ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 13th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start to the new half-term and Year 3 shone this week as they presented their class assembly to us all. Well done Year 3.

As a school we have been thinking about the Gospel Value of Peace this week and in celebration assembly it was special to hear how our Stars of the Week have been excellent peace-makers!

No smart watches in school please: As gadgets become increasingly clever and affordable you may be tempted to get your child a smart watch. Outside of school these can be great, but please ensure children do not come to school wearing them. Simple fitness trackers or step counters that do not have communication, internet, camera and voice recording functions are fine, any that do are not. For many children, a traditional analogue watch can really help them to learn to tell the time, and are very welcome!

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Mr Willcox

Upcoming Events

17/11 Yr 1 Animals 2U - live on PP
18/11 Yr 6 ECC - Harry Potter
18/11 Phonics Talk - Oaks & yr1
20/11 Yr 2 Exmouth Docks trip
23/11 Oaks - Vision screening
27/11 Mufti Day - School Disco prizes
4/12 FSU - Tree decorating
information to follow
4/12 PTA Christmas Disco
information to follow
7/12 Stay & Play @ 2.30pm
new starters
15/12 Nativity 2.30pm
16/12 Christmas Lunch &
Christmas jumper day
16/12 Nativity 5pm
17/12 Reindeer Run

Further event dates can be found on our website

This weeks news, updates and requests:





We had a fantastic week learning about **Diwali**! Two of our foundation children did an amazing job presenting to the class, sharing family photos and delicious traditional food while teaching us all about the Festival of Light.

The children enjoyed getting creative with colourful Rangoli patterns and card making. A big thank you to Siya and Nyra's family for supporting our learning and sharing these wonderful traditions with us!



SAVE THE DATE



On Wednesday 18th November after school we will be holding a Phonics talk aimed at parents in Oak and Rowan Class.

We will be talking through how the children learn phonics in school and ways you can support them at home with phonics and reading. This will take place in Oak Class.

We hope to see lots of you there!



Stars of the Week

Oaks - Savi
Rowan - Ava
Sycamore - Freddie
Cherry - Finlay
Maple - Oskar
Willow - Cinta
Beech - Cobie

Headteachers Award
Martha

Gospel Value of the Week

Peace



Highest Attendance!

Congratulations to **year 3** who had the highest attendance this week with 98.6%

Closely followed by Oaks with 97.9%
Well done!

PTA NEWS!

Christmas Disco tickets now live on ParentPay

Book your tiny dancers their ticket to join the festive fun on Friday 4 December through ParentPay.
Ticket sales will close on Friday 27 November.
Non-uniform donation day - 27 November
Come to school in non-uniform and make a donation of sweets, toys or teddies.

We need volunteers to run the tuck shop or a Christmas game- if you can help please get in touch so we can plan how many games we can do! Pta@stjo.uk



Stay & Play dates & times:
Monday 7th Dec @ 2.30pm
Thursday 14th Jan @ 10am

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The **breakfast club** are in need of a **microwave.** If you have one that you no longer require, and would like to donate it, the breakfast club would really appreciate it. Thank you.