

# SJF NEWS

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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023



## Weekly Awards

Today the community came together to celebrate our annual Resurrection Mass, so there was no Celebration Assembly. This means that this week's awards will be carried over to next week.

## Staff News

At the end of the school year Miss Brownbill and Mr Broadhead will be leaving us and moving on to new adventures. They are very much loved and respected members of our community. Both have hugely significant roles in the life of our school and we thank them for their dedicated service to our community.

Mr Broadhead was part of that very special group of teachers who joined us in September 2014 and played such a significant role in our journey back to 'Good' later that year.

Miss Brownbill joined us in September 2019, the school year when the UK was hit by the terrible COVID pandemic, and she worked so hard alongside colleagues, and with such care, to support our children during this challenging period.

There is no question that they will be missed terribly by us all - and our prayers and best wishes will follow them, along with our sincere thanks, in to the next exciting chapters of their lives. We are now in the process of recruiting new teachers. Please click [here](#) for more information.

## Forthcoming Bank Holidays



### May Day

School will be closed next Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023, because it is May Day and a national Bank Holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.



### King's Coronation

To mark the coronation of King Charles III, which takes place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May, the government has announced that there will be an additional Bank Holiday on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**, which means that school will again be closed. We will reopen on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> will be our special day to mark the coronation. The children are invited to dress up in party clothes or dress down if they would be more comfortable doing this. Maybe the children might like to come to school wearing something red, white or blue – or even all three colours! There is no pressure! They will enjoy a picnic lunch and have an opportunity to do different activities in their classes as well as spend time with their buddies.

## A Message from our PTFA Committee: Coronation Bake Sale!

As part of the school's celebration of King Charles' coronation on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the PTFA is holding a bake sale. We would love for you to bring in donations of cakes, buns and sweet treats to school on the morning of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023. These could be home baked, or store-bought, but please ensure that what you donate is **nut free** as we are a nut free school, due to the fact that several children have **severe allergies**.

The children will be given an opportunity to purchase a treat for 50p to enjoy during the school day. The remaining baked goods will be sold on the playground after school, where PTFA volunteers will accept cash and card payments! All proceeds will go to the PTFA to be used to help develop the new SJF wildlife area!

If your child has an allergy, we ask that you provide a treat for them in a named food bag or similar, so that we can ensure that your child is able to enjoy something that is suitable for them to safely eat. Any food containers used to supply baked goods in will be returned, so long as they are clearly named and labelled with your child's name and class. Please click [here](#) to see the PTFA flyer. Many thanks!



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### Special Meeting for Parents/Carers: Coping with Bereavement and Loss

Our friends from the Sheffield Healthy Minds team are running another coffee afternoon, here in school, for all our parents and carers. Everyone is invited to a special session exploring the difficult issues of bereavement and loss. Lots of information and support will be available, as well as people to listen.

The meeting takes place on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2023** and starts at **2:15pm**. It would help to have an idea of numbers, so please email us ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) or phone (01142485009) if you are interested.

### SJF Healthy Minds Newsletter

Please look out for the latest edition of our SJF Healthy Minds newsletter which will be shared soon.



### Y1 National Phonics Screening Meeting

#### Key stage 1

#### Phonics screening check

Thank you to Mrs Sambrook and all the **Y1** parents/carers who attended the special meeting on Tuesday in order to find out more about the statutory **National Phonics Screening** that will take place in all English primary schools between Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023. If you have any questions, please contact us. The presentation can be accessed by clicking this [link](#).

### Our New SJF Wildlife Area



To help our Eco Team maintain the new wildlife area, which is being developed currently in partnership with our PTFA, we are looking to recruit a few volunteers. These could be parents/carers, grandparents or neighbours with an interest and may be some experience. All volunteers will, of course, undergo all the usual enhanced safeguarding checks, in line with best practice, which will be ongoing. Potential volunteers are asked to contact the school office directly. Thank you.

### FS2 Outdoor Area

The new resources for the outdoor FS2 learning area. These have now been delivered and are mostly assembled. The fence has been installed and new gates, including one that will link to the top FS2 area to the wildlife area. FS2 parents/carers will be given plenty of notice of a special 'stay and play' session that is planned to give them an opportunity to have a look around and try out some of the resources with their children. Huge thanks to Mrs Barratt and Mr Ramsden for their hard work in first sourcing everything, and then assembling and organising all the resources. They look fantastic and will really support the children's learning!

| Attendance: Final Week of Term 4 |     |                            |                     |
|----------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>                  | Y4  | 98.1%                      | Bobby Bear visited  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>                  | Y3  | 97.2%                      | Brenda Bear visited |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>                  | Y2  | 97.0%                      | Elvis Owl visited   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>                  | Y6  | 95.3%                      | Billy Bear visited  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>                  | FS2 | 94.3%                      |                     |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                  | Y5  | 94.2%                      |                     |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>                  | Y1  | 93.7%                      |                     |
| Target = 98.0%                   |     | Average Attendance = 95.7% |                     |



| Get Set, GO!    |     |               |
|-----------------|-----|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Y4  | 92%           |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Y2  | 90%           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Y3  | 85%           |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Y6  | 82%           |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | FS2 | 80%           |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Y5  | 75%           |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Y1  | 71%           |
|                 |     | Average = 82% |

| Attendance: Term 4 |     |                            |
|--------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>    | Y3  | 98.3%                      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | FS2 | 97.7%                      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>    | Y4  | 97.0%                      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>    | Y2  | 97.4%                      |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>    | Y5  | 96.9%                      |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>    | Y1  | 93.6%                      |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>    | Y6  | 91.3%                      |
| Target = 98.0%     |     | Average Attendance = 96.0% |

| Attendance: Year to Date |     |                            |                                                                                       |
|--------------------------|-----|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>          | Y3  | 97.6%                      |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>          | Y5  | 97.0%                      |                                                                                       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>          | Y2  | 96.7%                      |                                                                                       |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>          | Y4  | 95.8%                      |                                                                                       |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>          | FS2 | 95.5%                      |                                                                                       |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>          | Y1  | 92.7%                      |                                                                                       |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>          | Y6  | 92.5%                      |                                                                                       |
| Target = 98.0%           |     | Average Attendance = 95.4% |                                                                                       |



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

| This Week's Attendance |            |                            |                            |
|------------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>        | <b>Y3</b>  | <b>100%</b>                | <b>Bobby Bear</b> visited  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>        | <b>Y6</b>  | <b>99.6%</b>               | <b>Brenda Bear</b> visited |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>        | <b>Y2</b>  | <b>98.3%</b>               | <b>Elvis Owl</b> visited   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>        | <b>Y1</b>  | 97.5%                      | <b>Billy Bear</b> visited  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>        | <b>Y5</b>  | 94.8%                      |                            |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>        | <b>FS2</b> | 94.2%                      |                            |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>        | <b>Y4</b>  | 94.1%                      |                            |
| Target = 98.0%         |            | Average Attendance = 95.7% |                            |



| Get Set, GO!    |            |               |  |
|-----------------|------------|---------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | <b>Y3</b>  | 90%           |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>Y6</b>  | 87%           |  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>Y2</b>  | 83%           |  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Y1</b>  | 79%           |  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Y5</b>  | 77%           |  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | <b>FS2</b> | 72%           |  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Y4</b>  | 72%           |  |
|                 |            | Average = 80% |  |

### Term 5 Curriculum Overviews

This term's RE/Catholic life overview is available [here](#) and the Term 5 overviews for the other curriculum subjects can be accessed via this [link](#). Thank you.

### 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.

- **Diion** in **Y4** was very busy over Easter supporting an elderly couple in Sri Lanka. They were struggling to have meals every day and so Diion decided to donate £50 (19000 Sri Lankan Rupees) from his own savings to help them with food and medical needs for a month. Everyone is grateful to Diion, and proud too!

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

I would like to thank Mr Broadhead and the young people of **Y5** for leading the liturgy at our special Mass to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, today. I would like to thank Fr Bede for celebrating Mass, our musicians and all the children who joined in and behaved beautifully. Finally, thank you to all the family, friends and parishioners who were able to join us for Mass. Please click [here](#) to view a recording of our Resurrection Mass.

### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our 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**. Click [here](#) to view recordings of this and all previous liturgies.

### 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:

**Do Something for Someone Else** by Loll Kirby  
**Peace Maker** by Malorie Blackman

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



### Our Latest Beat Your Best Challenge!

Here is a message from Miss Barrett

Hello everyone and welcome back to another term at St John Fisher, I hope you've all enjoyed the first week back! Here is another BYB challenge for you all to have a go at. This week's challenge comes from **Priscilla**, a member of our dedicated team of Sports Majors! She has come up with a fun beanbag challenge which involves trying to land a beanbag in one of three hoops.

- The first hoop is the biggest and the closest to you, earning you **1 point** if you manage to get it in.
- The second hoop is slightly smaller and slightly further away, so landing your beanbag in this hoop will earn you **2 points**
- The third hoop is the smallest and the furthest away. If you manage to get your beanbag to land in this hoop you will earn **3 points**

Time is limited to **60 seconds** and the aim is to earn as many points as possible in this time.

I hope to see you all coming to have a go at playtimes. Practise at home then look for Priscilla and me at playtime. Don't forget to tell us your score!

If you do not have a beanbag, you can use a pair of socks rolled in to a ball.



### Statement of Belief

Our next 'Statement of Belief' is **"I recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings."**

**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.

### Statement of Belief

Our latest 'Statement of Belief' is **"I recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings."**



**Time to talk:** At St John Fisher we know that we all have the right to feel happy, safe and loved, in and out of school, **every** single day.

We know the things in our lives that make us feel safe and comfortable and we also know when something (or someone) makes us feel less safe and uncomfortable. If anything (or anyone) ever makes us feel like this then we know that we can find any grown-up in school and **tell, tell, tell!**

If you share a worry, then you will **always** be listened to and your worry will **always** be taken seriously. We will then make sure that you receive the love, care, encouragement, help and support that you need, so that you can let go of your worry ball.



Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Charles, our King, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, he may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with his consort and the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

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