



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 28th November 2025

Upcoming Events

29/11 Exmouth Winter Festival -
Lantern Parade @ 5.10pm
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,

As we enter Advent, we are busy making our preparations for our Advent and Nativity services. Thanks to all who have signed up. We have done our initial allocation of ballot tickets, and Miss Marston will be letting you know soon. The children are excited to share their creativity with you!

Isachaar, our lovely donkey from last year's Advent and Nativity was hoping to join us again, but sadly is now not able to make it this year. So if you happen to know a friendly donkey who is free on the 9th and 10th of December, let us know.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr Willcox

This week



The Children in years 3 & 4 have been busy over the past couple of weeks creating lovely lanterns. They have been making them to use in the annual Lantern Parade which is taking place at the Winter Festival tomorrow.

If you would like to join in with the parade, please arrive at Trinity Church for 5.10pm. They plan to start the parade at 5.20pm. Miss English and Miss Baker will be issuing the lights that will illuminate them throughout the parade.

If you haven't got a lantern, but would like to join in with the festivities there will be lots going on from 3pm in the Strand.



Gospel Value of the week

Humility

'Life - A precious gift from God'

Psalm 139:14

Highest Class Attendance!

The classe with the highest attendance this week is yr 2 with 100%, closely followed by yr 3 with 98.2%.

Wow! Keep up the good work.

Gospel Values

Congratulations

Freya Ri, Mireya, Muna,
Arlo P-E, Finaly, Aila, Guy,
Earnest, Halle, Aibel,
Samuel, Imogen, Jack,
Lincoln, Catriona, Felicia.

Congratulations!

Head teachers Award

Congratulations

Louie, Martha, Freddie H,
Jasmine L, Primrose,
Arthur B.

Stars of the Week

Oaks - Martha

Rowan - Arlo P-E

Sycamore - Noah

Cherry - Sienna

Maple - Anna

Willow - Cobie

Beech - Matthew



Congratulations!

Noticeboard

St Joseph's
"Where children get off to a flying start" founded 2024

DRIVE **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.

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.



CHRISTMAS 2025

Activate Camps
at Exmouth Community College

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

Venue
Grey Lane, Exmouth EX8 3AF

Times
10am-2pm

Dates
23rd-24th Dec

Funded Places
Fully funded for all eligible children

Cost
£30 per day including lunch

Learn More

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 children. The camp is open to both paid for places and HAF funded places. **Funded places are limited.**

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

activatecamps.co.uk/haf

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

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Devon County Council

BEST START IN LIFE

Request for Contact

Let's Talk, Read & Play
Helping your child's speech and language development

When your child has their 2-2.5 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.