



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 24th October 2025

Upcoming Events

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
5/11 yr5 Forest school
12/11 yr6 Forest school
18/11 yr1 Animals2u

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we want to publicly thank Mrs Head for the amazing efforts she has made to keep the school in order as our Senior Admin. Mrs Head has worked in the school for many years and is moving on to a new opportunity at ECC. We will miss you Mrs Head! Thank you!

This week in the St Joseph's family, some of our classes have been privileged to learn about Diwali and the celebrations that several of our families are enjoying this week. The theme of light continued in school, as the PTA hosted an amazing Neon School Disco last night, what a fun evening for everyone to sign off our first half-term back in school.

Thank you PTA!

Wishing you a fun-filled half-term,
Mr Willcox

Weekly highlight

DIocese OF PLYMOUTH

Special Edition Newsletter

Announcement of Bishop Nicholas Hudson as the new Bishop-elect of Plymouth Diocese.

October 2025

The date for Bishop Hudson's installation as Diocesan Bishop will be on the 29 November 2025 at the Cathedral Church of Saint Mary and Saint Boniface, Plymouth.



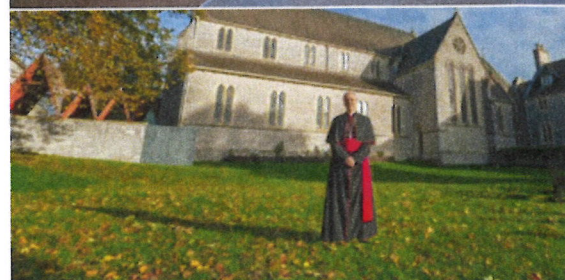
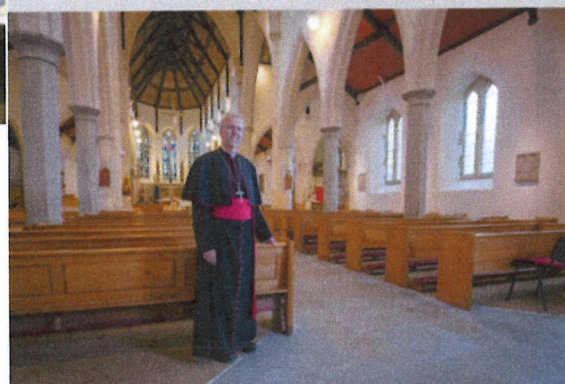
His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed the Right Reverend Nicholas Hudson as the new Bishop of Plymouth.

Ordained as a priest for the Archdiocese of Southwark in 1986, Bishop Hudson has been an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster and Titular Bishop of St Germans in Cornwall since 2014.

On hearing of his appointment, Bishop Hudson, Bishop-elect of Plymouth said:

"I am deeply grateful to Pope Leo XIV for appointing me; and I do not take lightly the trust he has placed in me. I am aware how long the clergy, religious and laity of Plymouth Diocese have waited for a bishop. I come with a desire to listen and to learn. I hope we can apply all the strengths of synodality to discern together ways to deepen the diocese's outreach, mission, and presence to the people of Cornwall, Devon and Dorset. I look forward greatly to meeting all who belong to the diocese.

"I ask their prayers for me as I prepare to be their bishop - as I most surely pray for them."



Please use the following link to read more

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-3D44E10F9BB463122540EF23F30FEDED>

Gospel Value of the week

Courage

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go"

Joshua 1:9

Highest Class Attendance!

The class with the highest attendance this week is yr1 with 98.9%, closely followed by yr5 with 98.85%.

Wow! Keep up the good work.

Gospel Values

Congratulations

Erin, Emma, Frankie, Olive, Jasmine, Isabella, Dotty, Spencer, Poppy B, Summayah, Gabriel.

Congratulations!

Headteachers award

Congratulations

Alice, Saffron, Rosie H, Elodie, Oberyln.

Stars of the Week

Oaks - Senan

Rowan - Frankie

Sycamore - Gracie

Cherry - Iza

Maple - Finley

Willow - Lincoln

Beech - Oto



Congratulations!

Yr 6 Assembly

On Wednesday Year 6 presented an assembly to the school and year 6 parents.

They told us all about the Saxons and their visit to Escot, where they had a hands-on experience of what it was like to be a Saxon.

They spoke clearly and with confidence.

Well done year 6!



Exmouth Swimming Gala

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the swimming gala. Please read below an account of the event from a proud parent.



'The children, ranging from FSU to KS2 of St. Joseph's, who attended the ES&LSS swimming gala last Saturday were an absolute credit. They did the school, their parents and themselves proud. They supported each other, tried their best and encouraged each other. Some even walked the side of the pool in support as their school mates swam the faster races. A great group of children who cared for each other, with no year group separation, the group even including some children who previously attended the school. It was a privilege to have watched the way that they conducted themselves, the bravery they showed in participating and they all did fantastically!!! Plus, every one of them finished their races.'

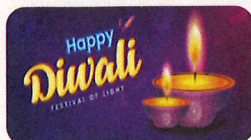
Well done swimmers!'

Diwali

Happy Diwali!

This week, the children in Foundation have enjoyed learning all about Diwali, the Festival of Lights. They explored the beautiful traditions of this special celebration, creating colourful rangoli patterns and decorating their own Diya lamps. It was wonderful to have our families who celebrate Diwali sharing their experiences and joy outside of school too.

Happy Diwali!



PTA News & Events



What a night the children had at the Disco! Everyone was dancing, smiling and enjoying themselves. A big thank you to everyone who helped. These events would not be possible without all the help and support you give.

We raised an amazing £730!



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

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

We will miss you Mrs Head! Thank you!



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](https://atomlearning.com). The children have not yet been introduced to this platform - more information to follow after half term.

