

# SJF NEWS

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## Citizen of the Week

This week our Citizen award goes to **Bella-Rae** in **Y4** who understands the importance of sticking up for herself without hurting others in line with our 'Statement of Belief' this week. Bella-Rae is a very special member of our community. She has an enormous capacity for kindness and knows why it is important to speak up for herself and others in appropriate ways when the need arises. Congratulations Bella-Rae, we are very proud of you!

## Term 2 Smiley Scores

<b>St Andrew's House</b>  <b>258</b>	<b>St David's House</b>  <b>344</b>	<b>St Patrick's House</b>  <b>300</b>	<b>St George's House</b>  <b>312</b>
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## SJF Calendar of Events

Please click [here](#) in order to see the weekly update on our home page or hit [LINK](#) for the 2021-22 calendar.

## Pupil Progress Review & Target-Setting Meetings

<b>15-11-21</b>	• <b>Y6</b> Pupil Progress Review & Target-Setting Meetings (via Zoom)
<b>16-11-21</b>	• <b>FS2</b> Pupil Progress Review & Target-Setting Meetings (via Zoom)
<b>17-11-21</b>	• <b>Y3</b> Rearranged Pupil Progress Review & Target-Setting Meetings (via Zoom)

Week 9 Attendance			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y2	97.4%	Bobby Bear is visiting next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5	97.0%	Brenda Bear is visiting next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y3	96.3%	Elvis Owl is visiting next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	95.7%	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	95.6%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	94.3%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	90.6%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 95.4%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y2	90%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5	88%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y3	81%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	77%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	73%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	72%
7 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	70%
		Average = 79%

## Achievements outside of School

Please send details of any of your children's achievements out of school to us via our main email address ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) and they will be included in the newsletter.

- **Ivy** in **Y1** achieved the standards required for the 'Swim Badge 2' and has already started lessons for the 'Swim Badge 3'! Congratulations Ivy!
- **Noah** in **Y1** completed all the requirements in order to achieve the 'Level 1' swimming award! This is brilliant news Noah, well done!





### Beat Your Best!

Our 'Beat Your Best' challenge this week was fantastic! Lots of children took part in the scooper challenge, working with partners to see how many times a ball could be passed without being dropped. Special mentions to the following who tried hard and did well.

Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Shelby Freddie Ewan	Drew Lotana Acob Natalia Hector	Amelia Aurelia Florence Issy Scarlet Keyla Emily Lottie	Alfie D'mari Hugo	Mia Bronte Charlie Edie Alexia	Jessica Annabell

Next week we have a fun scooper challenge to do with a partner. Please click [here](#) to watch a demonstration by one of our fantastic Sports Majors!

### SJF School Council Update

This week the school council met. Here's a word from one of our councillors on what was discussed.



*"This week we were talking about little things that we could do to make the children at our school even happier."*

*We came up with lots of different ideas and we're going to try to start doing them as soon as we can!"*

**Preston, Y4 Councillor**



### Our Catholic Life

#### Collective Worship Overview

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



#### Parish News

Information about parish and Diocesan life including times for Mass, Confession and sacramental preparation is available via this [link](#).

#### Our Term 2 Virtues to Live By

The SJF virtues that we will focus on throughout Term 2 are **hope** and **patience**.

### November Prayer

During November we remember all those who have died and pray for the repose of their souls. We also remember the dead of war both service personnel and civilians. Our prayer is:

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**







### *Our Late November Gathering Song*

Come and join the circle,      Gather round and see –  
Come and take my hand.      What the world can be.  
Come and join the circle,      Come and join the circle,  
Come and be my friend.      Come and share God's word with me.

### *Weekly Liturgy of the Word*

The next Liturgy of the Word will be on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021** and will be led by the young people of **Y1**. A recording will be available to watch shortly afterwards by clicking [here](#). Thank you.

### Remembrance 2021

#### *Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021*

Many thanks to everyone who supported this year's RBL appeal by buying a poppy. Our local Royal British Legion branch thank you, and will let us know how much we raised as soon as the money has been collected.



#### *Remembrance Lessons & Class Reflections*

In the build up to our Service of Remembrance the children in all classes learned about Remembrance Day and reflected on its origins, significance and place in the life of the United Kingdom. The children had opportunities to ask lots of questions and share their thoughts and personal prayers. They each made poppies for their class wreaths. I would like to thank my colleagues for preparing and supporting the children so well.

#### *SJF Community Service of Remembrance*

On Wednesday, our national Armistice Day, our community came together in order to remember the dead and injured of the First World War and of all conflicts since. We remembered the brave members of our armed services; their families; civilians and those on all sides affected by war. This year we were able to gather in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church for a beautifully simple act of remembrance that was led by the young people of Y6.

During the course of our Service our Y6 children shared readings and poems as they provided a commentary on the origins and significance of Remembrance Day for our United Kingdom. They also shared special prayers of thanksgiving in honour of all those affected by war; including those killed or injured in the service of our nation – as well as those who love or loved them. We also remembered all civilian victims of war around the world, especially the children.



Later in the Service, simple class wreaths, made up of paper poppies that had been created by each child, were laid at the foot of our simple wooden cross, and, as 'The Last Post' was played in an otherwise silent church, everything was still as we all took a moment to reflect and offer our own silent prayers for peace.

I would like to thank Mr MacInnes and the young people of Y6 for preparing and leading our moving Service which is available to watch via our website by clicking [here](#).



### PTFA: BBC Children In Need Appeal 2021

The PTFA will once again be collecting funds for this year's BBC Children in Need Appeal. This takes place on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021**, which will be a non-uniform day. The children are invited to dress down and wear something spotty if they have it, but please don't worry if you do not have anything spotty.

We would be grateful if each child could make a donation to the Children in Need appeal. This will be sent straight off by our PTFA. Thank you for your support.



### Blue Day (The Feast of St Andrew)

To mark the feast of St Andrew all the children in St Andrew's House are invited to come to school dressed in blue on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021**. Please note that the children in the other three Houses must wear full school uniform as usual. They will be able to wear their colours when it is their House patron's feast day later in the academic year.

### Advent & Christmas 2021

#### Advent Blessing Liturgy

To begin the important season of Advent the young people of **Y4** will lead our traditional blessing of the wreaths liturgy on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021**. Unfortunately we will not be able to invite family and friends as we would normally wish to, so it will be recorded and made available to watch via our website by clicking [here](#). Thank you.



#### Class Advent Liturgies

As part of our preparations for Christmas there will be daily Advent class liturgies taking place in all classes except on PE days or on days when children are timetabled to have either French or Music in the last period of the school day. Sadly we will not be able to invite family and friends to join us.

#### Nativity Plays

A reminder that following public health advice we will not be inviting family and friends in to school, as we hoped, in order to watch our nativity plays this year. This decision was made reluctantly and on public health advice. We do appreciate how special these moments are, but the reality is that the COVID pandemic remains an ongoing concern. We do understand that there will be disappointment and so we thank you for your continuing patience and for the trust you have in us to do all we need to, in order keep everyone safe - including making difficult decisions like this. Your continuing support is appreciated greatly, thank you.

A reminder that we have arranged for a specialist film company to record both the **FS2** and **KS1** nativity plays this year. Though nothing will compare to being physically present, it is our sincere hope that a professionally produced DVD will at least provide families with a treasured memento and that this might go a small way to making up for the fact that we have not been able to invite them in to see the performances this year.

Both nativity plays will be filmed on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021**, and so it is important that all the children are in school on that day. Once the films have been edited professionally, they will be available to purchase directly from the film company. A reminder that the prices are as follows:

- a basic DVD is **£9.99** and a DVD customised with a message e.g. to a relative for a gift is **£12.99**
- a basic USB is **£12.99** and USB customised with a message e.g. to a relative for a gift is **£15.99**

Individual children will not be named nor will the films be uploaded to our website. We appeal to parents, carers, family and friends to **NOT** upload any part of the films either as video clips or stills to social media in case the images of other children are included, which might raise objections from their parents/carers.

Parents and carers who do **not** want their children to be filmed are asked to contact us as soon as possible. Their children will still be able to take part in the performance, just like their peers, and they will be able to enjoy





the experience of being on stage, in costume, with all the other children. Their image/scenes will then be edited by the film company so that they do not appear in the finished DVD, before it goes on sale.

Photographs of the children in nativity groups will also be taken - as they always are - and these will be made available to view and download via our website. Again we request that no images are then uploaded and shared on social media. Only photographs of those children for whom we have permission will appear on our website and no one will be named. The photographs of children who are not allowed to have their image on the school's website will be given to their parents/carers directly, so that they have a special keepsake.

### KS2 Annual Carol Service

A reminder that this is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021** and involves all the children in Years 3 to 6. As with everything we will not be able to invite family and friends to join us but our Service will be filmed and a recording made available to watch shortly afterwards by clicking [here](#). Thank you.

### Data Protection

A reminder that you can give and *withdraw* your permission for school to include images of your children on our website at any time. We ask that you write or email us explaining clearly what your wishes are. Thank you.

### Golden Children

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Jasper</b> for demonstrating brilliant confidence and for taking part in our baptism role-play with such good understanding. Well done Jasper!
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Scarlett</b> for working hard every day. She is so kind and can always be relied upon to help others! She is fantastic to have in class because she offers such great assistance to her teachers!
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Natalia</b> for having a mature attitude and for giving everything 100% effort! What a star you are!
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Emily</b> for picking herself up so positively after a recent setback and for being such a calming influence on everyone around her. She is an absolute joy to have in class!
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Poppy</b> for having another great week! Poppy has been working really hard and for giving everything a good go!
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Mia</b> for always being so diligent in her work and for trying her very best in everything that she does! What a great example you are!
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Kessy</b> for having such a positive and conscientious attitude towards her work and for making some great progress since the beginning of the academic year!

### Writing Champions

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Jaxson-James</b> for trying really hard to use the sounds he knows in his independent writing! Well done!
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Max</b> for creating such a wonderful autumn poem! He really listened to all the input and we all loved reading it very much!
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Elliott</b> for producing a wonderful piece of writing about the signs and symbols of Baptism! Well done superstar!
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Olivia</b> for working really hard to catch up in the time she was given and for showing resilience by refusing to give up by working extra hard. Well done!
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Sofia</b> who wrote a great set of instructions about the science experiment we did on the digestive system!
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Mateusz</b> for his enthusiasm in grammar lessons and for trying really hard to work with relative clauses!
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Olivia</b> for producing some excellent writing critiquing different artworks based on the baptism of Jesus this week in RE! Well done!



## Reading for Pleasure

Our 21-22 SJF Booklist

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

## This Week's Feature Books

For our younger children: **Tomorrow I'll Be Kind** by Jessica Hische.

"The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you'll go."  
-Dr. Seuss



### The Waterstones Review

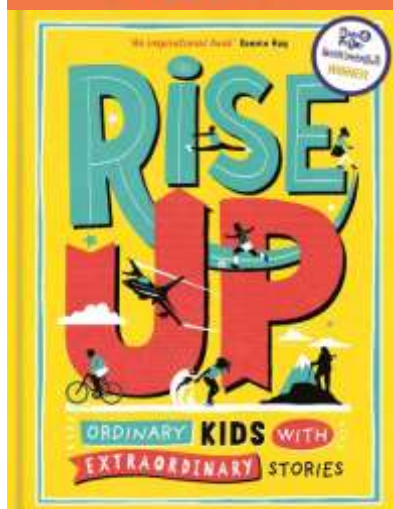
Award-winning creator Jessica Hische brings to life another series of inspirational, hand-lettered words of wisdom, hope and positivity alongside adorable illustrations of love and caring.

Featuring a cheerful rhyming text that guides readers through all the ways to be kind, **Tomorrow I'll Be Kind** is the perfect book for celebrating compassion, humanity and generosity.

This uplifting book is a reminder to all readers, young and old, that the smallest kind gesture can make the biggest difference.

Please click [here](#) to find out more or purchase this brilliant book!

For our older children: **Rise Up: Ordinary Kids with Extraordinary Stories** by the fantastic author, **Amanda Li**.



### The Waterstones Review

This book tells the stories of girls and boys from around the world and the challenges they have faced and overcome.

It features over twenty-nine tales of amazing young girls and boys who have achieved the unimaginable - from surviving a plane crash in the jungle to striking against climate change. There are tales of triumphing over illness and injury, and of overcoming bullying. Entries include **Greta Thunberg**, **Boyan Slat** and **Phiona Mutesi**, to name a few.

Each incredible story is narrated in an exciting and engaging style, and is combined with visually stunning illustrations by Amy Blackwell. Children can lose themselves in the remarkable true-life tales of ingenuity and courage.

Practical tips and skills accompany every entry, from how to deal with altitude sickness to how to be more green. They provide children with an exciting springboard and the confidence to apply the knowledge to their own life situations - now and in the future. A perfect gift for every fearless child you know, these empowering stories show that no matter who you are, how old you are, and what you do, you can rise to the challenge. Please click [here](#) to find out more or purchase this incredible book!

## PTFA News

A reminder that we are expecting a special visit on **Friday 3rd December 2021!** As it is such a special day in our school calendar, the children do not have to wear school uniform. Instead they can meet our special visitor wearing their favourite clothes, whatever they like! Santa is expected to land at 8.45am and you are invited to welcome him on the playground!

We thank our special friends from the PTFA. If you would like to support their important and ongoing work please contact them ([ptfa@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:ptfa@st-johnfisher.org)). Thank you.



### Sheffield Skipathon

Our children have really enjoyed engaging with this year's Sheffield Schools' Skipathon! They have been developing and honing their skipping skills. Please check out the website for updates and photos!



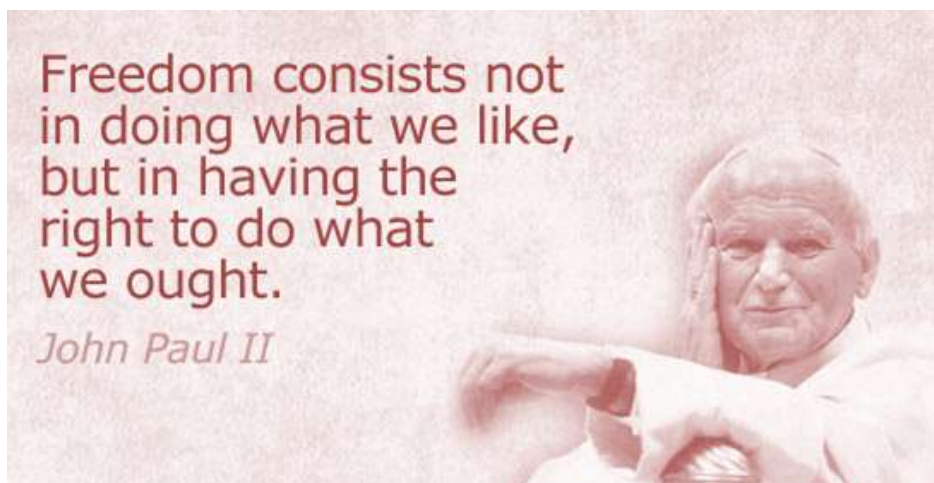
### Our Statement of Belief

Our statement next week is 'I know that rights match responsibility.'

**Time to talk:** Our human rights are what everyone deserves, no matter who they are or where they live. Rights exist so that we can all live in a world that is fair and just.

Everyone has the right to:

- ✓ be happy
- ✓ be safe
- ✓ be loved
- ✓ be safe
- ✓ be educated
- ✓ shelter (somewhere to live)
- ✓ warmth
- ✓ water
- ✓ food
- ✓ clothing
- ✓ personal space
- ✓ freedom of speech
- ✓ freedom to be different
- ✓ to feel comfortable
- ✓ equal opportunities - having the same chances as peers regardless of:
  - wealth
  - faith
  - heritage
  - colour
  - location
  - ability/disability



### Responsibility

Of course since these rights are for everybody, it means we all have responsibilities too. A responsibility is something that is your job to do something about, or to think about. It is something that affects our lives and other people's lives.

### Our responsibilities:

- ✓ to follow the rules at home, at school and in the community
  - for our safety and to protect our rights and the rights of others
- ✓ to stand up for our rights and the rights of others safely and appropriately
- ✓ to be the best person that we can be
- ✓ to take care of ourselves and others
- ✓ to respect the rights of others
- ✓ to look after our school, own belongings and the belongings of others
- ✓ to try hard to learn so that we push ourselves to be the best we can be
- ✓ to care about others who not feel always feel strong enough to stand up for themselves

What do you think are the most important rights and responsibilities? Why? Everyone in the world is an important and special person. Everyone deserves to feel happy, safe and loved every day.

