

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS



This term we are developing as swimmers, looking at the different swimming strokes on our front and backs. We are learning to travel, float and submerge with increasing confidence!



As Scientists we have been practically exploring the difference between states of matter. Can you guess which picture shows a solid, liquid and gas? When we have a solid - particles are tightly packed together and in a gas they are far apart!

As Writers we have been using role play to bring our story Alba the Hundred Year Old Fish to life. We considered how the fish and sea creatures of the Coral reef felt when the townsfolk were polluting the sea. We used our thoughts and feelings to write a descriptive diary entry.

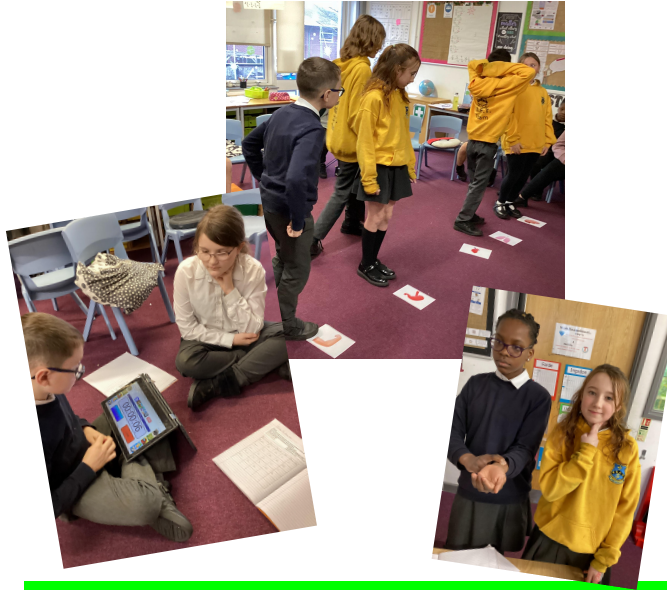




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Much of our learning is linked to 'Around the world in 80 Days' so in music, we have been having fun creating our own soundscapes based on the arctic

In RE, we have been looking at the beatitudes and how this is Jesus' guide to happiness. We recreated scenes as to what this would look like in our lives.



As scientists, it has been great beginning learning all about the circulatory system, discovering how blood moves around our body and that our heart is a pump which is why we can feel our pulse.

Breakfast Club

- Available **Monday – Friday** from **8:00 AM**
- Cost: **£4 per session**



Booking Information:

All bookings should be made via **ParentPay** prior to the session. For any last-minute bookings, please call the **school office**.



After School Club

- Available **Monday – Friday**
- Until **5:00 PM** – **£6.75**
- Until **5:30 PM** – **£10.00**
- **Fridays close at 5:00 PM**



**** Please inform the staff of any food allergies as food will be served ****



Important Notice:

Any accounts with arrears of **£50 or more** will not be permitted to use the **Breakfast Club** or **After School Clubs** until the balance is cleared.



BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUB ACTIVITIES

Weekly Schedule:

Monday: Football



Tuesday: Netball



Wednesday: Art



**Thursday: Forest
School**



Friday: Games







Snacks Provided

Attendance Matters



Attendance January

	99%
	95.8%
	93.74%
	94.82%

Important Notices & Reminders

If your child is late for morning registration, arriving late at school after 9am, please ensure you or their accompanying adult reports to the school office to ensure that they are registered.

Good attendance means...
being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

175 days not at school!

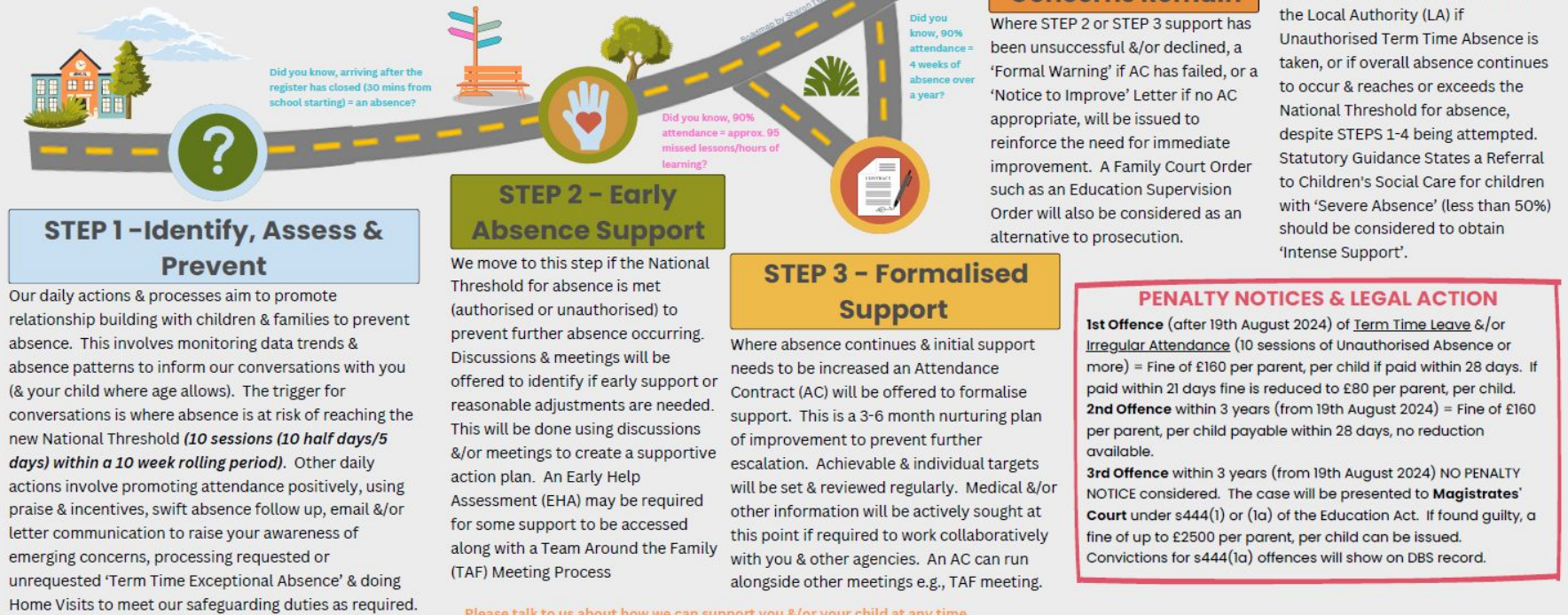
All this time for shopping, holidays and appointments

365 days in a calendar year



Attendance Roadmap

In line with the DfE Statutory Guidance (in force from 19th August 2024) we offer a supportive, stepped, attendance approach. We will offer a welcoming ethos with high expectations for all. We will assess data to identify absence trends & use preventative discussions/meetings with families to listen, understand & support to remove barriers. Where needed, we will formalise support to nurture improvement with Attendance Contracts & as a last resort we will consider intensifying support &/or enforce legal sanctions.



Someone Special Pop-Up Gift Shop

10th & 11th March 2026

The Friends of
St Joseph's



Catholic Primary School

Say thank you to that special person in your life...
Mum, Nan, Auntie, Sister

*An amazing variety of gifts on offer.
Your child can choose their own gift &
have it wrapped for that special person in
their life!*

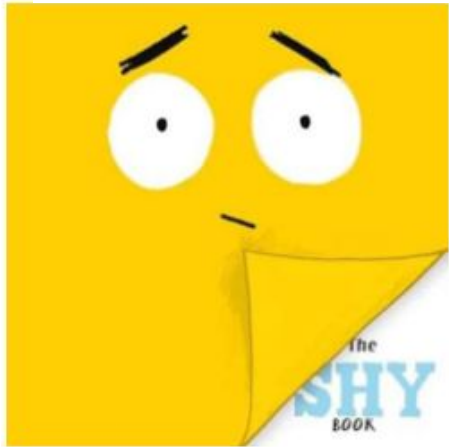
£3 per gift

Payment via ParentPay
'Someone Special'

02.02.26	Animals 2 U visit in school	09.03.26	Bug Workshop - St. Francis
13.02.26	Break up for Half Term 18.02.26 - Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins	12.03.26	Yr5 Coombeshead - Discover Music : Rhythm & Pulse
23.02.26	Non Pupil Day	19.03.26	Feast of St. Joseph - Mass at Church 10 a.m Parties p.m
24.02.26	Children Back to School 1:30 - 2:30 Ashes Service - All are welcome	20.03.26	Red Nose Day - Go red and silly
25.02.26	Year 5 Black-out Poetry @ Coombeshead	24.03.26	St. Oscar Romero Day
27.02.26	South West Regional Storytime Event Featuring Special Guest: Award-Winning Author SF Said.	30.03.26	YR5 NAC Workshop - Easter
04.03.26	PE Impact Day - NAC teaching PE Yr5 Coombeshead - The Ivory Bangle Lady	31.03.26	Holy Week Liturgy - School Hall - All welcome
05.03.26	World Book Day - come dressed as your favourite character or in PJs for a cosy reading experience	02.04.26	Break Up for Easter Holidays
		20.04.26	All return for Summer Term 1

The Shy Book by Howard Pearlstein

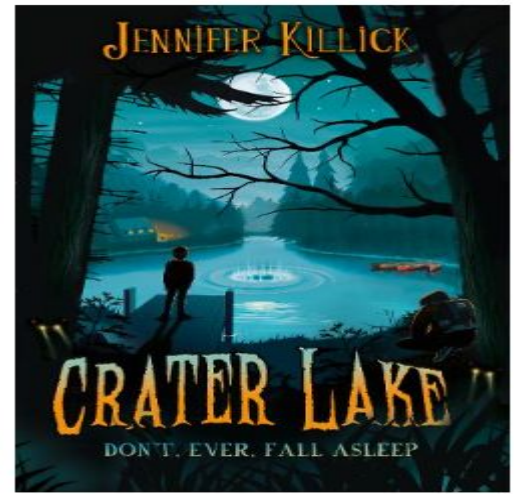
A nervous little book tries its best to avoid being read, hiding behind pages and peppering children with questions as it warms up to the idea. Through these playful interactions, it slowly grows braver and more open. Designed for read-aloud fun, The Shy Book encourages children to join in, talk about shyness and think about how to connect with others. James Munro's lively illustrations keep the story feeling genuinely interactive for five- and six-year-olds.



**"Reading is to
the mind what
exercise is to
the body."-**

Richard Steele

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick

Never, ever fall asleep in this fast-paced and mysterious horror thriller! When Lance sets foot in the Crater Lake activity centre, little does he realise what awaits him and his friends. Will they be able to stop aliens in time before they brainwash all their teachers and classmates? A cracking creepy page-turner for independent readers.



SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding at St. Joseph's is always a priority. Should you have any enquiries or concerns, please contact our Designated Senior Lead for Child Protection: Mrs Day or Mrs Pascoe on 01626 352559. Our named governor for child protection is Tim van Kroonenburg.

WELFARE

Our Family Support Worker is Julie . Please let us know if you would like her to contact you for ANY support. Everyone needs a Julie in their lives!



ATTENDANCE

Hi, my name is Natalie, I'm the Attendance and Welfare Officer here at St Joseph's. I monitor attendance regularly to ensure that, where possible, every child is in school on time every day. If you have any concerns around your child's attendance, please leave a message with the office and I will contact you.



CPOMS and Operation encompass

At St. Joseph's we use CPOMS as our system for recording information that we consider to be safeguarding information. Further information about the programme can be found here -

<https://www.cpoms.co.uk/privacy-statement/>

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.



TOTNES NEWTON ABBOT DARTMOUTH

FULLY FUNDED

FOR ALL CHILDREN AGED 5-14
ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFIT RELATED
FREE SCHOOL MEALS
(£25 PER DAY FOR PUPILS NOT ELIGIBLE)

FEBRUARY SPECIAL

10am - 3pm **DAILY FOOTBALL
& MULTI-SPORT
ACTIVITIES**

NUTRITIOUS COOKED MEAL EVERY DAY
**CERTIFICATES, PRIZES, NUTRITION GUIDES
and much more!**

FOR LOCATIONS, DATES AND BOOKINGS
Please visit **SHEARSOCCKER.CO.UK**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ADAM SHEARER 07967 124844

PLYMOUTH & TORBAY HAF VENUES

* **What is a HAF Club?** A FREE HAF Club includes physical activity, sports, dance, arts and crafts, well-being activities, AND A NUTRITIOUS LUNCH for your child!

* **Where is it held?**

Our Lady & St Patrick's Primary School, Teignmouth, TQ14 9DT
Haytor View Primary School, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4BD

* **When is it?**

Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February, 9am-1pm
Please check individual venues for exact running dates

* **Who can attend?** Children aged 4-11 who receive Free School Meals

* **How do I book?** Scan the QR code (above and below) and select your venue/dates

* **When can I book?** Bookings go live on 30th January. Please use the QR codes attached

* **Do you need help with booking?**

Contact us on...
dcrysell@premier-education.com
or 01392 982809
or Facebook messenger



Our HAF Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this holiday period as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy this half-term!

Book now for a holiday full of excitement!



Book today

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Message us to book @
Premier Education Devon

Excellent
★★★★★
★ Trustpilot

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

£3 ^{Wow!} PER PERSON

RIVER DART COUNTRY PARK

GREAT VALUE DAY OUT!

FEB HALF TERM FUN!

10th - 18th FEB

NO CAR PARKING FEES!

DARE DEVIL ACTIVITIES & DARTMOOR BIKE PARK!

EXPLORE LARGE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUNDS IN OVER 90 ACRES OF WOODLAND AND PARKLAND!

PRE-BOOK TICKETS AT WWW.RIVERDART.CO.UK

*Adult or Child age 7 years + Age 2 and under FREE. Tickets available online only. Dare Devil activities & Dartmoor Bike Park available at additional cost. Pre-book online.

ONE SMALL STEP FOR MAN. ONE GIANT LEAP FOR HIGH 5!

GALAXY EXPLORERS

@STOVER SCHOOL, NEWTON ABBOTT

MONDAY 16TH - FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2026

AWARDED
BEST COMMUNITY ACTIVITY
PROVIDED IN THE SOUTH WEST
BEST SUMMER CAMP IN SOUTH WEST

SCAN TO BOOK NOW

MARTIAN MONDAY	EXTRATERRESTIAL TUESDAY	OUT OF THIS WORLD WEDNESDAY	MILKY WAY THURSDAY	FLYING SAUCER FRIDAY
Space Surfer Simulator	Space Surfer Simulator	Deep Space Dodgeball	Meteorite Multisports	Space Jam Basketball
Deep Space Dodgeball	Space Jam Basketball	FireBall Football	Cosmic Cricket	Deep Space Dodgeball
Halo Hockey	Cosmic Cricket	Halo Hockey	Deep Space Dodgeball	Zero Gravity Inflatables including Space Surfer Simulator
Jedi Training Academy	Neon Dodgeball Tournament	Wet Welly Space Explorers	Wet Welly Space Explorers	Fluro Dance Party
Zero Gravity Inflatables session		Jedi Training Academy	Zero Gravity Inflatables session	Star Wars Mini Golf

DAILY COSMIC CRAFTING - SEND THEIR IMAGINATIONS OUT OF THIS WORLD!

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