



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 5th December 2025

Upcoming Events

8/12 Drawing competition deadline

9/12 Advent and Nativity @ 2pm

10/12 Advent and Nativity @ 5pm

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

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to our PTA who put on a wonderful time for our children last Friday at the Pyjama Party. We really appreciate the amazing experiences you organise for our children!

This week, we have been thinking about the Gospel Value of Peace in school. With all the busyness of preparing for next week's services and popping up Christmas decorations around the school, this has been quite apt to remember!

As we enter the weekend, we are looking forward to welcoming you to our sell-out Advent and Nativity services next week at The Holy Ghost Church. Have a great weekend!

Mr Willcox

Highlights



Lantern Parade

The children and adults, enjoyed the lantern parade and festivities.

Well done to all the children who took part, not only in the parade, but in the choir too!

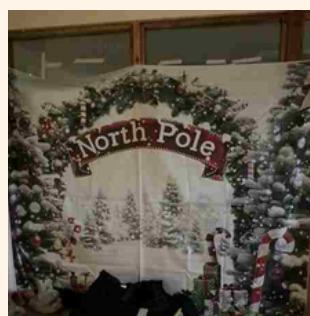


PJ Party

A wonderful time was had by all.

The Glade was turned into a grotto.

We are waiting for all the elves to finish counting & letting us know what we raised.



Spread the word!

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

Wednesday 8th 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 please email admin@stjps.uk or telephone us on 01395 261875



Drawing competition:

If your child would like to design a front cover for the Advent & Nativity program, entries on A5 sized paper need to be handed to the office by 9:00am on Monday 8th December.

Gospel Value of the week

Peace

'You are all one in Jesus Christ.'

Galatians 3:28

Highest Class Attendance!

The class with the highest attendance this week is Oaks with 100%, closely followed by yr2 with 97.7%.

Wow! Keep up the good work.

Gospel Values

Congratulations

Poppy J, Bella K,
Penelope, Rebeka,
Dominic, Noah W.

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week

Oaks - Rosie

Rowan - Freddie

Sycamore - Cosette

Cherry - Mya

Maple - Aidan

Willow - Liam

Beech - Emily

Congratulations!

Noticeboard

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

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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.

PRIMARY SPORTS & EDUCATION

THE BEACON ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP
5-11 YEARS OLD

SCAN TO BOOK!

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 22nd DECEMBER
TUESDAY 23rd DECEMBER
MONDAY 29th DECEMBER
TUESDAY 30th 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 / 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
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

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 benefits 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

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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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.

