



# ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

Friday 28th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to our Oaks Assembly this week. What an amazing job our reception children did - filling us with hope as they talked of the signs of spring and Mother's Day this coming weekend.

This Sunday is Laetare Sunday and it is considered a day of relaxation from normal Lenten rigours; a day of hope with Easter at last within sight. We echo that feeling here too - one week until we break up for Easter!

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Mr Willcox

## Upcoming Events

01/04 Dodgeball Club

03/04 Gymnastics Club

28/03 PJ Party - 5pm - 7pm by the PTA

02/04 year 6 Forest school

02/04 Oak Class Farm Visit

05/04 First Day of the Easter Holidays

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

## This week's highlight - Oaks Assembly



This week Oak class celebrated their learning with a class assembly.

They sang some songs beautifully and shared their learning about spring, tadpoles and Mother's day. Mrs Keeping was very proud of how confident the children were at such a young age.

## Attendance

**Our current school attendance is 94.6% our target is 97%.**

The class with the highest attendance this week is Rowan Class. Keep up the good work.

## Gospel Value of the week

### Integrity

**'So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you'**

**Matthew 7:12**



## Weekly Highlights

On Tuesday evening our incredible Dodgeball team hosted the Beacon and played superbly throughout winning a number of games. Isabelle, Barney, Arthur, Samuel and Leo were chosen as Superstars from The Beacon member of staff for their sportsmanship, honesty and ability within the games. Mr Troman was extremely proud of all the children that represented the school and is looking forward to more games in the future.

The end score was 8-4 to The Beacon. Well done all of you!



Yesterday FSU had a very exciting visit from a dentist, a dental nurse and a dental educator. We played a fun game where we had to decide what food and drink items were good or bad for our teeth. After this we had some teeth themed colouring, we had a go at brushing the puppets' teeth and we scrubbed playdough plaque from the pretend teeth.



## St. Joseph's Awards

### Gospel Values Award

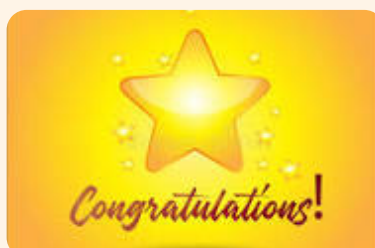
Congratulations to the following children:

Aila, Alyssia, Guy, Everlyn, Gracie, Willow, Bella, Jacob, Dominic, Eleanor, Arthur, Brandon, Jack, David, Jessi, Freddie, Emily, Douglas, Matthew, Lusi.



### Stars of the week

Oaks - Spencer  
Rowan - Michael  
Sycamore - Siya  
Cherry - Bella  
Maple - Catriona  
Willow - Jessi  
Beech - Gabe



### Reading Award

5 - Olive  
10 - Isabella, Nico







## St. Joseph's Notice board

**The Parish of the Holy Family**  
**LENT AND EASTER 2025 in the JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE**



<b>JUBILEE OF THE SICK AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS</b> Friday April 4th	2:00 p.m. Mass with the Anointing of the Sick
<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b> April 10th	Procession and Mass 10:00 a.m.
<b>REFLECTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK</b> Tuesday April 15th	7:30 p.m.
<b>CHRISM MASS in PLYMOUTH CATHEDRAL</b> Wednesday April 16th	12 noon
<b>MASS OF THE SUPPER OF THE LORD AND WATCH AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE</b> Thursday April 17th	7:30 p.m.
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Friday April 18th	11:00 a.m.
<b>THE WAY OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b> Saturday April 19th	3:00 p.m.
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> Blessing of Easter Breakfasts	Saturday April 19th 11:00 a.m.
<b>THE VIGIL OF EASTER</b> EASTER DAY	8:00 p.m. Mass 10:00 a.m.

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN ON GOOD FRIDAY 11:00 am.**  
I invite you to bring your children to walk 'The Way of the Cross' with Jesus. I am most grateful to a dedicated parish team who have spent a lot of time preparing an engaging and meaningful introduction to the Stations of the Cross. The story will be told in simple way and each family group will be able to collect something memorable to take home at each Station to help them remember Jesus' journey



**The Blessing of Easter Breakfasts** is a tradition we have marked for many years at Holy Ghost. *Święcenia* meaning "the blessing of the Easter baskets", is one of the most enduring and beloved *Polish* traditions on *Holy Saturday* during *Easter*.

The tradition of food blessing at Easter, which has early-medieval roots in Christian society is said to date from the 7th century in its basic form, the more modern form containing bread and eggs (symbols of resurrection and Christ) are said to date from the 12th century.

Baskets containing a selection of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. The basket is traditionally lined with a white *linen* or *lace* napkin and decorated with sprigs of *boxwood* the typical Easter evergreen. Families take special pride in preparing a decorative and tasteful basket with crisp linens, occasionally embroidered for the occasion, and boxwood and ribbon woven through the handle.

All welcome at 11.00 am on Holy Saturday

# EXMOUTH DINOSAUR & GEOLOGY DAY

**SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 10:00AM - 3:00PM**

**HAVE A TON OF FREE DINOSAUR FUN IN DINOSAUR CANYON**  
AKA SQUIRREL PATH, BETWEEN MANOR GARDENS AND THE BATH HOUSE

**COME AND ENJOY**  
Exmouth's famous free Dinosaur Trail at models, murals and etchings, with some brand new additions

**FREE DINOSAUR PARK RUN**  
Run as inflatable dinosaur or in dinosaur themed outfit from Orcombe Point at 9am (Newbies check-in 8.50am)  
Sign up at [parkrun.org.uk](http://parkrun.org.uk)

**FANCY DRESS COMPETITION 0 - 12 YEARS ... JUST TURN UP IN ANY DINOSAUR-RELATED OUTFIT!**

**WALKABOUT DINOSAUR ENTERTAINMENT DINOSAUR EASTER EGG HUNT DINOSAUR QUIZZES DINOSAUR-THEMED STALLS PAINT YOUR OWN EXMOUTH POTTERY DINOSAUR @SEADOG DRAWING COMPETITION DINOSAUR SCAVENGER HUNT**  
All activities free except pottery painting

Exmouth Dinosaur Trail is managed and maintained by volunteers with support from Exmouth Town Council, to inspire love for our ancient earth and its bygone inhabitants. Please donate if you can - keep the Jurassic joy flowing!

**PLEASE DONATE** £3 text KAAH82 to 70331 | £5 text KAAH82 to 70970 | £10 text KAAH82 to 70191

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## School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?


- ✓ Flu - reception - year 11
- ✓ MMR - catch up
- ✓ HPV - year 8 - year 11
- ✓ Meningitis ACWY - year 9 - year 11
- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) - year 9 - year 11


**Did you miss us?**  
We also have community clinics across Devon for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

 **CORNWALL & DEVON**  
School Age Immunisation Service  
Delivered by Kernow Health CIC

For more information, scan the QR code, or call us to speak with a member of our team



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