



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 24th April 2026

Upcoming Events

29/04 yr 1 Forest School
 04/05 Bank Holiday - school closed
 06/05 yr 5 Assembly @ 9.15am
 06/05 yr 2 Forest School
 08/05 Phonics Talk - yr 1 @ 3pm
 11/05 - 14/05 - SAT's week
 13/05 yr 5 Forest School
 14/05 yr 5 Decider Info Evening MHST
 18/05-22/05 Walk to School week
 20/05 FSU Assembly @ 9.15am
 20/05 yr 4 Forest School
 21/05 PTA Colour Run (info to follow)
 25/05-01/06 Half-term
 02/06 Children return to school
 03/06-05/06 - yr6 Residential Trip
 Further dates can be found on our [website](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. We have hit the ground running! We celebrated Earth Day on Wednesday and our rain water recycling system is now up and running to feed all of our toilets in the school!

Today we celebrated Purple Up Day as we acknowledged our Military families and the sacrifices they make, with April being the month of the Military child. This morning we hosted a coffee morning with the Mental Health Support Team who are partnering with the school to provide Mental Health Education through group programs and some one to one sessions. The first group program being a "Decider" group, for our Year 5s which will run after Half Term. There is an information evening for Year 5 parents with the MHST to explain more on Thursday 14th May at 5.30pm on Zoom.

Enjoy your weekend,

Mr Willcox

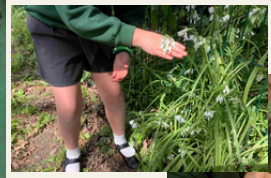
Adventures at St Joseph's: World Earth Day



Year 1 shared the story 'Dear Greenpeace' by Simon James. They discussed ways that we can look after our rivers and oceans and all agreed on the importance of looking after our own beach in Exmouth and making sure that we take our litter home.

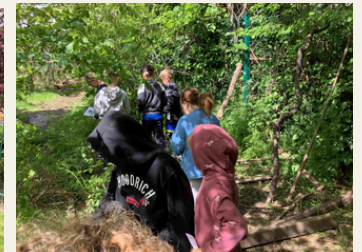


Year 2 have been litter picking around the school, and have collected lots of rubbish. We took our maths lesson outside and measured objects around the playground to compare different lengths. In our science lesson we went on a nature walk to identify different plants.



Yesterday at Forest School, we celebrated Earth day in a variety of ways. One small group were helping develop our biodiversity by planting a variety of seeds.

Year 3 went on a scavenger hunt to identify as many plants as we could find around forest school - we discovered just how hard it was to make a birds nest from twigs and clay (mud). Clever birds! Who teaches them I wonder? They also celebrated Earth Day by going on a Bee Hunt. We were amazed to learn that there are over 250 species of bee in the UK. The most common Bee we found was the Red Mason. We did learn that you have to be VERY patient and quiet when looking for wildlife!



Stars of the Week



Oaks - Tommy
Rowan - Frankie
Sycamore - Luca
Cherry - Sullivan
Maple - Penelope
Willow - Theo
Beech - Emily

Gospel Value of the week

Kindness

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32



Highest Class Attendance!

The class with the highest attendance this week was Oaks with 100%. Closely followed by year 1 with 99%. Wow! Keep up the good work!

More News!

More Earth Day fun!



Year 5 took their learning outside for a screen-free lesson (they made sure all lights were turned off before they left the classroom!).

The Eco-Team planted bee-friendly, edible plants in our veg trug.



Headteachers Awards

This week Mr Willcox had a visit from Saffron, Frankie, Olive, Obi, Florey and Michael.

They showed him the amazing work they had done in class. They were all very proud.



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.