



# ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well having navigated a bomb two weeks ago, we have all managed to get through some incredible flooding this week too! My thanks to the staff who managed to get here despite this. What a January we are having in Exmouth!

Thank you for bearing with us while our gates have been problematic, I am pleased to say we have now not only managed to fix them but to upgrade them with a new integrated security system that makes the school even more secure, and enables Kay to see who has arrived! If the new system causes any confusion for you, please ask and we will show you which button to press!

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Mr Willcox

## Upcoming Events

- 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
- 17/02 Shrove Tuesday
- 17/02 Chinese New Year
- 18/02 Ash Wednesday
- 18/02 - 02/04 Lent
- 23/02 Inset Day
- 24/02 Children back in school

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

## This week at St Joseph's

### Dance Impact Day

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup>, Becky from Arena Sports Partnership came to school to teach the classes a fun dance routine. The themes for the day were KS1 Superheroes and KS2 Magnets. Everyone enjoyed the sessions. We ended the day with the whole school performing the dance routines that they had learnt. Well done!



### Choir - Song Writing workshop

The choir had a treat on Tuesday. They took part in a song-writing session. This was hosted by Dr Elfyn Jones and Patrick Saturley, from Sonopera.

They all sounded wonderful!



## Stars of the Week



Oaks - Louis  
Rowan - Jonah  
Sycamore - Eleanor  
Cherry - Earnest  
Maple - Rudy  
Willow - Carly  
Beech - Freddie

## Gospel Value of the week

### Humility

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

— Psalm 139:14

## Highest Class Attendance!

The classes with the highest attendance this week were Oaks with 99.5%. Closely followed by Year 3 with 98.1%. Wow! Keep up the good work!

## Other news & notice board

### Forest School

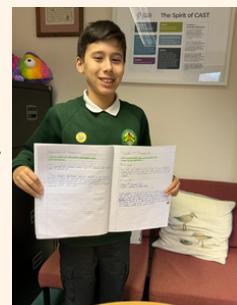
Year 3 enjoyed forest school with a difference this week. They had fun in the outside classroom and on the field.

They did activities that ran alongside their literacy learning, Cavemen, and what 'Om' would do in his village. From tool and pot making to recreating cave drawings.



### Headteacher's Award

Well done to Theo, who challenged himself to be a writer who impacts the reader with his description and vocabulary choices. He also showed the reader rather than just telling the reader too!



### 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

## PTA NEWSLETTER

Winter 2018

### 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-8pm

PTA planning meeting

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

Friday 26th 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



### OPEN DOOR Community Café

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUPPORT AT OPEN DOOR EXMOUTH

Starting this February Half Term, Open Door is introducing a new, simpler way for families to access support during school holidays at their Community Café, Church Street, Exmouth.

#### FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

All children under 18 can enjoy a free meal during the school holidays on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays. Simply choose from our school holiday menu and pick either breakfast (served until 11:30am) or lunch (served from 11:30am to 1:30pm).



#### A WELCOMING SPACE FOR ADULTS

We are more than just a café - we are a community. Parents are more than welcome to relax in a warm, stigma-free environment. Access to further support is available should you need it.



For more info: Email [info@opendoorexmouth.org.uk](mailto:info@opendoorexmouth.org.uk) or call 01395 224218

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