



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 25th September 2026

Upcoming Events

01/10 Census Day - Menu below
02/10 Playground Play Date
06/10 Yr3 & Yr6 Farmwise Trip to Westpoint - live on ParentPay
07/10 Harvest Festival - Food Donations Please
19 & 21/10 Parents Evening
20/10 Yr 4 & Yr 5 Walkability
26/10-3/11 Half-term
04/11 Children return to school
04/11 Individual/Sibling Photos - info to follow
Further dates can be found on our [website](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been considering the Gospel Value of Humility in school and also considering British Values and how we can show them in our playtimes. In keeping with this, it has been lovely to see our Reception children venturing on to the main field with their Y6 Buddies, playing games and making new friends.

Next Friday is our Playground Playdate straight after school for all our St Joseph's families to get to know each other, ask questions from the team and grab uniform bargains (more info below).

I also want to give my congratulations and thanks to the PTA who have secured a £3000 grant this week toward our new library. It is lovely to be working together as a community to make St Joseph's even better for our children.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mr Willcox

This weeks news, updates and requests:

Budleigh Literary Festival Schools Quiz

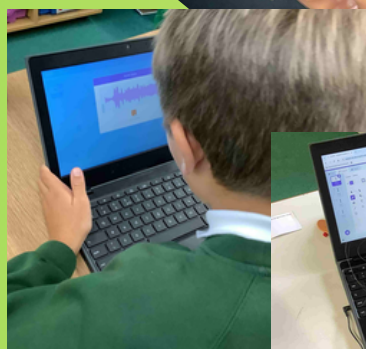
We are delighted that St Joseph's came joint first in this brilliant event. Well done to the children who represented St Joseph's. They did a brilliant job working together as a team and their literary knowledge was excellent! We look forward to receiving their individual prizes, the stack of new books they have won for the school library and the new trophy for our cabinet soon!



In **Year 5**, they have been exploring music-making using Scratch.

The children experimented with a range of instruments and developed their coding skills by programming their sprites to respond and come to life through music and animation.

Well done, Willow Class, for your creativity and fantastic teamwork!



Stars of the Week



Oaks - Odin
Rowan - Rosie
Sycamore - Saffron
Cherry - Edie
Maple - Ned
Willow - Emily
Beech - Adam

Gospel Value of the Week

Humility



Highest Attendance!

Congratulations to year 1 who had the highest attendance this week with 99.2% Closely followed by year 4 with 97.4% Well done!

THANK YOU TO THE GIBBONS FAMILY TRUST!

We have been successful in securing £3,000 from the Gibbons Family Trust towards our new school library. School are finalising the details and schedule for the work, but this extra funding means we can make our new library even better!



Support St Joseph's PTA with Tesco blue tokens



Don't forget to add your tokens - there is still time!

Events:

Playground playdate Friday 2 October, 3.30-4pm

Uniform sale, tuck shop and the chance to chat to other parents or guardians while your children play with their friends. If you can help set up the uniform sale or tuck shop that would be a huge help, many hands make light work! Email pta@stjo.uk

Looking ahead we're planning an October disco and November/December Christmas event - let us know any ideas or if you can help out at these events. Exact dates will be shared soon.

If you can help with fundraising, supporting events, bid writing or just want to find out what's being planned this year come to one of our PTA meetings on the first Thursday of the month. Email pta@stjo.uk

CENSUS DAY SPECIAL MENU

Thursday 1st October is Census Day.

Please see email sent out yesterday for more information.

Watch this space for further theme day menus: Bonfire & Christmas Lunch

