



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 13th March 2026

Upcoming Events

18/03 Forest school yr 3
19/03 St Joseph's Day (Mass at 2pm)
25/03 Forest school FSU
25/03 Yr 3 Assembly 9.15am
26/03 KS2 Swimming Gala - info to follow
01/04 Forest school yr 5
01/04 Yr 2 Class Assembly
03/04 - 19/04 Easter break
20/04 Children return to school

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been busy with our learning this week, with lots of children continuing their Quest assessments. These assessments will give teachers data on children's learning gaps. This data will then be used to inform class teaching and also when assigning individual tasks using Atom School. We have already found children in KS2 who spend 30 minutes each day on Atom are progressing quickly as the adaptive questioning helps scaffold them to succeed. If you need help accessing this for your KS2 children please let your class teacher know. Wishing you a good weekend, Mr Willcox

Adventures at St Joseph's

On Friday last week, Year 4 attended a sustainability workshop at Sideshore. The children learnt all about the ways coastal towns like ours can do our part to take care of our environment. In the end, we were challenged to build our own sustainable town on the beach with eco-friendly features. Our thanks go to Sideshore for putting this event on for us!



Stars of the Week



Oaks - Margo
Rowan - Freya
Sycamore - Rupert
Cherry - Leo
Maple - JJ
Willow - Lincoln
Beech - Poppy

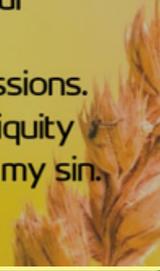
Gospel Value of the week

Compassion

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing
love; according to your
great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

@GospelOfGod1 | Instagram

Psalms 51:1-2



Highest Class Attendance!

The class with the highest
attendance this week was
Year 1 with 97%. Closely
followed by year 3 with
96.6%. Wow!
Keep up the good work!

Other news & notice board

Togetherness Resources

Devon families have been given free access to [Togetherness resources](#) to support wellbeing. There is a wide range of courses for parents, carers, grandparents, and young people, which aim to help you and your family understand and manage emotions in everyday life. Follow the link to find courses from NHS clinical psychologists, practitioners, and other parents, such as those about supporting children with additional needs, teenage behaviour and sleep.

Lost Property

Due to the amount of lost clothing items we find in the playground at break/lunchtime, unfortunately we do not have the time to return them, these can now be found in the lost property box located in the foyer by the office.

There is an array of jumpers, cardigans and coats.

Please can you put your child's name in all items of clothing to make it easier to find.

Many thanks Kay

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?
Encouraging a love for exercise
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.
Supporting and personal development
Through junior parkrun, pupils 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 applications of learning. It demonstrates a school's commitment to holistic education, strategic leadership, and promoting wellbeing, inclusion, and active citizenship.

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

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: <https://parkrun.me/events>

junior parkrun
Register as a parkrun primary and connect with your local event.
Host a junior parkrun school assembly.
Share information with parents and carers.
Attend your local event together.

"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.

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

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

First timer at junior parkrun?
Here's what it's all about:
It's a weekly, free, 20 community event to open doors for 5 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 evenings. It's welcome - find your local event at <http://parkrun.me/events>

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.