



# ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 21st November 2025

## Upcoming Events

25/11 Flu Vaccinations  
 26/11 yr3 Forest school  
 28/11 Christmas PJ Party 5-7pm  
 1/12 **Advent starts**  
 3/12 yr4 Forest school  
 9/12 Advent and Nativity @ 2pm  
 10/12 yr1 Forest school  
 10/12 Advent and Nativity @ 5pm  
 17/12 FSU Forest school  
 18/12 Reindeer Run - Hospice Care £2  
 22/12 - 4/01 Christmas Holidays  
 5/01 Children return to school

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited that our Advent and Nativity services are just around the corner and the children are now busy getting ready to share their creativity with you! We have sent out a letter this week with details of how you can sign up for initial tickets for the services via ParentPay. We will shortly send a link out so that people who would like additional tickets can sign up for a ballot. So if you haven't already booked, **please book your initial tickets this weekend**, as we will be looking to allocate unbooked spaces to those who sign up for the ticket ballot soon.

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Mr Willcox

## This week

### Animals2u visit

As celebrities take to the jungle in Australia, our Year 1 children were delighted to welcome some animal visitors to class this week! They met a snake, tree frog, gerbil and giant millipede. The children listened carefully and learnt about animal groups and diets. They handled the animals gently and were respectful and engaged throughout.

Well done Year 1.



### Monster Bin

Yesterday, we had a visit from Devon Waste. They came to talk to the children about the importance of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. We now all know where our waste goes and how to use our different recycling bins properly. Bonster (the bin monster) made an appearance too - they had been hiding in a big, black bin! Bonster explained how they love to eat our mouldy, rotten leftovers, but their favourite food is tea-bags! The children have all been given stickers so they can create their own Bonster with their food caddy at home. Have fun being creative and remember the 3 Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Ask your children if they can show you the actions.

## Gospel Value of the week

### Justice

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.'

Matthew 5:6

## Highest Class Attendance!

The classe with the highest attendance this week is Oaks with 99.5%, closely followed by yr1 with 99%.

Wow! Keep up the good work.

## Gospel Values

Congratulations

Cosette, Everlyn,  
Luca, Willow,  
Arthur M, Lily J.

Congratulations!

## Stars of the Week

Oaks - Mara-Ren

Rowan - Erin W

Sycamore - Edie

Cherry - Halle

Maple - Rebecca

Willow - Noah

Beech - Harry



Congratulations!

## Noticeboard

### Christmas PJ Party

Only 1 week to go until the PTA Christmas PJ Party!

Book your tickets now on ParentPay and join us for a cosy, fun-filled evening back at school in your pyjamas. Snuggle down to watch one of two Christmas movies, get creative with arts and crafts, play some games, or enjoy hotdogs, ice cream sundaes and popcorn!

Date: Friday 28th November

Time: 5pm-7pm

FSU & KS1: **A parent will need to stay.**

KS2: Parents can drop off and pick up at 7pm.

**Ticket sales close Monday 24th November.**

We would really appreciate any donations of teddies or jolly jars for the event. Please bring them to school on Monday (24th) or Tuesday (25th) and pop them in the big blue IKEA bag outside the school office. **Please note - 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> are not mufti days, normal school uniform/PE kit to be worn.**

Thank you!

## CHRISTMAS PYJAMA PARTY

Wear your favourite PJs, watch a Christmas movie, play some games, take part in some crafting and tuck into some treats from the tuck shop. (don't forget your pennies)

28TH NOVEMBER  
5-7PM  
£3

## St Joseph's

"Where children get off to a flying start"

Is your child starting school in September 2026?  
You are invited to our

# Stay and Play

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 9.45am

Can't make it... no problem! Call to book in for a tour instead.  
We also take 3 and 4 year olds within our Nursery.  
To book a place or arrange a tour please email [admissions@stjosephs.co.uk](mailto:admissions@stjosephs.co.uk) or telephone us on 01995 264575

## Apply for a primary school place

Was your child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022?



Apply online at:  
[devon.cc/admissionsonline](https://devon.cc/admissionsonline)  
or scan the QR code. Applications open from 15 November 2025 to the 15 January 2026

If you can't access the school admissions website you can get more information by emailing [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk) or call our Education Helpline on: **0345 155 1019**



You must apply through the Admissions Team, even if you've already given details to a school. Applications made directly to schools or on their lists will not be accepted.

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# CLIMATE DRIVE

# SNOW POWER

WE'RE TAKING PART IN

## CUT YOUR CARBON

Throughout November, we're challenging pupils to complete 6 small carbon-cutting activities at home. These actions will reduce your emissions and benefit our planet.

Next week we are focusing on Ditch the Drive.  
Can you achieve 5 miles of active travel?  
This can include scootering, biking or walking.



## Other News



### Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated.  
The children looked amazing in their outfits. Lots of Pudsey ears.  
We raised **£132.50!**





# THANK YOU

FOR SUPPORTING THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION'S  
POPPY APPEAL

Certificate of Appreciation awarded to:  
**St Josephs Primary**

Amount raised:  
**£125.29**

Your contribution helps us to support the Armed Forces community,  
past and present.

## EVERY POPPY COUNTS



### Activate Camps

at Exmouth Community College

**CHRISTMAS 2025**

Sports & Games | Challenges | Creative Arts | Free Healthy Lunch | Fun Activities

Activate Camps are running our  
**multi activity camp** near you this  
holiday!

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme provides local authority funding for funded holiday places at our multi activity camp, including a healthy lunch, for eligible benefits related free school meal (FSM) children. The camp is open to both paid for places and HAF funded places. **Funded places are limited.**

**Venue**  
Gipsy Lane, Exmouth EX8 3AF

**Funded Places**  
Fully funded for all benefit related free school meal eligible children

**Cost**  
£30 per day including lunch

**Times**  
10am-2pm

**Dates**  
22nd-23rd Dec

**Learn More**

5-14 year olds | All camp places must be booked in advance | Limited places

activatecamps.co.uk/haf

### Let's Talk, Read & Play

Helping your child's speech and language development

When your child has their 2-5 year developmental review with a member of your Health Visiting team, you'll chat about how they're doing with talking, listening, and understanding. If your child could benefit from extra support, you'll be offered the LTRP programme - a fun and helpful way to build their communication skills alongside the "Super Communicator" booklet.

How can you join in?

If your child is in a nursery or preschool, they will be doing fun activities with your child to help their speech and language grow. Staff will share tips from the Super Communicator booklet with you to support your child at home.

Your Health visiting team can offer you some one-to-one sessions

Support from your Family Hub

If you would like to feel more confident supporting your child's speech and language development or perhaps your child doesn't attend a setting, you can join a programme through your local Family Hub or your Public Health Nurse.

You can choose what works best for you:

Group sessions at the Family Hub - great for meeting other parents!

One-to-one sessions - offered by the Family Hub if you prefer something more personal.

Scan the QR code and fill in your details and your Family Hub will contact you to find out more about Let's Talk, Read and Play.

### DEVON FAMILY HUBS

**FREE Family Advice & Guidance**

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

Single Session Appointments available in person, via phone or online

**CALL**  
Advice & Guidance Line  
0800 5385458  
Mon-Fri 10am-4pm

**SCAN**

Request for Contact

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Please may we remind you all to be courteous of where and how you park at drop off and pick-up.