



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 21st November 2025

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

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](#)

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



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 - 24th & 25th are not mufti days, normal school uniform/PE kit to be worn.**

Thank you!



Apply for a primary school place

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



Apply online at: devon.cc/admissionsonline

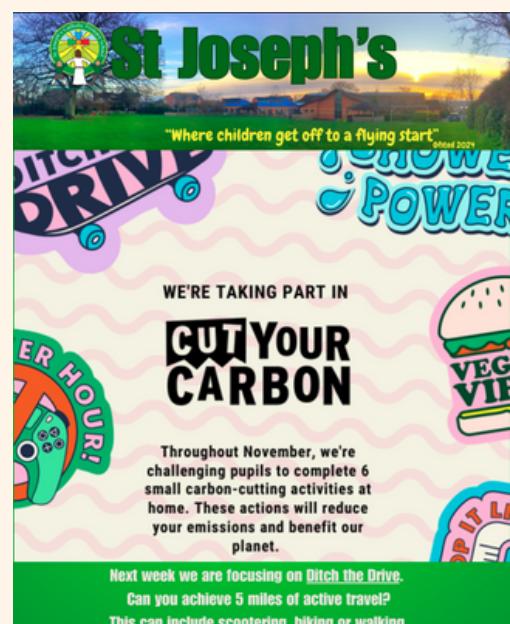
or scan the QR code. Applications open from 15 November 2025 to the 15 January 2026

If you can't access the school admissions website you can get more information by emailing admissions@devon.gov.uk 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.

Devon
County Council



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!**



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.



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



Request for Contact

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

CHRISTMAS 2025

Activate Camps
at Exmouth Community College

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 camps, including a healthy meal and a free before and after school meal (FSSM) for children. The camp is open to both paid for places and HAF funded places. **Funded places are limited.**

Venue Gally Lane, Exmouth EX8 3AF
Funded Places Fully funded for all benefit related free school meal eligible children
Cost £30 per day including lunch
Dates 22nd-23rd Dec
Learn More 

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

activatecamps.co.uk/haf

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