



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 14th November 2025

Upcoming Events

18/11 yr1 Animals2u
19/11 yr2 Forest school
20/11 yr2 Oral Health Visitor
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 - 2/01 Christmas Holidays
5/01 Children return to school

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been thinking about the Gospel value of peace. This was particularly poignant with the backdrop of Armistice Day, as we thought about the sacrifice of others and spent time remembering and being thankful for them.

We are also thankful for our new members of staff who are highlighted below, as we continue to tweak and grow the school to be a place that is filled with fun and meaningful learning opportunities and where children are seen, heard and cared for. Thank you to those who contributed to our Children in Need fundraising today, as we seek to support others to provide for children less fortunate than ourselves.

Wishing you a restful weekend,

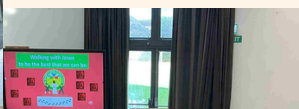
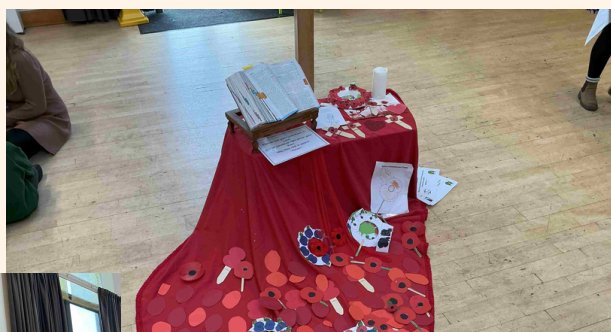
Mr Willcox

This week

Armistice Day

On Monday and Tuesday we took time to consider and pay our respects to all of those who have given their lives for our freedom.

The children were all very respectful and we are very proud of their consideration and compassion.



A big "Welcome"

We would like to introduce you to and say a warm and hearty welcome to our new staff members.

Nikita Brown, who has taken over the role of Senior Administrator.

Please do pop in and say Hello.



Sam Owens, who I am sure you all know, has been appointed as our new Pastoral Support Assistant on Mon/Tues & Thurs/Fri. Sam will be supporting children in school as well as working with families to navigate challenges with various things including attendance.



Gospel Value of the week

Peace

'You are all one in Jesus Christ.'

Galatians 3:28

Highest Class Attendance!

The classes with the highest attendance this week are Oaks & yr1 with 99.5%, closely followed by yr3 with 98.8%.
Wow! Keep up the good work.

Gospel Values
Congratulations
Elodie, Florence, Alice,
Lily, Cassiopeia.

Congratulations!

Headteachers award
Congratulations
David, Ozgur Su.

Stars of the Week

Oaks - Lottie
Rowan - Alice
Sycamore - Aila
Cherry - Sofia
Maple - Remy
Willow - Gabriel
Beech - Poppy



Noticeboard

Parent Governor - Vacancy

We are looking to appointment a Parent Governor. Please see the letter sent out earlier in the week, or below.

If you are interested or require further information please contact the office or email clerk@stjo.uk
Closing date for applications is Monday 24th November.

Christmas Pyjama Party - Live on ParentPay

Friday 28th November, 5pm-7pm

Come back to school in pyjamas for games, crafts, stories and a Christmas film. Live onm ParentPay to book!

If you can volunteer please get in touch
pta@stjo.uk

Donate a teddy or bring in a jolly jar on Monday 24th or Tuesday 25th November to support the pyjama party's teddy tombola and prizes - **Please note - 24th & 25th are not mufti days, normal school uniform/PE kit to be worn.**

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Rogent's Gate
Long Causeway
Exmouth
Devon
EX8 1TA
Headteacher: Mr Jon Wilcox
Tel: 01395 254875

11 November 2025

VACANCY FOR PARENT GOVERNOR

Dear Parent(s), Carer(s) and Guardian(s),

We are writing to inform you of a vacancy for the role of parent governor on our Local CAST Board (LCB) of St Joseph's. We would like to fill this vacancy from parents, carers, and guardians of registered pupils.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the governance team. The LCB is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils. Governors are committed to the school and are prepared to offer support and appropriate challenge whilst promoting Plymouth CAST's Vision and Values. Parent governors play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the governing board, but they are not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body.

The LCB works as a group, meeting usually once every half term. Please find more information about the LCB on the school's website (<https://www.stjosephprimaryschool.com/website/governors>).

Training will be given to new governors. All governors should try to regularly attend meetings, they must maintain confidentiality and should be committed to training. Regular visits to school are encouraged. A term of office is usually four years.

If you are interested in finding out more and applying for the role, please email Iris Reiss-Golumbeck, Clerk to Governors (clerk@stjo.uk) or speak to the school administrator by the end of Monday, 24 November 2025.

Yours sincerely,
Jon Wilcox
Headteacher
Iris Reiss-Golumbeck
Clerk to Governors

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

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.



 **St Joseph's**
"Where children get off to a flying start" March 2021

Is your child starting school in September 2026?

You are invited to our

Stay and Play



Thursday 27th 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@stjo.uk or telephone us on 01395 244875

 **St Joseph's**
"Where children get off to a flying start" March 2021

POWER HOUR

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.

This week we are focusing on Power Hour.
Can you turn off non-essential electric items for one hour.
Teachers will be asking how many families have managed this.