



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 23rd January 2026

Upcoming Events

26/01 Dance Impact Day - PE kit to be worn by all pupils
28/01 Forest School - yr 3
04/02 Forest School - yr 4
06/02 Number Day -MUFTI: Come to school wearing numbers for NSPCC!
06/02 PTA Party in the Playground
09/02 Parents' Evening
11/02 Parents' Evening
11/02 Maple class assembly @ 9.15am
13/02 Last day before Half Term
23/02 Inset Day (corrected date!)
24/02 Children back in school (corrected date!)

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We practised our lockdown procedure this week, and the children did such an excellent job that I thought the school was completely empty. The children were very proud of how they had managed to fool me!

This week we have been thinking about the Gospel Value of Kindness. One way we would like to show kindness soon is by raising money for the NSPCC. We will do this by celebrating Numbers Day on the 6th February. On the 6th February, please can your children come in mufti with a "numbers" theme.

This Monday (26th Jan), we will be having a special Dance Impact Day in school, led by the Dartmoor School Sports Partnership, so everyone is invited to wear their PE kits for this please.

Wishing you a restful weekend, Mr Willcox

This week at St Joseph's

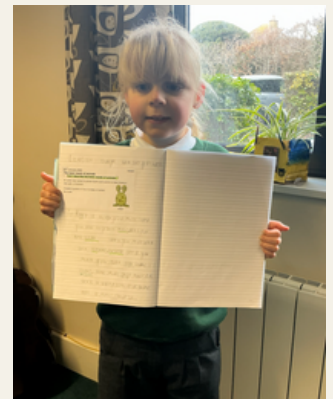
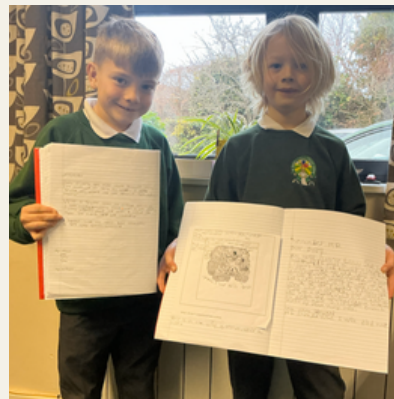
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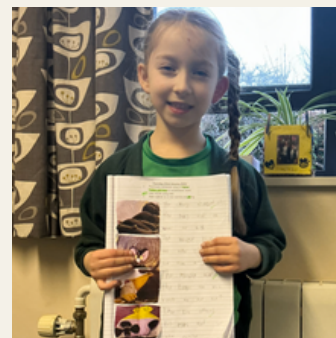
This week Year 6 have been out and about on their bikes - even in the wind and the rain! They have done a fantastic job and we can't thank James from Bikeability enough for his patient, kind instruction of our children.



Headteacher's Awards:



Congratulations to Sullivan and Teddy for amazing letter writing and Aila for writing some excellent instructions in Science.



We are also really proud of Florey and Rosie this week, who both showed us their brilliant writing skills. And well done to Ned who explored ancient Egyptian Pyramids and made his very own!

Stars of the Week



Oaks - Charlie
Rowan - Jasmine
Sycamore - Alyssia
Cherry - Bea
Maple - Ruby
Willow - Lily
Beech - Gene

Gospel Value of the week

Kindness

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32



Highest Class Attendance!

The classes with the highest attendance this week were Reception and Year 2 with 100%. Closely followed by Year 1 with 98.6%. Wow! Keep up the good work!

Other news & notice board

Football

The KS2 girls competed in a football tournament at ECC on Monday after school. The girls showed a fantastic sporting attitude and they worked amazingly as a team. Well done girls!

Forest School

Year 2 enjoyed a wet, muddy forest school adventure this week. We created fishing rods, rafts and dens. The children then ended the session warming up with a warm apple juice. We had a great time!



PTA NEWSLETTER

Winter 2026

pta@stjo.uk

WHAT'S COMING UP

All events are subject to enough parent/guardians volunteering to set up, run and pack away. It would be great to see some new people helping! Let us know on pta@stjo.uk or find us in the playground.

Thursday 22 January, 7.45pm-9pm

PTA planning meeting

Help plan the disco, Wonderlicious Bars, and bring your ideas.

Friday 6th February after school until 4.30pm (weather permitting)

Playground Playdate - with technical support and second-hand uniform sale

We'll be talking through some of the websites and apps our children use, such as Google Classroom, e-books, Times Table Rock Stars, reading quiz, or the school Google calendar. We'll talk through what they do and how to use them. Bring your device and we'll help with any issues accessing.

Please donate any good quality, clean second-hand uniform on the day ready to sell and bring along any unwanted gifts that could be used as prizes.

Friday 27 February

Disco

KS1 5-6pm (parents/guardians to stay)

KS2 6.15-7.15pm

£3 per child

We were thinking about a karaoke room but need some brave volunteers to run this!

World Book Day Thursday 5 March, after school

Wonderlicious Bars

Will you win a golden ticket? Bars will be on sale for £2.50 per bar on ParentPay (100g Galaxy bar, allergen free alternative available).

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT TERM

We'd like to plan ahead to next term so you know some of the things to expect. If there's anything you'd like to help with please let us know.

Colour Run
(sponsored event) - May

Cool-down Fridays
Sunny Fridays in May, June and July

Summer Fair - June/July



Parking:

We are continuing to seek support from the council with the limited parking outside the school. We know it is difficult at drop off and collection, so please do take extra care to park considerately for our neighbours, pedestrians and other road users. Thank you