

SJF NEWS



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Citizen of the Week (24-03-23)

Last week's citizenship award was presented to Aleksander who understands that making mistakes helps him to learn, in line with our Statement of Belief. In many ways Aleksander is a fearless learner – determined and resilient. His positive 'can do' attitude enables him to take the learning from mistakes in order to keep moving forward. He refuses to let anything hold him back. In so many ways, Aleksander is therefore an inspiration to others and we congratulate him. Well done, Aleksander, we are all very proud of you!

Citizen of the Week (31-03-23)

This week's Citizenship of the Week award was presented to Poppy who knows when to ask for help (and who to ask) in line with this week's Statement of Belief. Poppy understands that sometimes, keeping things to herself can create a worry ball which can stop her feeling happy. She knows that telling someone can really help. By doing this, Poppy not only helps herself, but also others because of the great example that she sets. Congratulations, Poppy, we are so proud of you, and grateful too. Well done!

Term 4 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  857 3801	St David's House  908 3849	St Patrick's House  889 3774	St George's House  885 3892
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Term 4 Champions

Congratulations to the young people of St David's House, our Term 4 champions!

Smiley Awards

Congratulations to Alfie in **Y5** who has earned 200 smilies so far this year!

REMINDER: Red Day 2023



Our next special 'House' day will be **Red Day** on **Monday 24th April 2023**. Please make a careful note of the date, if you have any children in St George's House, because it is the first day back after the Easter holiday. Automatic email reminders from the website calendar will be sent to everyone who has signed up for them. So, the first day of Term 5, Monday 24th April 2023, will be **Red Day** and we invite members of **St George's House** to dress down and wear something red if they want to. The children in the other three houses must wear full school uniform. Thank you.

Weekly Attendance			
1 st	FS2	98.4%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
1 st	Y3	98.4%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y5	97.7%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
4 th	Y2	97.1%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
5 th	Y4	97.0%	Billy Bear will visit next week
6 th	Y1	93.3%	
7 th	Y6	91.3%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 97.2%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y2	78%
2 nd	FS2	75%
3 rd	Y1	74%
4 th	Y4	72%
5 th	Y3	70%
6 th	Y5	69%
7 th	Y6	67%
Average = 72.1%		

Achievements outside of School

Please remember to email us details of your children's achievements outside of school, via our main email address (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org). They will then be shared in the newsletter, and celebrated. Thank you.



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SJF Curriculum Showcase

We would like to thank everyone who was able to join us for our latest Curriculum Showcase on Thursday. It was wonderful to see so many of you! It was a real celebration both of the children's learning and my colleagues' dedication. On display was a sample of the children's work over Terms 3 and 4, January to now.

I would like to thank the children, firstly, for everything they produced. I would like to thank my colleagues for all helping to put the showcase together, these important events take a lot of time and effort to prepare. I would like to thank our friends from the PTFA for laying on refreshments.



Finally, huge thanks to all the children who acted as guides, sharing - excitedly with guests - their explanations and information about everything on display. For more pictures, please click [here](#). Thank you.



Reminder: Library Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1	Y2		FS2	Y5
Y4	Y3		Y6	

Our Feature Books of the Week!



Click [here](#) or our full 2022-2023 SJF Book List.

Our latest feature books are:

Thinker: My Puppy Poet and Me by Eloise Greenfield

Running on Empty by S. E. Durrant

Click [here](#) for more information about this week's choices!

Rainbow Raffle

Thank you to everyone who donated, so generously, items for the forthcoming PTFA Easter Rainbow Raffle. The hampers are looking amazing! A reminder that raffle will be drawn on **Maundy Thursday** (6th April 2023). After school, the PTFA is running a free scavenger hunt for children. Raffle tickets remain on sale. Thank you!



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The BYB Weekly Challenge

Here is a message from Miss Barrett

I hope you're all looking forward to a lovely Easter holiday. Before we break up for the Easter holiday, though, we have got one final BYB challenge for you all to attempt.

Before I tell you about it, I want to say a huge thank you to Freddy, the Sports Major who came up with this week's fantastic long-jump challenge. I also want to thank everyone who had a go! We have never seen so many of you! A really special 'shout out' to Owen in Y6 who managed an astounding jump of 2.65 metres from a standing position! Absolutely fantastic!

This final challenge of the term comes from Oscar, another one of dedicated Sports Majors. Oscar has decided to organise a football-based challenge, seeing as it is the last week! All you will need is a football and a partner.

It's a super-simple challenge that anyone can try, whether you are in FS2/Y1 all the way up to Y6! Simply pass the ball between you and your partner whilst keeping the ball under control. Make sure you take a step back after every pass to make sure it gets more and more challenging! If you want a go, please find Oscar or me at playtime - and don't forget to tell us your score!

Our Catholic Life

Chaplaincy News: The Good Shepherd Appeal 2023

Caritas Diocese of Hallam (formerly known as Hallam Caring Services) is part of the worldwide network of Catholic organisations supporting:

- the young
- the vulnerable
- the homeless
- those with mental illness
- the poor
- the lonely
- the elderly
- refugees and asylum seekers



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The SJF Row of Coins

As a community we will again take part in the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal, as we always do, in Lent. All money raised will be passed on to support this very important work in our own community. Over the next two weeks we will be collecting loose change for the appeal. Coins of all values from 1p up to £2 – anything, everything will be received, gratefully. We want to collect enough coins so that if they were laid in a row, they will stretch across our school playground and we appeal to all our families to help us in this mission.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Citizenship Statement of Belief Assembly (Headteacher) Chaplains' Liturgies (Years 5 and 6)	'Virtues to Live By' Class Assembly (Teachers & Chaplains)	Themed Assembly (Teacher-Led)	Weekly Liturgy of the Word (Class-Led)	Celebration Assembly (Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher) Chaplains' Liturgies (Years 1, 2, 3 and 4) Story Liturgy (FS2)

Parish News

For information about parish and Diocesan life including; the times of Masses, services, confession; details about sacramental preparation; and information about what is happening during Lent and Easter please click this [link](#). Thank you.

Our New Term 4 Virtues to Live By

Our current SJF virtues of focus are **charity** and **forgiveness**.



Lenten Class Liturgies 2023

Thank you to everyone who attended any of our Lenten class liturgies. They have now come to an end as we now enter Holy Week. I would like to thank Mrs Barrett and her team of Chaplains for all their hard work in organising and running them with class teachers and support staff



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Our Lenten Prayer: 'The Confiteor'

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore, I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

FORGIVEN

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Thank you to our amazing **FS2** children for leading a beautiful liturgy this week supported by their **Y4** buddies. There is no liturgy next week because it will be our Curriculum Showcase. This means that the next Liturgy of the Word will therefore take place on **Thursday 4th of May** and will be led by the young people of **Y5**. Click [here](#) to view recordings of previous liturgies.



Our KS2 Passion Liturgy 2023

Our Passion liturgy, led by the young people in Years 3-5, takes place at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on **Tuesday 4th April 2023**, starting at **2.15pm**. As space is limited, we would like to prioritise the family and friends of any children involved in the liturgy. We plan to film it and make it available on our SJF website. Afterwards, everyone who attended is invited to join us for refreshments in the school hall, run by our friends from the PTFA, whilst you wait for the children to get changed. You will be able to take them, and siblings in other classes, straight home. Chaplains are organising a collection in aid the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal.



SJF School Council News



This week our SJF School Council met to discuss items on their agenda. Here's a word from Renae, one of our Y3 School Councillors on what was discussed.

This week we have been talking about our project to create a safe driving banner for the school. We have decided that we want as many children as possible to be involved in design the banner, so we're looking forward to sharing our plans with everyone very soon.



Following a meeting between Sheffield City Council and our School Council, I am delighted to share the good news that not only were the markings repainted, but new bollards have been installed in the space between the two gates that access our staff and visitor car park.

These bollards will hopefully prevent drivers causing a significant obstruction in the future by mounting the kerb, either partially or completely in this space, blocking the pavement for pedestrians and making it more difficult for families trying to cross the road. I would like to sincerely thank Mr MacInness and all our councillors for their lobbying of the council.

Food Allergy Advice

We have a number of children who live with serious food allergies, including some with significant nut allergies. Whilst it is not possible to maintain school as a completely nut-free zone, there are important things we can do to reduce the risks. We therefore request that parents/carers do **NOT** send their children in with any foods that contain nuts, including products like chocolate spreads, peanut butter and chocolate dippers, some rice cakes and cereal bars. Children can bring fresh/dried fruit, only, to eat at morning break. Thank you for your support and cooperation.



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Golden Children! (24-03-23)

FS2	Bobby for being an absolute star! Every day he tries hard to do his very best and he works very hard. To cap it all, he is just a great friend to everyone! What a star!
Y1	Aadvik for making so many improvements in his work and behaviour in whole-class lessons and whilst working independently. We are all so proud of his achievements and the example he is setting others.
Y2	Adriana for working hard this week in all lessons and for refusing to give up, even when things get tricky!
Y3	Kyrel for developing resilience whilst learning and maturity when engaging with school life. We are very proud of her!
Y4	Gabriel for trying hard to be a better listener and for having such a positive attitude about his work! Fantastic effort!
Y5	Emily for being such a wonderfully hard working and polite member of Y5! She always makes the right choices and comes to school, every day, smiling and ready to challenge herself and learn.
Y6	Owen for working so hard over the past month. It really paid off during mock SATs week! It is fantastic how you are applying yourself!

Golden Children! (31-03-23)

FS2	Tommy for being such a fantastic member of the class! He is a kind friend and is becoming very grown up and independent during activities in class. We are all very proud of him!
Y1	Harley for the 100% effort she gives to all her work, which is reflected in the progress she is making! Well done, Harley!
Y2	Ava for trying hard to be a productive learner in all lessons, by using the available time effectively. Keep it up Ava!
Y3	Julia for being such a superstar this week and for helping all her classmates. We are so proud of her!
Y4	Hyrum for working so hard in all lessons and for being keen to learn more and more. He has loved our work on decimals we have been doing in Mathematics!
Y5	Erin for always being ready and prepared for learning in all subjects.
Y6	Logan – for displaying such a resilient attitude at school recently.

Writing Champions! (24-03-23)

FS2	Lexi for doing brilliantly with both her reading and independent writing! Fantastic effort, well done, Lexi!
Y1	Lydia for impressing us all, so much, with her writing in RE about Ash Wednesday. It was a really beautiful and thoughtful piece of work!
Y2	Max for trying really hard to remember all the tricky sounds he needs to include in his writing. Well done!
Y3	Lotanna for writing a super recount of Palm Sunday!
Y4	Kayl for trying very hard with his writing this week! He has been trying to include all the elements from our lessons e.g. similes and prepositions etc.
Y5	Eliana for her use of vocabulary and grammatical features! She tries really hard and it is showing in her fantastic work. She works so hard, and also asks the right questions to get the most from lessons.
Y6	Elizabeth for working so hard on both the content and presentation of her most recent piece of writing. It was excellent!



Writing Champions! (31-03-23)

FS2	Vilma for choosing to write in every lesson, and for trying hard write more and more neatly! Fantastic work Vilma!
Y1	Macoley for his super writing all about the wolf character in 'Little Red Riding Hood'. He tried hard to use excellent adjectives to describe the wolf, great progress Macoley!
Y2	Joshua for working very hard on creating his non-chronological report. He is trying his best to be an independent writer!
Y3	James for creating a lovely prayer in RE!
Y4	Jacob W for trying hard with his writing! We were so pleased with his Lenten piece! Amazing!
Y5	Alfie for writing a superb account all about of the road to Calvary. Incredible!
Y6	Mateusz for writing such an excellent piece of instructional writing!

Maths Champions! (24-03-23)

FS2	Zach for working really hard with his number work and with our sharing activities! Well done!
Y1	Jasper for producing excellent work on problem-solving around finding the difference. This was very tricky and Jasper just got it and worked resiliently and independently!
Y2	Edwin for trying his best in our maths lessons this week, especially on his regrouping in addition. Keep it up!
Y3	Jack for doing brilliantly on our work to do with time! Well done!
Y4	Jenson for working hard on his decimals work this week! He is becoming much quicker with his times tables too! Keep it up!
Y5	Kacper for showing determination when doing tricky maths work. He pushes himself first and is not afraid to put his hand up to ask for help when he needs to. You are developing such a mature attitude.
Y6	Lena for making such brilliant progress in maths, and particularly arithmetic. This has resulted in some fantastic test results, which she should be very proud of.

Maths Champions! (31-03-23)

FS2	Akira for showing fantastic working out in our sharing work! Absolutely brilliant!
Y1	Raquel for trying so hard with her maths work, even when she finds it tricky. Great resilience!
Y2	Nathan for trying hard this week to apply his knowledge around regrouping within addition and subtraction. Well done!
Y3	Anjie for super fraction work this week!
Y4	Sanaya for working so hard in all maths lessons. Sanaya is so keen to learn more and more. She is a times-tables whizz, and this is all down to her hard work!
Y5	Zayd for working hard translating shapes and plotting coordinates. Fantastic work!
Y6	Elizabeth for making such a brilliant effort to complete her maths work recently!



Statement of Belief

Our next 'Statement of Belief' is **"I know what humility means."**

Time to talk: Humility is a quality that people demonstrate when they have a modest or low sense of their own importance. It is a quality demonstrated by the life and example of Jesus Christ.

It is a trait of all the saints who came to know and love God and whose lives are examples to us.

To show humility is not to diminish yourself in any way, but rather to lift others up by your words and actions.

Why is it important to show humility?

What difference can it make?

What would the world be like if more people showed humility, especially those in powerful positions?



Non-Uniform Day

Maundy Thursday, 6th April, is our last day of the term and it will be a non-uniform day to help raise money for Bishop Ralph's 2023 Good Shepherd Appeal. We invite the children to dress down and contribute up to £2 each to the appeal. Thank you for your support.

