



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 20th March 2026

Upcoming Events

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,

As you all know, we are experiencing increasing congestion at drop off and collection in Regents Gate and near by. This is not helped by the current long term use of the drop off parking spaces - which we are seeking council support with.

Sadly this week, I have heard of members of our community parking in ways that prevent the safe passing of pedestrians, and people rushing in a way that could also cause harm to our children. If possible we would love more people to walk to school, and if you are driving please can we be extra considerate to others. Sincerely,

Mr Willcox

Adventures at St Joseph's



Buckfast Abbey Trip

Rowan and Cherry Class enjoyed a wonderful trip to Buckfast Abbey in the sunshine! We spent the day exploring the events of Holy Week through a variety of workshops. The children enjoyed exploring the beautiful grounds on an Easter trail, seeing inside the church and various craft activities.



St Joseph's Day

On Thursday we celebrated St Joseph's Day in school. We welcomed the Parish to take Mass with our KS2 children. The children had special activities in their classes and the PTA kindly bought all our children an ice lolly which the children enjoyed on the sunny field!

Thank you to Fr Philip, the PTA, and our Governors for helping make the day special!

Stars of the Week



Oaks - Henry
 Rowan - Isabella
 Sycamore - Michael
 Cherry - Oskar
 Maple - Cinta
 Willow - William
 Beech - Connor

Gospel Value of the week

Peace

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.
1 John 4:9



Highest Class Attendance!

The class with the highest attendance this week was Oaks 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 attitude 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% 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.

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.
 "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/#preg>
 Attend your local event together.
 Share information with parents and carers.

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.