ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you stayed warm and safe during storm Austen. We made sure our students were safe and sound. We kept a close eye on some of our trees!

The children have been enjoying designing Christmas cards this week, for the annual PTA Christmas gifts/cards (information to follow). Year 6 have also been creating cards for the Christmas card competition (information below).

As this half-term draws to a close we hope you have a restful break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Wednesday 4th November**,

St. Joseph's Team

Upcoming Events

26/10-3/11 HALF TERM
04/11 Wednesday: Children return to school
04/11 Individual/Sibling Photos
05/11 New Starters Stay & Play @ 10am
05/11 Fireworks themed lunch
11/11 Yr 3 Assembly @ 9.15am
17/11 Yr 1 Animals 2U - live on PP
18/11 Yr 6 ECC - Harry Potter information to follow
20/11 Yr 2 Exmouth Docks trip
23/11 Oaks - Vision screening
4/12 FSU - Tree decorating information to follow
7/12 New Starters Stay & Play @ 2.30pm

Further event dates can be found on our website

This weeks news, updates and requests:

All pupils are invited to take part in a very special **Christmas card competition**. Our local **MP David Reed** has invited our school to design a card with the theme "**Devon Air Ambulance: Flying Home for Christmas**".



Entries must be on white A4 paper, kept flat and unfolded. Entries must have your name, age and school written on the back.
Please submit entries to the school office no later then **Thursday 5th November**. The winning entry will feature on David Reed's official Christmas card and will be sent to many people, including the King and Queen and the Prime Minister!
We look forward to seeing your creative designs after half term, good luck!

Year 6 - secondary school application process

Just a little reminder for our year 6 families that:

- The application deadline is **31 October 2026**.
- Applications should be made online via the **Citizen Portal**
- Parents should submit an application even if they are undecided or are planning a house move.
- Late applications may reduce the chances of securing a preferred school.

Stars of the Week

Oaks - Chiagoziem
Rowan - Primrose
Sycamore - Muna
Cherry - Noah
Maple - Sullivan
Willow - Esmae
Beech - Caitlyn

Headteachers Award

Michael

Gospel Value of the Week

Integrity

Integrity is often built one small choice at a time, and one small correction when the choice drifts.

That is why the work is not perfection. It is practice.

The body learns by repetition, and so do the habits that carry it.

— Matthew 29 / The Gospel of Conscience

Highest Attendance!

Congratulations to **year 4** who had the highest attendance this week with 94.5%

Closely followed by year 2 with 93.8%
Well done!



Stay & Play dates & times:

Thursday 5th Nov @ 10am
Monday 7th Dec @ 2.30pm
Thursday 14th Jan @ 10am

Keeping Children Safe Online:



<u>The internet is a wonderful resource, but to keep children safe we need to be monitoring the apps they use and supporting them to spot when something might not be okay.</u>



