

# SJF NEWS



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## Welcome Back!

We hope that you have all had a fantastic holiday! Our school reopens for the start of Term 5, on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and the whole team looks forward to welcoming all children and their families back!



## Red Day 2023: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

A reminder that the first day of term is also **Red Day** to mark the feast of St George, patron saint of England. All members of **St George's House** are therefore invited to dress down and wear something red if they want to. The children in the other three houses must wear full school uniform.

## Y1 National Phonics Screening Meeting

### Key stage 1

### Phonics screening check

The parents/carers of our current **Y1** pupils are invited to a meeting on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023** to find out more about the **National Phonics Screening** that will take place in our school, and all English primary schools between Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

The meeting will be in the **Y6** classroom and start around **3.30pm** with supervised childcare available. We encourage all **Y1** Parents and carers to attend so that they can learn more about the process and how we manage it and support the children. Thank you.



Yorkshire  
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## Exciting Developments

Over the holidays work started on the development of our new wildlife area, with the pond being dug. The wooden fence that surrounded the FS2 outdoor area, has been replaced with a new one and those sections of that wooden fence that can be, will be repurposed to surround the new wildlife area. We are working closely with our PTFA and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust on this exciting project. Once complete the area will be used in a range of ways to support local wildlife and develop our children's knowledge, skills and wellbeing.

We will be looking to recruit volunteers to work with our Eco Team members to maintain the area once it is complete. All volunteers will be subject to ongoing safeguarding checks in line with best practice. There has also been a significant investment in new resources to further support the learning of our FS2 children in the outdoors. These items will be introduced/installed in the coming days.

## Attendance

Attendance figures for the final week of Term 4; for Term 4 for as a whole; and for the year to date, will be shared in the next newsletter. Attendance is always important, and especially in Term 5 as we move in to the 2023 primary statutory assessments season.

- **FS2** - a formal check on children's progress in their key foundation year against the Early Learning Goals
- **Y1** - National Phonics Screening and writing moderation
- **Y2** - end of Key Stage 1 statutory assessments (SATs) & follow-up National Phonics Screening\*
- **Y3** - writing moderation
- **Y4** - formal multiplication tables assessment and writing moderation
- **Y5** - writing moderation
- **Y6** - end of Key Stage 2 statutory assessments (SATs) \*for children who did not achieve the standard in Y1

Good attendance does not just support learning and achievement, it also protects children's wellbeing. Children tell us, themselves, that absence from school makes them feel anxious because they worry about missing learning and falling behind. They also worry about friends moving on whilst they are away from school.

We know that there will be times when absence is unavoidable, e.g. because of sickness, and so we always work very hard to help children settle back in. We are also very grateful when unnecessary absences are avoided, for example, term-time holidays and when medical/dental appointments are made after school, during school holidays or at the end of a school day if there is an option to do so. Doing these simple things really helps support children's learning, development and connections with peers.



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**Reminder: Extra Bank Holiday**

The government has announced that there will be a special bank holiday, following the coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The additional holiday will fall on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**, so school will close on that day. Please click [here](#) for more information.



**Term 5 Curriculum Overviews**

Our latest overall RE summer curriculum overview that covers both Terms 5 and 6 is available [here](#). The class-based curriculum overviews for Term 5 can be accessed via this [link](#). If you have any questions, or would like further help and tips for supporting your child(ren) at home, please let us know. Also, if you have artefacts or a particular expertise related to areas being taught, that you would like to share, please contact the class teacher. Thank you.

**Times Tables Rock Stars**

Congratulations to the children from all the classes who made it through to our Times Tables Rock Stars Grand Final just before the Easter holiday! The finalists had already won through class-based finals for the right to represent their year group in the whole-school grand final where they faced a number of age-appropriate questions.



They were all magnificent, showing such courage! We recognise and applaud their effort, celebrate their determination and we thank them for their effort and the positive example they gave to others! Congratulations to Jan Z in **Y3**, our overall champion! Please click [here](#) to see more pictures.

**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](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)). They will then be shared in the newsletter, and celebrated. Thank you.

- **Jan Z** in **Y3** has achieved a new karate grading, the eighth Kyu - Black Tags! An incredible achievement, Jan, congratulations!
- **Isabelle** in **Y6** represented Eckington Swimming Club in her third swimming competition just before the Easter holiday, in Matlock. She managed to smash her 50m freestyle personal best and to finish impressively in 7th place in her age group. What a fantastic achievement, Isabelle, congratulations!

**Reminder: Library Days**

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

**Our Feature Books of the Week!**



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

Our latest feature books are:

**The Midnight Fair** by Gideon Sterer

**The Strange Worlds Travel Agency** by L. D. Lapinski

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

**Our Catholic Life**

*Parish News*

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

*Our Latest Term 5 RE Come and See Overview & Catholic Life Update*

Please click [here](#). Thank you.

*Our Term 5 Virtues to Live By*

Our latest SJF virtues of focus are **resilience** and **perseverance**.



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

**Our April Prayer: 'The Sanctus'**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might!  
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
 Hosanna in the highest!  
 Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord  
 Hosanna in the highest!



**Our Resurrection Mass 2023**

You are all invited to our special Resurrection Mass, which will be led this year by the young people of **Y5**. Mass will begin at 10.00am.

**Weekly Liturgy of the Word**

The next Liturgy of the Word takes place on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023**, and will be led by the young people of **Y4**. It was going to be led by our Y5 children but they are now leading the liturgy for our Resurrection Mass instead. Click [here](#) to view recordings of previous liturgies.

**Our KS2 Passion Liturgy 2023**

I would like to thank the children of Years 3-5 for leading this year's beautiful and thought-provoking Passion Liturgy during Holy Week. It was incredible, especially as it was written by the children themselves! Thank you to the staff who supported them and everyone who came along to be part of the liturgy. Thanks also to colleagues and PTFA members who provided refreshments afterwards. Click [here](#) to watch the Passion Liturgy.



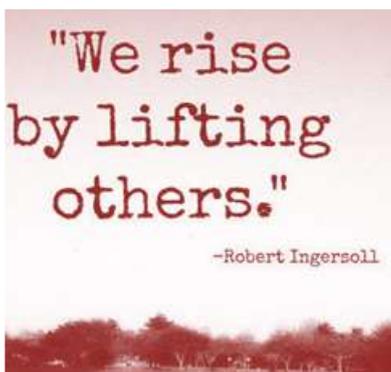
**SJF Drama Club**

Our after-school drama club will take a break during Term 5 and will recommence in the first week of Term 6 (week commencing 5th June 2023). A notification will be sent out towards the end of Term 5 to confirm when the day club will start again. New members will, of course, be welcome to join us if they wish to. Thank you.

**Statement of Belief**

Our next 'Statement of Belief' is **"I know how to help others when they are in trouble."**

**Time to talk:** At St John Fisher we believe that it is very important to help each other. What are some of the different ways we can help each other in and out of school?



Perhaps you can help others by simply doing the right thing yourself, so that you set a great example.

Perhaps you can help others by talking to a grown up if you are worried about them.

Perhaps you can make positive suggestions if a friend is making (or thinking of making) poor choices

Perhaps you can encourage someone who has made a mistake and wants to make a fresh start and do the right thing.

Perhaps you can share your time in order to listen *actively* to someone else who has a worry ball or is in trouble.

