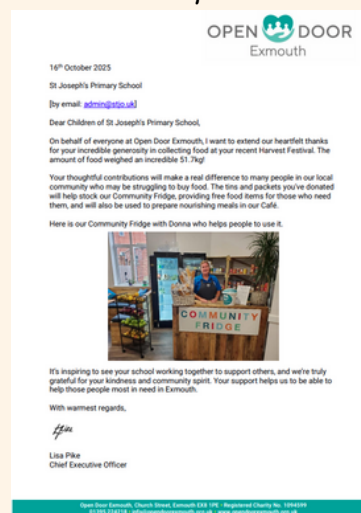


Harvest Festival

The children had a lovely day on Monday learning about Harvest Festival and what it means to our community and further afield.

The day ended with an assembly where the children brought their donations of food to the prayer table.

Rachel from Open Door Exmouth came and collected the donations. She asked us to pass on her 'Many Thanks and appreciation' for the food.



October is the month of the Rosary. As part of our class prayer sessions this week, we have learnt how to pray the Rosary.

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

Highest Class Attendance!

The class with the highest attendance this week is yr4 with 99.1%, closely followed by yr3 with 98.2%.

Wow! Keep up the good work.

Gospel Values

Congratulations

Leo, Teddy, Iza,
Joseph, Darcey,
Oskar

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week

Oaks - Arthur

Rowan - Elodie

Sycamore - Willow

Cherry - Ned

Maple - Felicia

Willow - Sam

Beech - Theo



Congratulations!

Escot yr 3 & 6



On Tuesday, Year 3 and Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Escot.

We started off finding our way through the maize. It was great fun and the children worked brilliantly in teams. We had our very own tour of the animals and even got to see one of the bears! In the afternoon, we had the chance to explore the Saxon village. We dressed up as saxons and explored the tools and weapons that they used. We learnt lots throughout the day, including how back in those days, if you had a headache, they would drill holes in your head! We are very pleased about how medicines have come on since then!



Forest School



Oaks and Acorns enjoyed some Autumn themed games on the field with Mrs Owen's before heading into forest school where we had lots of fun creating animals with clay and natural resources. The children were able to practice their balancing skills on the wooden beams. Some of the children cooked up a treat in the mud kitchen creating hot chocolate and mud pies.



PTA News & Events



Disco - Thursday 23 October

Make sure to book your child/ren's ticket for the disco on ParentPay.



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.

Noticeboard

Thank you to everyone who attended our Phonics and Reading Workshop on Thursday – we hope you found it informative and helpful in supporting your child's learning at home. If you were unable to attend, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher with any questions you may have about reading or phonics. You can also find the workshop PowerPoint on our school website for more information, click on the link [phonics](#)

Coming Soon - Atom Learning

We are excited that we will soon be using Atom Learning to provide homework for Key Stage 2 pupils. You may have already received your log in email. If you would like to find out more about this learning platform, parent webinars are available on their website: [atomlearning](#)

The children have not yet been introduced to this platform - more information to follow after half term.



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.CO.UK/SEND](#)
2. COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM
3. WE WILL CONTACT YOU WHENEVER WE ARE ABLE 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?

The Single Sessions Available in person, via phone or online

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

0800 338 8488
Monday to Friday, 9am 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.

Give us a call 0800 338 8488 MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9AM TO 4PM

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