



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 9th October 2026

Upcoming Events

19 & 21/10 Parents Evening -
Links sent 08/10
20/10 Yr 4 & Yr 5 Walkability
26/10-3/11 Half-term
04/11 Wednesday: Children
return to school
04/11 Individual/Sibling Photos -
info to follow
05/11 Stay & Play @ 10am
05/11 Themed lunch - Menu sent
08/10
11/11 Yr 3 Assembly @ 9.15am

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fun week the children have enjoyed this week. A big thank you to all of you who contributed to our Harvest celebrations with donations of food, we were pleased to welcome Fr Philip as we gave thanks together.

Clubs:

With the last minute reduction in Sports Premium last year, we are pleased we have been able to keep Primary Sports who are still offering Dodgeball on Thursdays. But we want more for our children. Next week we will send out a sign up form for some new clubs we hope to run after half-term:

- Monday night "Trash Band and Drumming club" (£3 a week - subject to enough chn)
- Tuesday night Running Club (£2 a week Year 4-6 children subject to finding a parent volunteer - please let us know if you can help)
- Tuesday night Lantern Making/Christmas Decoration making club (£2 a week Years 3+4)

If you are interested in running a future club please let us know.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mr Willcox

This weeks news, updates and requests:

Harvest Festival

Thank you for your kind donations for our Harvest Festival Liturgy.

On Monday, Exmouth Open Door, will be collecting the lovely food.



Year 6 and **Year 3** had a fantastic trip to **Farmwise**.

The children took part in lots of activities which explored where our food comes from.

Year 6 planted seeds, spoke to a forester and heard about his job, chatted with pig and cattle farmers (and met their furry friends), cuddled 8-hour-old chicks, watched sausages being made and that was just the start!

Year 3 learned all about different aspects of farming, food production and how to care for our environment.

The hands on activities were brilliant fun and everyone had a super day!

Make sure you ask your children to tell you something they learned about where our food comes from!



Stars of the Week

Oaks - Nyra
Rowan - Mara-Ren
Sycamore - Arlo P.
Cherry - Bella
Maple - Sienna
Willow - Rebeka
Beech - Noah



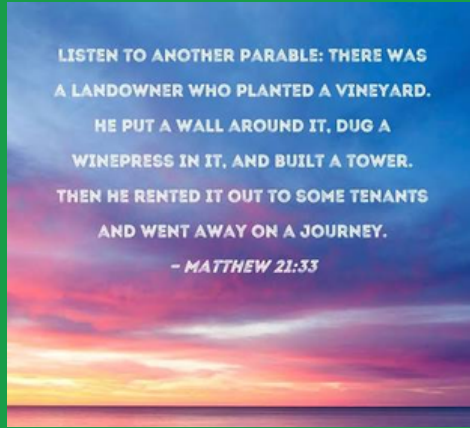
Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to **Jonah & Teddy S** for going above and beyond with their learning.

Gospel Value of the Week

Justice

LISTEN TO ANOTHER PARABLE: THERE WAS
A LANDOWNER WHO PLANTED A VINEYARD.
HE PUT A WALL AROUND IT, DUG A
WINEPRESS IN IT, AND BUILT A TOWER.
THEN HE RENTED IT OUT TO SOME TENANTS
AND WENT AWAY ON A JOURNEY.
— MATTHEW 21:33



Highest Attendance!

Congratulations to
year 4 who had the
highest attendance this
week with **99%**

Closely followed by
Oaks with 96.3%
Well done!

Calling all parents of children with SEND

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are currently carrying out an inspection of Devon's Local Area Partnership for SEND to evaluate how effectively education, health, and care services work together to support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

As part of this process, inspectors are seeking feedback directly from families to understand your experiences with local SEND services and support.

We encourage you to complete the confidential survey here:
[Ofsted Smart Survey](#)

Please note that the survey will close at
9am on Tuesday 13 October.

STARTING SCHOOL IN 2027?



Stay & Play dates & times:

Thursday 5th Nov @ 10am

Monday 7th Dec @ 2.30pm

Thursday 14th Jan @ 10am

Support St Joseph's PTA with Tesco blue tokens



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

Please see this short video to help support children not to miss out.

[Is my child too ill for school?](#)

[NHS guidance sheet](#)

[School absence due to illness](#)

