

Newsletter: Friday 13th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so lovely to see so many of you at our Advent and Nativity services this week, thank you again for your support. The children loved having you there and taking the opportunity to share their messages of hope. Remembering it is more blessed to give than receive, thank you also for your generous giving toward our target using Cafod World Gifts. We have raised over £450 which will enable us to teach a class to read for £300 and next week we are going to ask the children if they would like to use what is left to buy a cow, 2 toilets or goats and chickens for a school less fortunate than ourselves!



Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr Willcox

Blessing of the Bambinelli

Father Philip would like to invite you to bring your baby Jesus, from your Nativity at home, to mass on Guadete Sunday when Father will bless them. You will then be able to place them in your crib at home. Pope Francis wrote his Apostolic Letter, Admirabile Signum, on the meaning of the nativity scene in 2019.

After School Club

Earlier this term our After School Club provider decided they were not able to continue and since then we have utilised a wonderful team of people from the school staff to keep it running smoothly. During this time we have been looking at how we can improve After School club further as well as finding ways that we can increase the opportunities for sports and other clubs for our children at St Joseph's. Primary Sports (who help us with PE in the school already) are interested in taking this provision on for us, and so in the New Year we will be having a consultation with parents for what this could look like. We will send out more information on this soon.

SENDCo

The first port of call if you have concerns about your child is always to speak to the class teacher. However, there are occasions when other professionals may advise you to speak to the SENDCo.

If you have concerns about your child's development and would like to book a meeting with Miss English, our SENDCo, she is now offering SEND appointments every Wednesday afternoon. Please follow the link to book an appointment.

<https://appt.link/meet-with-hattie-english-PMPQf4m7/send-co-general-appointment>

Attendance

As we have let you know before, it is important that children come to school as much as possible and so this is just a friendly reminder that we cannot authorise holidays that take place during term-time. Please also book medical appointments outside of school hours wherever possible. If you are struggling getting your children in, please do let us know and we will try to support you too.

Parking

Thank you to those of you who are parking considerately and for those managing to walk in each day. For those who drive, can we politely remind you that it is important not to park on the footpath or blocking people's driveways.

This Year's academic Attendance

So far this year our attendance is **95.8%** and our aspirational target is **97%**.

At St Joseph's, we think attendance is extremely important! Attending school helps children to prepare themselves for the rest of their lives.

The higher the attendance, the more opportunity for success! The class with the highest attendance this week is **Rowan Class**.

Diary dates: *These, and future events, can be found on the website and downloaded to your Google calendar!*

21st December - 3rd January 2025 Christmas break

6th January 2025 – Children return to school

20th – 24th January – yr. 6 Bikeability – Please complete online form

Stars of the week: Oak – **Jonah**, Rowan – **Timothy**, Sycamore – **Oskar**, Cherry – **Emily**, Maple – **Adam**, Willow – **Connor**, Beech – **Oliver**.

Bronze Award: **Jensen, Jessi, Louie, Oliver and Hollie**.

Reading Awards: 5 ebooks - **Lily, Jonah, Saffron and Mireya**.

EXMOUTH CHURCHES
PRESENT

NATIVITY
PLAY



REAL
DONKEY

BRASS
BAND

CHRISTMAS ENCOUNTERS

CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITIES

CAROLS &
CHOIRS



SPACE FOR PRAYER
& REFLECTION

MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTINGLE
& CELEBRATION



MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER



THE STRAND, EXMOUTH



EVENTS FROM 10AM-8PM

FREE FAMILY FUN!

List of Events

NATIVITY PARADE	10:00 am
SALVATION ARMY BRASS BAND	10:45 am
CHRISTMAS FAMILY SING	11:15 am
NATIVITY PLAY GOES WRONG	11:30 am
SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS WITH THE SALVATION ARMY BRASS BAND	12:30 am
FLASH MOB NATIVITY- COME JOIN IN!	1:30 PM
CHRISTINGLE BINGLE BINGO	2:30 PM
EXMOUTH'S BIGGEST CHRISTINGLE CELEBRATION	3:15 PM
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY	4:30 PM
GLOW IN THE DARK COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS	6:00 PM

