



# ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 13th February 2026

## Upcoming Events

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  
27/02 PTA Disco - live on ParentPay  
05/03 World Book Day  
05/03 PTA Wonderlicious Bars - buy your bars on ParentPay

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to half-term, the days are getting lighter and our school crocuses are in full bloom!

Hopefully you will have seen in a separate letter that we are extending Breakfast Club after half-term, and we are looking for another member of staff to help with this. If you are interested please email the office on [admin@stjo.uk](mailto:admin@stjo.uk).

We have been thinking about the Gospel Value of Justice this week, looking at Mat 5:13 which considers how we can be salty and stand up for what is right - encouraging us to develop a moral compass. We are so proud of the ways in which our children are developing their sense of what is good, kind and just.

There are a lot of people in the world who could learn from our children!

Wishing you a restful weekend and a lovely half-term,

Mr Willcox

## This week at St Joseph's

### Chinese New Year

We had a visit from a dragon on Wednesday. FSU did an amazing job of walking through the school. It was lovely to see all the classes coming out to say hello to the dragon and clapping along with the children from FSU.



### Goodbye Miss Preston.



After joining us in 2023, Miss Preston is off on a new adventure.

Miss Preston has shared so many memories with our children, and we will always remember her amazing football skills!

Thank you for all of your support and kindness for our children Miss Preston, we will miss you!

## Stars of the Week



Oaks - Wilf W  
 Rowan - Elijah  
 Sycamore - Gracie  
 Cherry - Murphy  
 Maple - Aaron  
 Willow - Arlo  
 Beech - Evan

## Gospel Value of the week

### Justice

**BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO  
 HUNGER AND THIRST FOR  
 RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR  
 THEY WILL BE FILLED.**

- MATTHEW 5:6

## Highest Class Attendance!

The classes with the highest attendance this week were year 3 with 95.6%. Closely followed by year 1 with 94.7%. Wow! Keep up the good work!

## Other news & notice board

**NEON DISCO NIGHT**

**FEB 27TH**

**FSU/KS1 | 5 - 6 PM** Parent/guardian to stay  
**KS2 | 6.15 - 7:15 PM**

Don't forget your pennies for the tuck shop

**Book your tickets on ParentPay by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**OPEN DOOR**  
 Community Caf 

**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 Cafe, 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 cafe - 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@pendorexmouth.org.uk](mailto:info@pendorexmouth.org.uk) or call 01395 224218

Open Door Exmouth Charity Number: 1094599 [www.opendoorexmouth.org.uk](http://www.opendoorexmouth.org.uk)

**parkrun primary**

parkrun's mission is to create a healthier and happier planet for everyone. Become a parkrun primary and join this mission with schools everywhere! Actively promoting Junior parkrun within your school will support young people's health and wellbeing, it will help to create opportunities for physical activity and support your school to connect with the local community.

**How can being a parkrun primary benefit your school?**

- Fostering a love for movement:** Junior parkrun encourages children, families, and staff to enjoy regular physical activity outside school hours, supporting physical and mental wellbeing. It nurtures healthy habits and lays the foundation for a lifelong positive mindset toward movement.
- Community engagement:** Connecting with your local junior parkrun strengthens community links and fosters a sense of belonging. It provides opportunities for pupils, families, and staff to come together in a positive, inclusive environment beyond the classroom.
- Subversing and personal development:** Through junior parkrun help pupils to build confidence, develop new skills, and contribute meaningfully to your community. These experiences support the national educational framework, promoting resilience and social growth.
- Enhancing education and school values:** Junior parkrun supports the PE and PSHE curriculum by offering real-world application of learning. It demonstrates a school's commitment to holistic education, strategic leadership, and promoting wellbeing, inclusivity, and active citizenship.

**67%** 67% of parents report that junior parkrun improves their child's physical activity levels and their enjoyment of it, too. Children report feeling proud, full of energy, confident and strong.

**First timer at junior parkrun?**

Here's what it's all about:

- It's a weekly, free, 2k community event in open spaces for 4 to 14 year olds and their families.
- With a focus on fun, you can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate.
- Events are on Sunday mornings and everyone is welcome - find your local event at <http://parkrun.me/join>

**Find your local event**

There are currently hundreds of Junior parkrun events and new ones are starting all the time so there is bound to be one on your school's doorstep. You can find your local Junior parkrun event on our map here: <http://parkrun.me/jprevents>

**junior parkrun**

**How to become a parkrun primary:**

**Register as a parkrun primary and connect with your local event.**

"Junior parkrun has helped remove barriers and encourages participation in physical activity for our pupils. These types of consistent, community-based opportunities are essential. It's not just about fitness, it's about belonging, confidence, and continued growth."  
 - Mr Reuben, at Cricket Green School.

**Host a junior parkrun school assembly.**

**You are now a parkrun primary, great job and welcome to the parkrun family!**

**Share information with parents and carers.**

**Attend your local event together.**

Sign up to receive your parkrun primary toolkit (also available in Welsh) including customisable assembly presentation, communication templates, guidance and much more here: <http://parkrun.me/jpreg>

## 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.