



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 30th January 2026

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](#)

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

This week at St Joseph's

Dance Impact Day

On Monday 26th, 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



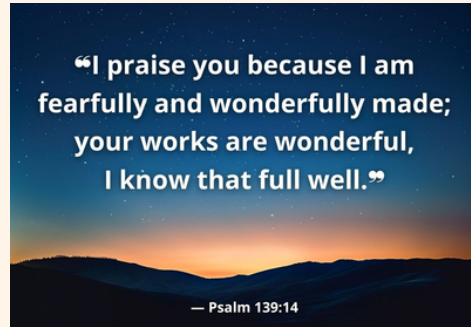
Oaks - Louis
Rowan - Jonah
Sycamore - Eleanor
Cherry - Earnest
Maple - Rudy
Willow - Carly
Beech - Freddie

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

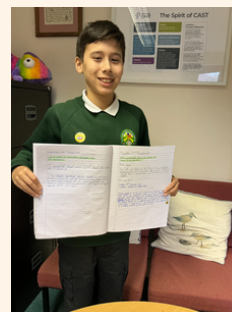
Year 3 enjoyed forest school with a difference this
week. They had fun in the outside classroom and on
the field.

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!



PTA NEWSLETTER

Winter 2026

pta@exm.ac.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@exm.ac.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 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

K51 5-6pm (parents/guardians to stay)

K52 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 or call 01395 224218

Open Door Exmouth Charity Number: 1094039 www.opendoorexmouth.org.uk

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