

# SJF NEWS



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## Citizen of the Week

This week's 'Citizen of the Week' award goes to **Gabriel** in **Y3** who understands the importance of forgiveness in line with this week's 'Statement to Live by'. Gabriel is well known in school for being kind and caring. He enjoys a good laugh and is thoughtful and generous to others. As a consequence he is popular with other children who enjoy working with him or joining in with his games at break-times. Gabriel is easy-going and just accepts others as they are, which is why he is able to forgive and move on if a small issue ever arises. Well done Gabriel!

## Term 6 Smiley Scores

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|--|--|---|---|
| <b>St Andrew's House</b><br><br><b>514</b> | <b>St David's House</b><br><br><b>497</b> | <b>St Patrick's House</b><br><br><b>512</b> | <b>St George's House</b><br><br><b>504</b> |
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| Attendance this Week including the Y6 bubble     |     |                                    |       |
|--|-----|------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>                                  | Y1  | A virtual visit from Bobby Bear    | 100%  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>                                  | Y2  | A virtual visit from Brenda Bear   | 100%  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                  | Y3  | A virtual visit from Elvis the Owl | 97.4% |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>                                  | Y5  |                                    | 96.6% |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>                                  | Y4  |                                    | 96.1% |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                                  | FS2 |                                    | 93.3% |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>                                  | Y6  | Most Y6 pupils isolating           | 35.0% |
| <b>Average Attendance = 95.9% (Target = 98%)</b> |     |                                    |       |



| Get Set, GO!         |     |     |
|----------------------|-----|-----|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>      | Y2  | 90% |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>      | Y4  | 87% |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>      | Y1  | 83% |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>      | FS2 | 82% |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>      | Y5  | 74% |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>      | Y3  | 72% |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>      | Y6  | 0%  |
| <b>Average = 81%</b> |     |     |

| Attendance this Week excluding the Y6 bubble     |     |                                      |       |
|--|-----|--------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>                                  | Y1  | A virtual visit from Bobby Bear      | 100%  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                  | Y2  | A virtual visit from Brenda Bear     | 100%  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                  | Y3  | A virtual visit from Elvis the Owl   | 97.4% |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>                                  | Y5  |                                      | 96.6% |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>                                  | Y4  |                                      | 96.1% |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                                  | FS2 |                                      | 93.3% |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>                                  | Y6  | Average attendance excluding Y6 data |       |
| <b>Average Attendance = 97.2% (Target = 98%)</b> |     |                                      |       |



## SJF Sports Day 2021

Huge thanks to Mrs Broadhead and Mr Johnson for organising this year's very special Sports Day! Though COVID restrictions forced many changes it was still fantastic and the children had lots of fun!

I would like to also thank all the staff who supported Mrs Broadhead and Mr Johnson, including our friends and partners from the LINKS School Sports Partnership.

We very much look forward to welcoming our families and friends back to join us for next year's Sports Day 2022!



Here is a special message from Mrs Broadhead:

'What a day we have had! First, we took part in a carousel of sporting activities (14 in total). The children were split into groups of 15, from their class bubbles. There were lots of cheers and plenty of support. It was brilliant! The classes then participated in their individual races, and again the children were fantastic at supporting one another. We are so proud of our SJF family. Everyone was super today, well done!'

Lots of photographs have been uploaded to the website and are available in the 'Latest News & Updates' section at the bottom right of the homepage beneath the calendar (please click [here](#)). Thank you.

### PTFA News

A reminder that our fantastic PTFA Committee is organising COVID-compliant **Friday Fayre** for the children on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021**, which is the last day of the school year.

Planning will take full account of the covid restrictions that will still be in place, meaning that, sadly, we cannot invite family and friends this time. There will be stalls and various activities for the children to enjoy within their class bubbles on the day.

A reminder that the last day of the school year will also be a non-uniform day.



### Golden Children

- FS2** **Max** for showing such great enthusiasm, with lots of wonderful updates on 'Tapestry' and for really improving his writing! We are so proud of you!
- Y1** **Jan Z** for always being ready to learn and for being a great role-model to the other children; showing them the importance of demonstrating good learning behaviours!
- Y2** **Sanaya** for trying her best and showing great determination when attempting some challenging mathematical equations this week!
- Y3** **Poppy** for working extremely hard in class and for leading groups excellently and with confidence! Keep up the great work!
- Y4** **Logan** for having another fabulous week! He has been trying his best to write more in lessons and asking for help when he is unsure about something!
- Y5** **Kessy** for having a brilliant attitude to learning; for working very hard on our recent assessments; and for making very good progress with her mathematical reasoning!
- Y6** **Emilia** for her fantastic work when helping Mrs Bower with some gardening. You have been an absolute superstar this week Emilia, well done!

### Writing Champions

- FS2** **Ava** for producing a lovely piece of independent writing about 'Ahh spider'!
- Y1** **Jan M** for writing some excellent questions to ask Miss Golland in order to discover what it was like when was a pupil at St John Fisher! His work was very neat and he tried hard to write lots of questions.
- Y2** **Dominic** produced some fantastic writing about Kenya! He is clearly enjoying the topic.
- Y3** **Jacob** for producing some really wonderful stories that made everyone smile because they were so great! Well done Jacob!
- Y4** **Charlie** for his amazing writing! He is making a huge effort, independently, to improve his handwriting and to think carefully about the vocabulary he selects in his writing!
- Y5** **Raheel** for working very hard this week in English and for writing a very good introductory paragraph for his non-chronological report!
- Y6** As the bubble was closed to most Y6 pupils this week, two champions will be selected next time.



### SJF Transition Arrangements – A Reminder

Our plans have been approved by Sheffield Public Health but remain subject to change and even cancellation by Sheffield Public Health if the developing situation with the Delta variant becomes a problem. Our 'Moving Up Day' is on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021**. All children up to Y5 will have an opportunity to spend time in their new classrooms with their new teachers. Children in Y6 currently will be based in the School Hall and in other spaces, including outside. Please note that throughout the day timings will be the same as the children's current classes and **not** the class they will be in next year. Here is a summary to help you:

|                      |                |   |                                 |                         |
|----------------------|----------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Current FS2 children | FS2 start time | Y1 classroom<br>Mrs Sambrook/Mrs Hadfield | Current FS2 breaktime/lunchtime | Current FS2 finish time |
| Current Y1 children  | Y1 start time  | Y2 classroom<br>Mrs Broadhead             | Current Y1 breaktime/lunchtime  | Current Y1 finish time  |
| Current Y2 children  | Y2 start time  | Y3 classroom<br>Miss Brownbill            | Current Y2 breaktime/lunchtime  | Current Y2 finish time  |
| Current Y3 children  | Y3 start time  | Y4 classroom<br>Mr Broadhead              | Current Y3 breaktime/lunchtime  | Current Y3 finish time  |
| Current Y4 children  | Y4 start time  | Y5 classroom<br>Mrs Barrett               | Current Y4 breaktime/lunchtime  | Current Y4 finish time  |
| Current Y5 children  | Y5 start time  | Y6 classroom<br>Mr MacInness              | Current Y5 breaktime/lunchtime  | Current Y5 finish time  |
| Current Y6 children  | Y6 start time  | School Hall<br>Miss Heath                 | Current Y6 breaktime/lunchtime  | Current Y6 finish time  |

Please note that on Moving Up Day, we would like the young people in Years **3, 4** and **6** to come to school wearing their PE uniform. Thank you.

The children will not access their current classes, as we still need to keep bubbles separate in line with guidance. All areas will be cleaned before children to return to their own classes. Staff continue to work with all children to prepare them for Moving Up Day, and especially with our most vulnerable, and any who tend to struggle with change. Our aim is that they all are able to enjoy the day.

### SJF Transition to FS2

Information has been sent out to all the parents and carers of our new FS2 children. It is also available on our SJF website (by clicking [here](#)). Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our live online meeting on Wednesday. The meeting has been recorded and is available to those unable to attend.

Children joining us in September are invited to attend one of three taster sessions being run by our team next week on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021**. The sessions are timed (a) so that the space can be cleaned thoroughly between sessions and (b) so that the children can be kept separate from other children. The timings are:

9.30am – 11.00am → Group A

1.30pm – 3.00pm → Group B

4.00pm – 5.30pm → Group C

New starters have been allocated a taster session. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, these cannot be rearranged for children unable to attend the one allocated to them. As part of the plan agreed with the Public Health Team, parents/carers are asked to keep us informed if their children (or any member of their households) test positive, exhibit symptoms, or are required to isolate before the taster day. This could mean that a child might not be allowed to visit, but protecting public health by keeping this variant out of school remains our chief priority at this time.

As mentioned, during their time with us, all visiting children will be kept separate from other pupils (including older siblings if they have them) and will spend the majority of their time with us in our FS2 *outside* learning areas. They should therefore come to school wearing comfortable and appropriate clothing for the weather and for being outside.



Parents/carers are asked to arrive at least **ten minutes** before their child's allocated FS2 taster session and queue with their children from the pedestrian gate along the pavement in front of our staff/visitor car park. There are markings painted on railings at two metres intervals, as a guide to help those queuing to maintain social distancing. We ask that parents/carers also wear face coverings whilst waiting in the line. A member of staff will greet queuing parents/carers in turn and ask each to confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, no members of their households are isolating, symptomatic or have tested positive. Once this has been done, the visiting children will be welcomed by FS2 staff and escorted to the FS2 area via the school playground.

Unfortunately, parents/carers will not be able to enter school or join their children for the taster session.

**SJF School Council News**



This week the Y6 councilors met to discuss our involvement in the Junior Road Safety programme:

*"This week the councilors met to draft our email to the local council. We discussed why we want to become involved in the JRS scheme and talked about all of the benefits it will bring to the children at St. John Fisher."*  
 Marisa (Chair of the SJF School Council)

**Achievements outside of School**

Do not forget to send in details of your children's achievements out of school ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)). This week's achievements are:

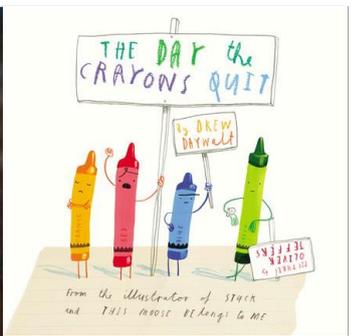
- **Esma** in **FS2** received a special certificate and badge after achieving her 10m swimming award! What a fantastic achievement Esma, well done!
- **Seren** in **FS2** has achieved awards for swimming 5m and 10m after trying really hard for the last month! Congratulations Seren, everyone is so proud of you!
- **Kristian** in **Y1** received his white/red belt in Mixed Martial Arts from the Castle Mixed Martial Arts Academy! Congratulations Kristian, we are all very proud of you!
- **Isabelle** in **Y4** received the 'Angelfish 3' certificate and badge at swimming this week! Well done Isabelle!

**Our Books of the Week!**

*For Our Younger Children*

This week's book recommendation is from Mrs Walton and is called **'The Day the Crayons Quit'** by Drew Daywalt, with illustrations by Oliver Jeffers.

**Mrs Walton writes:**  
 Both of my children enjoy Oliver Jeffers' books and when we heard about this story we knew we had to give it a try!  
 It is a fun and unusual story about a box of crayons who are unhappy about the way they are being treated.  
 They write letters to Duncan, their owner, explaining life from their perspective and how they have just had enough!  
 The illustrations are fantastic and the crayons all have such different personalities. At the end, the picture shows that we don't have to do the same as everyone else and that we can use our imagination and be different. It is a lovely book with lots to talk about.



If you would like to find out more or even buy it please click [here](#).



*For our Older Children*

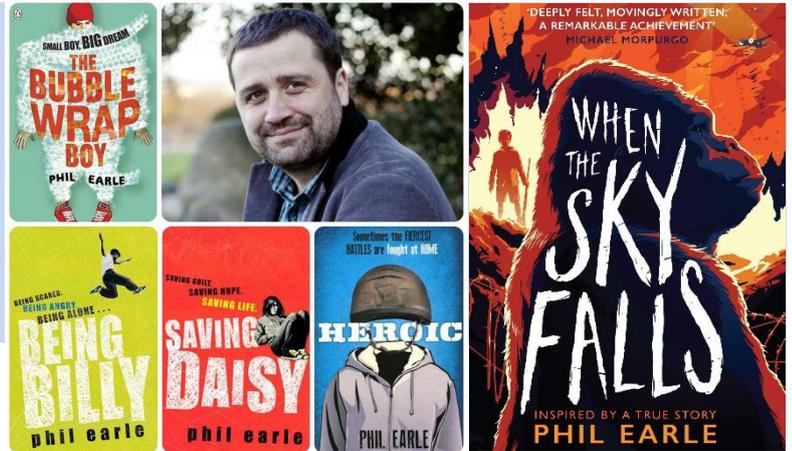
This week's recommendation comes from Mr Barratt and is called **'When the Sky Falls'** by Phil Earle.

**Mr Barratt writes:**

It is 1940 and the war is raging across Europe and the world. The enemy is on the doorstep and Joseph has been packed off to stay with Mrs F, a gruff woman who does not like children.

As the bombs start to fall on British cities, Joseph focuses on protecting a gorilla called Adonis, in this tense and exciting thriller, based on a true story. A fantastic read! I loved it!

If you would like to find out more about the author or you would like to download or buy the book, you can click [here](#). Thank you.



*More Fantastic Books to Enjoy!*

Please click [here](#) and check out the **'Fantastic Books to Read'** section of our SJF website for more information about these and all previous book recommendations!

**SJF Calendar/Forthcoming Events**

Click [here](#) to view our online calendar. Thank you.

**Y6 Sleepover**

# The Great Y6 Sleepover

In lieu of the fact that there has been no residential educational visit for our Y6 children this year, we have decided to host a sleepover for them as part of their end of term leaving celebrations! It will take place next Friday 9<sup>th</sup> until Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021. It will be open to all Y6 children and there will be no charge. Children can also opt to stay for the evening and leave without sleeping over, if they prefer.

We intend to welcome the children from 7.00pm on the Friday evening. Children who need to join us later e.g. because they are attending the Confirmation Mass at our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, can do so. We will provide pizzas, hotdogs and snacks later in the evening, but your child might need/want an evening meal at home before they come.

The children will play games and do various activities, including a night-time orienteering challenge as well as watching the films that they choose with staff beforehand.

We will provide breakfast on Saturday morning before the children are collected at 10.00am.

Obviously, the children will need their overnight things, including a sleeping bag and a pillow. We will use PE mats for them to sleep on, but they can also bring a blow-up mattress if they wish. The children will also need clothes for the next day. A short, itemised kit list will be sent out next week.

Parents/carers of children requiring medication are asked to contact us in order to complete a care plan.

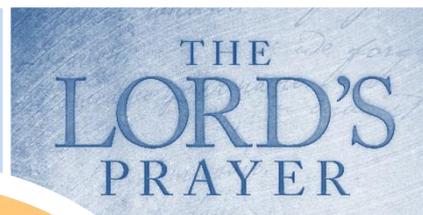


## Our Catholic Life

### Our July Prayer: 'The Lord's Prayer'

Our Father who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name -  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
On Earth as is in Heaven.  
Give us, this day, our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses -  
As we forgive those -  
who trespass against us,  
And lead us not in to temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
Amen



### Our July Song: 'This Little Light of Mine'

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine -  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine -  
Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!



### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next 'Liturgy of the Word' will be led by our youngest **FS2** children. It will be filmed on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and will be available for you to watch on the website **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021**. You can view recordings of all Masses, liturgies and services by clicking [here](#). Thank you.

### First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

We share our prayers and send our best wishes to all our children who will be making their First Holy Communion over the next two weekends at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Group A will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June and Group B will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We hope that sun shines on both days!

Lord Jesus Christ,  
In the Sacrament of the Eucharist,  
You left us the outstanding manifestation of your limitless love for us.  
Thank you for giving our children the opportunity to experience this love -  
When they receive the Sacrament for the first time!  
May Your Eucharistic presence keep our children ever free from sin - and -  
Fortified in faith and secure in their love for both God and their neighbour,  
May they continue to be with You in the Eucharist throughout their lives. Amen

#### Group A

- Mia
- Ellie
- James
- Alan
- Hannah
- Filip
- Daniel
- Alexia
- Mateusz

#### Group B

- Katy
- Lydia
- Bella
- Lily-Mae
- Emily
- Lena

### Y6-Led Mass of Thanksgiving

The extension of COVID restrictions until the end of the school year has, sadly, forced a drastic reworking of our plans for this year's Leavers' Liturgy and end of year Mass of thanksgiving. Both are significant events in our school calendar. Instead of separate events, Fr Bede will now celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving, led by the children of Y6, that will incorporate key and familiar special aspects of the Leavers' Liturgy.

As with other school Masses this year, Fr Bede has again kindly given us permission to film it. We plan to do this on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July because we are using several cameras and will need enough time to edit the film so that it can be made available to everyone hopefully before the end of the school year.

We are doing our absolute best to work within the strict rules that have been imposed on all schools and places of worship, so that our Y6 children have a special and memorable end to their time with us.

Our Mass of Thanksgiving is particularly key this year. Our special community does not just 'happen' by accident, it takes the focused and combined efforts of so many people - all coming together in different ways each day. These include our incredible staff, Fr Bede and our parish, our Governors, the Diocese, our local authority, our multi-agency partners, our friends from All Saints and other Sheffield Catholic Schools, our multi-academy trust, our phenomenal PTFA, and of course you - our wonderful parents, carers and families. Together we make our school a wonderful place for our special children.



As we look back on what has been an extraordinary year in the life of our school community; a year in which we have worked so hard to carry on regardless, in the face of so many challenges, with you, our parents and carers beside us, encouraging us, we really do have so much to be proud of and give thanks for.

We are certainly praying for a rapid end to this pandemic and the necessary restrictions that come with it! We look forward, eagerly, to a time when children can sing again and play with their buddies and friends in other bubbles; when we can be together at Mass, at our weekly liturgies, celebration assemblies, sports days, curriculum exhibitions, nativity and other productions; when educational and residential visits resume; when we can meet face-to-face; when the PTFA can arrange discos, Friday Fayres that are open to all and other events; when Santa does not need an approved face covering; and we can all – joyfully - switch off Zoom!

**Statement to Live By**

Next week our 'Statement to Live By' will be **"I try to accept the forgiveness of others"**

**Time to talk:** To be forgiven is a gift. Sometimes it is a gift that is difficult to accept because we feel too ashamed about the things we have done. It can be hard to accept the forgiveness of others. In spite of this, God asks us to accept the forgiveness of those we hurt. We are reminded that His son, Jesus, died on a cross so that we can receive the gift of forgiveness from those we hurt. He therefore calls us to be unafraid and to show we trust in Him by accepting the forgiveness of others.

It is important to remember that *forgiveness* is an act of love and God is love. By accepting forgiveness, we are accepting God, and we are choosing freedom...

There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love.  
Bryant H McGill



**Relax. Don't be so hard on yourself. You are living and learning. Forgive yourself and grow from the experience.**

**Finally**

On Monday 5th July 2021 we will celebrate the 73<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the founding of the NHS. As we do, we remember the huge and vital role this institution has played at the very heart of the UK's response to this devastating coronavirus.

We think of the many sacrifices made by NHS workers and volunteers, in all their many and varied roles, on the frontline and in the many key support roles, to care; to support; to console; to hold; and to be at the vanguard of the national fightback with the successful development and rollout of vaccines.

We pray for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice simply by fulfilling their various and important roles, with such determination and courage – often working long hours in uncomfortable conditions.



We give thanks to them and to the many in our own school community who work or volunteer for the NHS; our parents, carers, grandparents and wider family members. Thank you all and a very happy birthday NHS!

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt

