



# ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 16th January 2026

## Upcoming Events

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  
04/02 Forest School - yr 4  
06/02 Number Day - info to follow  
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](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well our Gospel Value was courage this week, and so many of you have shown courage just to be here in the midst of evacuations and unknown timelines for resolution. We hope all of you who have been affected get some well deserved rest and recovery this week as you settle back into your homes.

We just wanted to let you know that in line with Martyn's Law, we will be having a practice invacuation on Wednesday next week. We don't want to alarm children, so we are explaining simply that in the same way as we have a fire drill to practice leaving the building when it isn't safe, we will practice moving to our classrooms when things are not safe outside. For example because of really bad weather. We will use a silent alert, so it will have minimal impact on children who struggle with alarms.

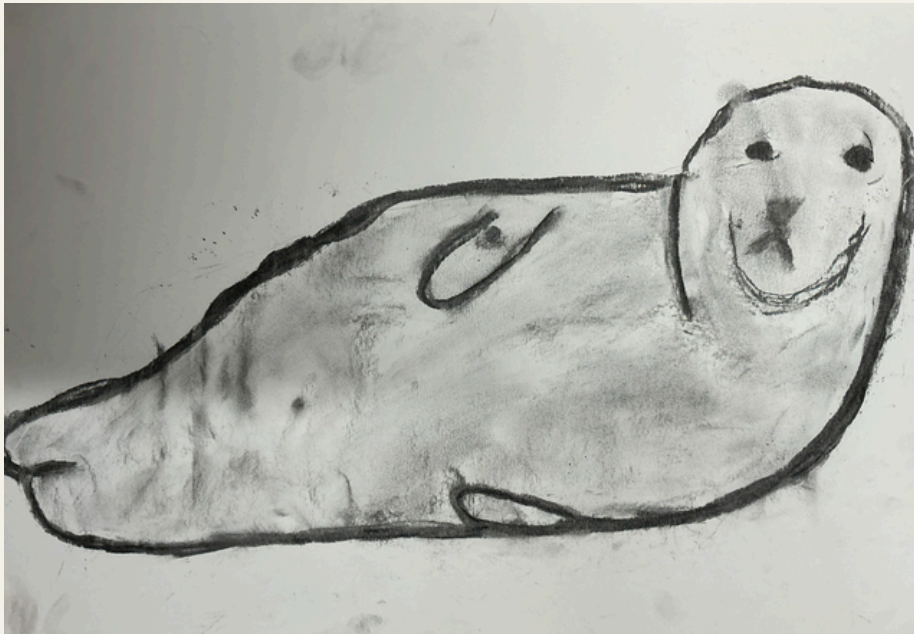
Wishing you a restful weekend,

Mr Willcox

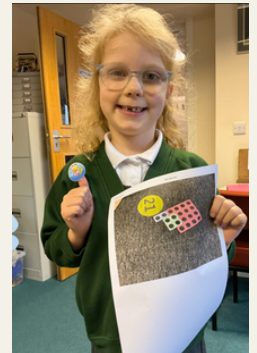
## This week

### Headteacher's Awards

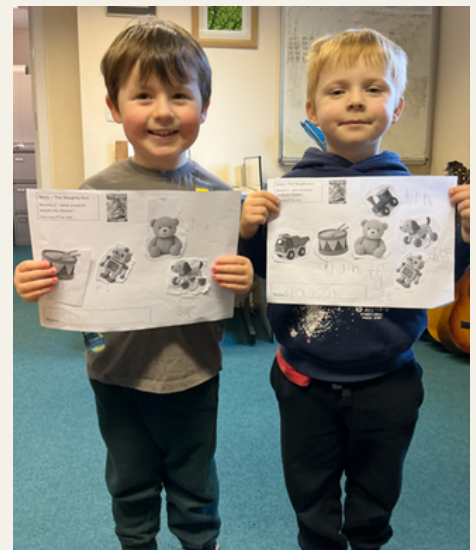
We love to highlight and celebrate how well our children are learning in school. Our year 3 children have been learning to draw using charcoal this week. We think you will agree that Sullivan's seal is simply wonderful! We have quite a number of budding artists on our hands!



Meanwhile, in Year 1 Erin was also very creative thinking of different ways she could make 20.



Finally, congratulations to Alex and Grayson in Reception, for some excellent handwriting this week. Their letter formation was excellent and we are so proud of their progress! And as you can see, they are too!



## Stars of the Week



Oaks - Alex  
Rowan - Nico  
Sycamore - Joshua  
Cherry - Albert  
Maple - Arnie  
Willow - Carly  
Beech - Jensen

## Gospel Value of the week

### Courage

'Be strong and courageous.  
Do not be dismayed, for the  
Lord your God is with you  
wherever you go'

Joshua 1:9

## Highest Class Attendance!

The class with the highest  
attendance this week was  
yr1 with 99.5%. Closely  
followed by Oaks with  
96.5%.  
Wow! Keep up the good  
work.

## Other news & notice board

## PTA NEWSLETTER

Winter 2026

pta@stjo.uk

### JOIN THE NEXT PTA MEETING

Thursday 22 January, 7.45pm at school. Everyone welcome.

### WELCOME BACK

We hope everyone had a restful break over Christmas and are getting back into a routine that works for you. Looking ahead to future events, if you have any unwanted gifts that could be used as prizes either big or small, they would be gratefully received. Please bring to the Playground Playdate, after school on Friday 23 January.

Thanks to all the fundraising, we're able to give each class £100 to spend on extra resources for our children, and £200 for sensory equipment in the bubble room too.

We're looking at what else we need to refit our library - if you have any contacts or ideas we'd love to hear from you so we can make it the best library possible for our children. There may be a date where we need to clear materials so some extra hands would really help when the time comes.

We meet twice a month, and would welcome new people to help organise events and look at other fundraising grants and opportunities for our school. If you would like to join, our next meeting is Thursday 22 January at 7.45pm at school. We'll also be sorting uniform ready for the second-hand uniform sale.

There's a few asks for help in this newsletter so please do help if you can - if more parents could help for a couple of hours a year it would make a massive difference to what we can do.

As always, thank you to everyone who has been able to help - we couldn't do it without you!

Emma, Hattie, Brenda, Jenna and Kez 🌟



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### 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 23 January, 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

