

# 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 6<sup>th</sup> February. On the 6<sup>th</sup> February, please can your children come in mufti with a "numbers" theme.

This Monday (26<sup>th</sup> 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

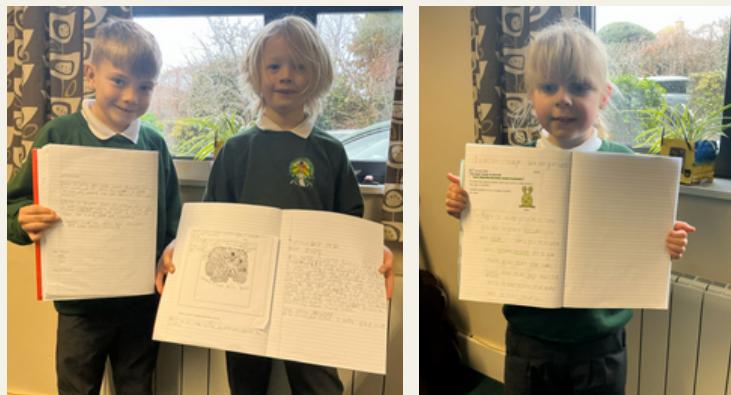
### Bikeability



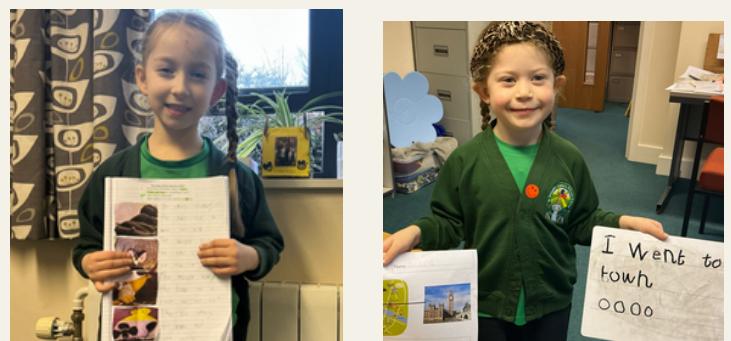
This week Year 6 have been out and about on their bikes - even in the wind and the rain! They have done a fantastic job and we can't thank James from Bikeability enough for his patient, kind instruction of our children.



### 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@stjouk

### 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@stjouk](mailto:pta@stjouk) 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