



Walking with Jesus to be the best we can be

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term and a new year! We have hit the ground running here this week, with Fr Philip visiting, nurses coming for the annual measurement checks and lots of prospective new children coming for our Stay and Play.

Starting a new term is always hard for some, so please do pass on a well done from us to all our children who have managed to come back to school this week and get back into the rhythm of school despite the snow, rain and gale force wind we have had!

As we start a new term, just a reminder for our drivers to please park in a considerate manner for our neighbours.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Willcox

Upcoming Events

- 14/01 Forest School - FSU
- 15/01 Census Day
Themed lunch - Pizza Action!
- 19/01 Bikeability - yr 6
- 21/01 Forest School - yr 2
- 23/01 PTA Party in the Playground
- 26/01 PE Impact Day
- 28/01 Forest School - yr 3
- 09/02 Parents' Evening
- 11/02 Parents' Evening
- 13/02 Last day before Half Term
- 16/02 Inset Day
- 17/02 Children back in school

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

This week



Blessing of the school doors

On Thursday Fr Philip joined us for our Epiphany Celebration of the Word assembly.

Fr Philip performed the blessing of the door.

Then on Wednesday the GIFT team blessed the classroom doors.

Forest School

Rowan Class had a wonderful time in the sunshine at Forest School this week. We were learning about the Seasons and talked about how we stay warm in the Winter. We spotted early signs of Spring appearing and made bird feeders to help keep the birds fed and warm in Winter. The children also enjoyed painting with chalks and den building. We enjoyed a warm apple juice by the fire to finish.



Gospel Value of the week

Compassion

'As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace'
Peter 4:10

Highest Class Attendance!

The class with the highest attendance this week was yr3 with 98.1%. Closely followed by yr2 with 97.2%.
Wow! Keep up the good work.

Gospel Values

Congratulations

Albert, Felix E-H,
Lenny



Head teachers Award

Congratulations
Willow

Stars of the Week

Oaks - Brooklyn
Rowan - Summayah
Sycamore - Archie
Cherry - Albie
Maple - Jacob
Willow - Theo
Beech - Jessi



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