

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week & Weekly Awards

Our Citizen of the Week is **Annabell** in **Y6** who understands the importance of forgiveness in line with our 'Statement of Belief' this week. Annabell knows that everyone will make mistakes from time to time and when they do, the gift of forgiveness can heal the hurt and enable bridges to be rebuilt. Annabell is also helping others who fall out so they can be friends again. Congratulations Annabell, we are all very proud of you!

Term 1 Smiley Scores

 St Andrew's House 311	 St David's House 314	 St Patrick's House 313	 St George's House 313
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Pupils' Voice at SJF



School Council Update

This week the whole school council met for the first time this year. Here's a word from Caleb, our newly-elected Vice-Chair on what they all discussed:

"This week the council discussed possible fundraising ideas and got to know each of the new school councillors. We're really excited to see what we can achieve during this school year!"

PTFA News

I would like to thank the PTFA who have started work on a new mural in the FS2 outdoor learning area. We will share pictures as soon as it is complete. The PTFA plays such an important role in our school life and they are desperate for more of our parents and carers to get involved. If you have any ideas, questions or would like to offer some of your time please contact the team via email (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org), thank you.



Golden Children

FS2	Lucy for being such a super learner, very chatty and a lovely friend!
Y1	Libbi for always being ready and for listening carefully on the carpet! She is such a super example to all the other children in her class, well done!
Y2	Hector for trying incredibly hard to complete set tasks and for challenging himself to go further every day! Well done!
Y3	Lillyann for helping and supporting others and for bringing her smile into Y3 every day. Lillyann applies herself brilliantly and always tries her best in everything she does!
Y4	Eliana for being one of our 'always' children; always ready to learn, always trying her very best! This was especially evident during her swimming lesson this week! Well done!
Y5	Alexia for overcoming adversity in Mathematics by showing resilience and for using and applying what she knows in order to solve word problems!
Y6	Jess for the positive attitude, hard work and engagement she has brought to every single lesson in Y6 so far. Keep it up!



Writing Champions

- FS2** **Nadia** for trying really hard both at home and in school to practise her letter formation! Well done superstar!
- Y1** **Arya** for writing a super description of Goldilocks for her 'Wanted' poster! What a star you are!
- Y2** **Lotana** for writing a wonderful story about pirates! Well done!
- Y3** **Sanaya** for producing some brilliant ideas for her non-chronological report. Sanaya applied herself brilliantly during our planning session in order to produce some brilliant ideas!
- Y4** **Willow** for completing great research independently, and for making brilliant notes in preparation for the non-chronological report she is writing!
- Y5** **Daniel** for producing an excellent piece of writing about Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in ancient Egypt!
- Y6** **Filip** for a writing a fantastic diary entry from the point of view of the prodigal son in the well-known parable we have been studying in RE!

COVID-19 Updates & Reminders

Our website contains all sorts of information that you might find useful including the following:

- Please click [here](#) for information on COVID testing
- Please click [here](#) for the position statement from Greg Fell, Sheffield's Director of Public Health
- please click [here](#) to link to the Sheffield City Council risk assessment that we are using
- please click [here](#) to link to our updated SJF Connection Plan

COVID UPDATE

Attendance this week			
1 st	Y5	99.4%	Bobby Bear is visiting next week
2 nd	Y2	98.6%	Brenda Bear is visiting next week
3 rd	Y3	97.4%	Elvis Owl is visiting next week
4 th	Y6	97.2%	
5 th	Y4	96.9%	
6 th	Y1	93.8%	
7 th	FS2	92.8%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 96.7%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	FS2	88%
2 nd	Y4	87%
3 rd	Y3	67%
4 th	Y5	66%
5 th	Y6	64%
5 th	Y2	52%
7 th	Y1	48%
Average = 67%		

Attendance

Though there has been a slight improvement on the overall average attendance, the figures for FS2 and Y1 are still significantly below the school target. Hopefully there will be a big improvement next week. Our new Learning Mentor, Mr Smith, is working with the attendance team at Sheffield City Council to encourage and support attendance, so please get in touch if you have any questions or would like some support. Thank you.

Wake Up! Shake UP!

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Come and join our very enthusiastic 'Wake Up! Shake Up!' team for five fun-packed minutes of lively fitness every morning from 8.40am.

Children are encouraged to take part and its purpose is to get them active so that they can approach the day ahead feeling happy, energised and ready to learn! The sessions are run by our fantastic 'Wake Up! Shake Up!' team, comprising of our Sports Majors, Young Leaders and of course the 'Wake Up! Shake Up!' crew as well – all coordinated by Mr Johnson.

Each term children learn easy routines to popular music, designed around core movement skills. They love it and have a really great time! There is no need for them to sign up, they just simply have to come along at 8.40am. They can do as much or as little as they like. The children taking part will receive a sticker and smiley for joining in, so please encourage your children!





Get Set, GO!

'Get Set, GO!' is the name we give to the activities the children tackle each morning in between Wake Up! Shake Up! and registration. The aim of the Get Set, GO! activities is to gently challenge the children to think. They are varied and inclusive with some collaborative and others more individual. The figures reported in the newsletter show the average percentage of children who are in class and ready at the start of the Get, Set, GO! Session each week.

Receiving Website Alerts

If you would like to receive *automatic* alerts from our website please go to the bottom right-hand page of the homepage of our website and tick the appropriate box or boxes. Your friends and family, wherever they are, can also subscribe in order to keep up-to-date.

Please note that at the end of the school year all names are moved up automatically to the next class, so there is no need to subscribe again. You can unsubscribe any time. Thank you.



Our Catholic Life

Collective Worship Overview

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Statement of Belief Citizen Assembly (Headteacher)	SJF Virtues Assembly (Class-Based)	Themed Assembly (Staff-Led)	Weekly Liturgy of the Word (Class-Led)	Celebration Assembly (All Staff)

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

This week we had our Welcome Liturgy to welcome our youngest pupils in **FS2**. Aply supported by their new **Y4** buddies, our new children we magnificent! They joined in brilliantly, sang and danced beautifully and behaved so well too. Each received a special bookmark. I would like to thank Mrs Darken, Mrs Morris and Mrs Prentice for preparing our FS2 children. I would also like to thank Mr Broadhead and the children of Y4 who guided and supported their buddies so well! They read so well and showed real maturity! Everyone was so impressed with them! Sadly, we cannot invite family and friends to join us for our liturgies but you can watch recordings of them by clicking [here](#). We also welcomed our new staff and children in other classes. Our Liturgy of the Word next week will be led by the young people of **Y2**.

Our October Prayer

As October is the month of Mary our 'gathering' song changes to 'Ave Maria'.

Our prayer of the month also changes to 'Hail Holy Queen' which is traditional prayer dedicated to Our Lady. As it is not said as often these days we wanted to include it in our prayer programme.

October Gathering Song

Ave Maria,	As I kneel before you
Gratia plena.	As I bow my head in prayer
Dominus, te cum –	Take this day, make it yours
Benedicta tu.	And feel me with your love.

*Hail, holy Queen,
Mother of mercy,
Hail our life,
Our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
Thine eyes of mercy toward us,
And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.*



Parish News

Information about parish and Diocesan life including the times of Masses and Confession and sacramental preparation is available via this link to the parish website: <http://www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk/> .





SJF Virtues to Live By

Each term we now focus on different virtues in order to deepen our understanding of the part they play in our individual formation. The virtues we will focus on are common across cultures and faiths, but are all sourced from the Christian tradition. For the rest of this term we will reflect on the importance and place of **thanksgiving** in our lives.

Harvest Campaign

Our new Chaplains are leading this year's harvest festival campaign, collecting dried food and tins for The St Wilfrid Centre. Please support us. It is important that the food you donate is **non-perishable**. Items such as tins of meat, fish, soup, vegetables and fruit; packets of cereals, dried 'Pot Noodle'-type products, biscuits, drinking chocolate, instant mashed potato, pasta, rice and dried noodles are ideal. Anything tinned or dried is also perfect.

All donations can be left in the box in the foyer from **Monday 4th October 2021** at the beginning and end of each the school day. Thank you.

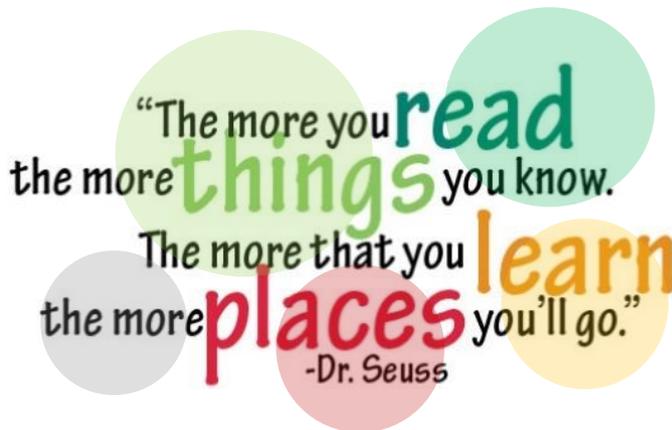
Reading for Pleasure

Our 21-22 SJF Booklist

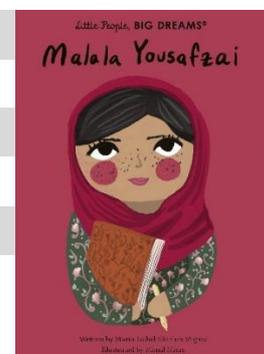
To see our 2021-22 booklist please click [here](#).

Our Feature Books to Inspire Our Children

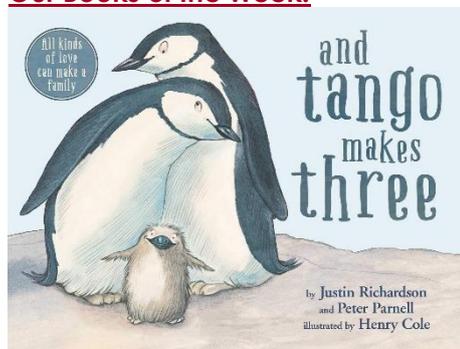
'Little People, BIG DREAMS' is a bestselling series of books by Maria Isabel and Sanchez Vegara that explore the lives of outstanding people, from designers and artists to scientists and activists. All of them began life as children with big dreams and the drive and determination to achieve amazing things. Click [here](#) to find out more.



- **Term 1** Malala Yousafzai: Little People, BIG DREAMS
- **Term 2** Michael Jordan: Little People, BIG DREAMS
- **Term 3** Frida Kahlo: Little People, BIG DREAMS
- **Term 4** David Attenborough: Little People, BIG DREAMS
- **Term 5** Amelia Earhart: Little People, BIG DREAMS
- **Term 6** Marie Curie: Little People, BIG DREAMS

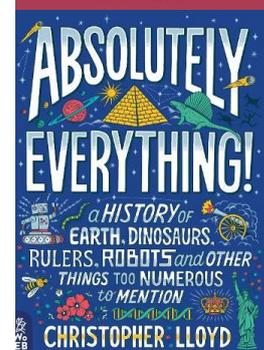


Our Books of the Week!



This week's feature book for our younger children is '**...and Tango Makes Three**' by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell. Published in 2005, the book tells the story of two penguins, Roy and Silo, who create a family together with the help of the zookeeper, Mr. Gramsay. Their chick is named "Tango" by the zookeepers.

Please click [here](#) if you would like to find out more or would like to purchase it.



This week's feature book for our older children is '**Absolutely Everything!**' by Christopher Lloyd. How was our universe made from a tiny speck of energy? Where did the first trees, plants, animals and humans come from? What happened to the dinosaurs? What was so miserable about medieval times? How were railways and electricity invented? What are the dangers of global warming?



These are just a few of the thousands of questions that you will discover the answers to inside this book! From the Neanderthals to the Wright Brothers, from dinosaurs to plastic, embark on an entertaining journey across millennia and continents. With photos, illustrations, timelines and maps in every chapter, there is no better way to understand the earth's entire history than with this captivating book by Christopher Lloyd, author of the bestselling *What on Earth Happened?* and editor of the *Britannica All New Children's Encyclopaedia*. Please click [here](#) to find out more about the book or order it.

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!

FS2 Review & Target-Setting Meetings

A reminder to please send details that these take place - over the phone - on Tuesday 5th October. If you have not booked a slot please contact the School Office (0114 2485009) as soon as possible. Thank you.

Phonics Workshop for Parents & Carers

You are invited to workshops to learn more about our fantastic phonics programme and how we use it to support and encourage our children to read. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and get tips for supporting your children at home.



Y1 Workshop

The **Y1** workshop takes place on **Thursday 7th October 2021** at **4.00pm** and will be delivered live via **Zoom**. The code to join the meeting will be shared in the early part of the week.

FS2 Workshop

The **FS2** workshop takes place on **Tuesday 12th October 2021** at **4.00pm** and will also be delivered live via **Zoom**. The code to join the meeting will be shared closer to the date.

Achievements outside of School

A reminder to please send details of your children's achievements outside of school to us via our main email address (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) so that they can be included in the newsletter. It does not matter whether achievements are big or small we would be delighted to share the good news and celebrate them!

Our Statement of Belief

Next week our 'statement of Belief' continues to be about forgiveness. It is **"I know how to show I am sorry."**



Time to talk: You could think about what being sorry is really like. What does it actually mean, to be sorry?

How should we show that we are sorry?

Why is it so difficult to actually say sorry sometimes?

Why does Jesus challenge us to say sorry when we have hurt others or been unkind and unfair?

How does it feel when you have the courage to say sorry and then are forgiven?

Best wishes,
Mr F Barratt

