



# ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 12th December 2025

## Upcoming Events

17/12 yr1 Forest school  
 17/12 Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day  
 18/12 Children's chat to Santa  
 18/12 Reindeer Run - Hospice Care £2  
 22/12 - 4/01 Christmas Holidays  
 5/01 Children return to school  
 7/01 yr 1 Forest school  
 8/01 Stay & Play - Spread the word!  
 8/01 National Weight & Height measurements Oaks & year 6

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to so many of you that supported your children at our Advent and Nativity services this week. It was so wonderful for the children to be able to share all their hard work with you all and usher us gently towards the season of giving and kindness that awaits.

We have had a lot of absences (staff and children) this week, so please do take care of yourselves this weekend as we prepare for one final week of fun learning before a well earned break.

Wishing you a restful time,

Mr Willcox

## Highlights



### Advent and Nativity services

It was so lovely to see so many of you at our Advent and Nativity services this week, thank you again for your support. The children loved having you there and taking the opportunity to share their messages of hope. Remembering it is more blessed to give than receive, thank you also for your generous giving. All donations collected and money raised from ticket sales will be going to Hospiscare.



### Christmas tree decorating

Acorn class have enjoyed a festive morning decorating our school's Christmas tree at Holy Trinity church as a part of the Christmas tree festival. Every decoration on the tree has been handmade by our talented Year 1, Oak and Acorn pupils - they look absolutely fantastic!

If you would like to see the tree and admire all the beautiful creations, it will be available to view from **5pm to 7pm, Monday 15th December to Wednesday 17th December.**



## Gospel Value of the week

### Forgiveness

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you.'

Ephesians 4:32

## Highest Class Attendance!

The class with the highest attendance this week is yr 2 with 97.2%, closely followed by yr 4 with 96.8%.  
Wow! Keep up the good work.

## Gospel Values

Congratulations

Caitlin, Brandon, David,  
Noah B, Flossie, Rupert.

**Congratulations!**

Head teachers Awards

Congratulations

Erin, Doty, Nico, Lily,  
Finlay F.

## Stars of the Week

Oaks - Viktoriia

Rowan - Mireya

Sycamore - Finlay

Cherry - Albie

Maple - Jaime

Willow - Poppy

Beech - Connor



*Congratulations!*

## Noticeboard

**St Joseph's**  
"Where children get off to a flying start" Since 1878

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

# Stay and Play

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 10am**

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 email [admissions@stjosephs.co.uk](mailto:admissions@stjosephs.co.uk) or telephone us on 01395 264975

Just to remind you we are a nut free school. Please check lunch ingredients to ensure no nuts are present.

**PRIMARY SPORTS & EDUCATION**

## THE BEACON ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP

SCAN TO BOOK

5-11 YEARS OLD

NERF GUN BATTLES, FOOTBALL, LASER TAG, CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS, GLOW IN THE DARK SPORTS, DODGEBALL, CRICKET, CHRISTMAS GAMES & MUCH MORE!!!

**PRICES:**  
STANDARD DAY - £21 (PER CHILD)  
EXTENDED DAY - £26 (PER CHILD)

**TIMES:**  
STANDARD - 8:45AM - 3:30PM  
EXTENDED - 8:00AM - 5:30PM

**2025/26 Dates:**  
MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER  
TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER  
MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**THE BEACON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
1 BEACON PLACE  
EXMOUTH  
EX8 2SR

**BOOKING LINK:** <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2025/12/22/the-beacon-primary-school-christmas-holiday-camps-2025>

More Information: [marcus@primary-sports.co.uk](mailto:marcus@primary-sports.co.uk) / 07976979202

## 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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**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 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.

**Venue:** Gilly 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](https://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

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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 & Play.

