

SJF NEWS



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Citizen of the Week

Congratulations to Lincoln in **Y5** who understands the importance of being just and fair, in line with our Statement of Belief. Lincoln is a special member of our community who understands why it is important to treat others well - including them in his learning activities and games. Lincoln never leaves anyone out and shows others great care and respect. He understands that he also has the right to be treated fairly and justly every day, too, speaking up when he needs to, knowing he will be heard. What a great example you set!

Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
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1082	1009	1017	976



Flu Vaccinations

A reminder that our children are scheduled to receive flu vaccinations, on **Wednesday 6th December 2023**, as part of a UK-wide NHS programme. Please click [here](#), for more information and contact us if you have any questions. You can also follow this [link](#) to find out more about the Sheffield school nursing and immunisation team. Thank you.

Weekly Attendance			
1 st	Y6	98.1%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y4	97.9%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y3	97.5%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y5	94.4%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 th	FS2	93.8%	
6 th	Y1	93.7%	
7 th	Y2	93.0%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 95.6%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y6	82%
2 nd	Y2	80%
2 nd	Y5	80%
4 th	Y1	79%
5 th	Y3	78%
6 th	FS2	75%
7 th	Y4	72%
Average = 78%		



2024 Residentials

Y6 Hollowford Residential - Autumn 2024

Parents and carers of children in **Y5** currently are invited to a meeting about next year's Y6 Hollowford residential in the Y6 classroom on Monday 27th November 2023 at 3.30pm. Supervised childcare will be available close-by.

Y5 Oakes Residential - Autumn 2024

Parents and carers of children in **Y4** currently are invited to a meeting about next year's Y5 Oakes residential in the Y6 classroom on Monday 4th November 2023 at 3.30pm. again, supervised childcare will be available close-by.



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Golden Children!

- FS2** **April** is such and kind and caring little girl. She always helps others and tries her very best in class every day and we all think she is such a great example. Well done, April!
- Y1** **Rosa** for doing so well with her listening, sharing her ideas and trying so hard in all her work. Well done, Rosa!
- Y2** **Aadvik** for trying really hard to listen well on the carpet and is always contributing to class discussion.
- Y3** **Ewan** for super behaviour-for-learning and for trying his absolute best at all times. Well done!
- Y4** **Anjie** for having an amazing week! She has given everything 100% effort - in the classroom as well as in the swimming pool. She has been an absolute joy to observe her growth this week. Keep it up!
- Y5** **Charlotte** for always working hard and for giving a 100% effort in all lessons. Well done! Please Keep it up, Charlotte!
- Y6** **Sam** for the energy and positivity he demonstrates every day within the Y6 classroom and in all lessons. A wonderful example to others!

Writing Champions!

- FS2** **Niamh** for producing some really lovely mark-making in our RE activities this week. It was wonderful!
- Y1** **Cruz** for trying so hard to write a postcard to Sunny, the meerkat. A super effort Cruz, well done, superstar!
- Y2** **Maya** for writing a creative and innovative story, based on 'The Snow Queen'! Well done!
- Y3** **Heidi** for producing some amazing writing from the perspective of the shepherds. It was very impressive!
- Y4** **Lotanna** for his beautiful narrative writing, and for demonstrating some great critical thinking during the editing process. The result was that his final piece was amazing! Well done!
- Y5** **Charly** for producing a great piece of work based on the Passover story. Charly showed such determination and resilience by writing both neatly and at length. Wonderful! Keep it up!
- Y6** **Ava** for the excellent use of formal language she within a letter she has written this week. Well done, Ava!

Maths Champions!

- FS2** **Georgie** is really enjoying subitising in maths. Well done, we are very proud of you!
- Y1** **Bobby** for completing a super "stretch it" task in which he drew a diagram to show how he found half of six. Fantastic work, Bobby, keep it up!
- Y2** **Kali** for working really hard to listen actively and follow instructions independently! Well done, Kali!
- Y3** **Felicity** for providing thoughtful explanations to show how she answered addition and subtraction questions and solved problems.
- Y4** **Esma** for showing great determination and perseverance with our work on multiplication, this week. She is never afraid to push herself, and her hard work is now really beginning to pay off.
- Y5** **Jenson** for showing great resilience when he was working very hard on something new and managing to remain positive as he did so. Well done!
- Y6** **Willow** for the huge effort she has made during our maths lessons in recent weeks, and for the brilliant progress that she is now making as a direct result! Fantastic! Keep it up!





Pupil Voice: SJF Eco Team

This week, the children were presented with their own copies of the letter from the Permanent Secretary, with whom they had met, virtually, earlier in the term. Here is a word from Heidi, one of our **Y3** SJF Eco Team members:

"It was really exciting to get the letter from Londo! I can't wait to use the app that we were talking to them about in our school."

Our SJF Eco Team members will soon use resources available on the 'Nature Park' app, capturing and recording important data about biodiversity in our school grounds.



Our Catholic Life

Weekly Celebration of the Word

Huge thanks to our **Y1** children who led a brilliant Celebration of the Word, beautifully. There is no Celebration of the Word next week because of our annual Advent Wreath blessing. This means that the next Celebration of the Word is on **Thursday 7th December 2023** and will be led by the young people of **Y6** and we invite their family and friends to join us in the school hall at 9.00am.



Our Virtues to Live By

In our Tuesday assemblies we continue to focus on the special virtue, **hope** and **patience**.



Come and join the circle!

Annual Advent Wreath Blessing Liturgy 2023

The season of Advent begins in our community, as it always does, with a blessing of Advent Wreaths in a simple service led by the young people of **Y4** on **Friday 1st December 2023** starting at **2.00pm** in the school hall. We invite our **Y4** parents/carers to join us.

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.*

Collective Worship

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)

November Prayer

During November we remember all those who have died and we pray for the repose of their souls.

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



Advent 2023

Advent Class Reflections

As part of our Advent journey to the great feast of Christmas, our Chaplains will help to organise simple Advent class reflections at the end of the school day from **Monday 4th December 2023 to Friday 15th December 2023.**

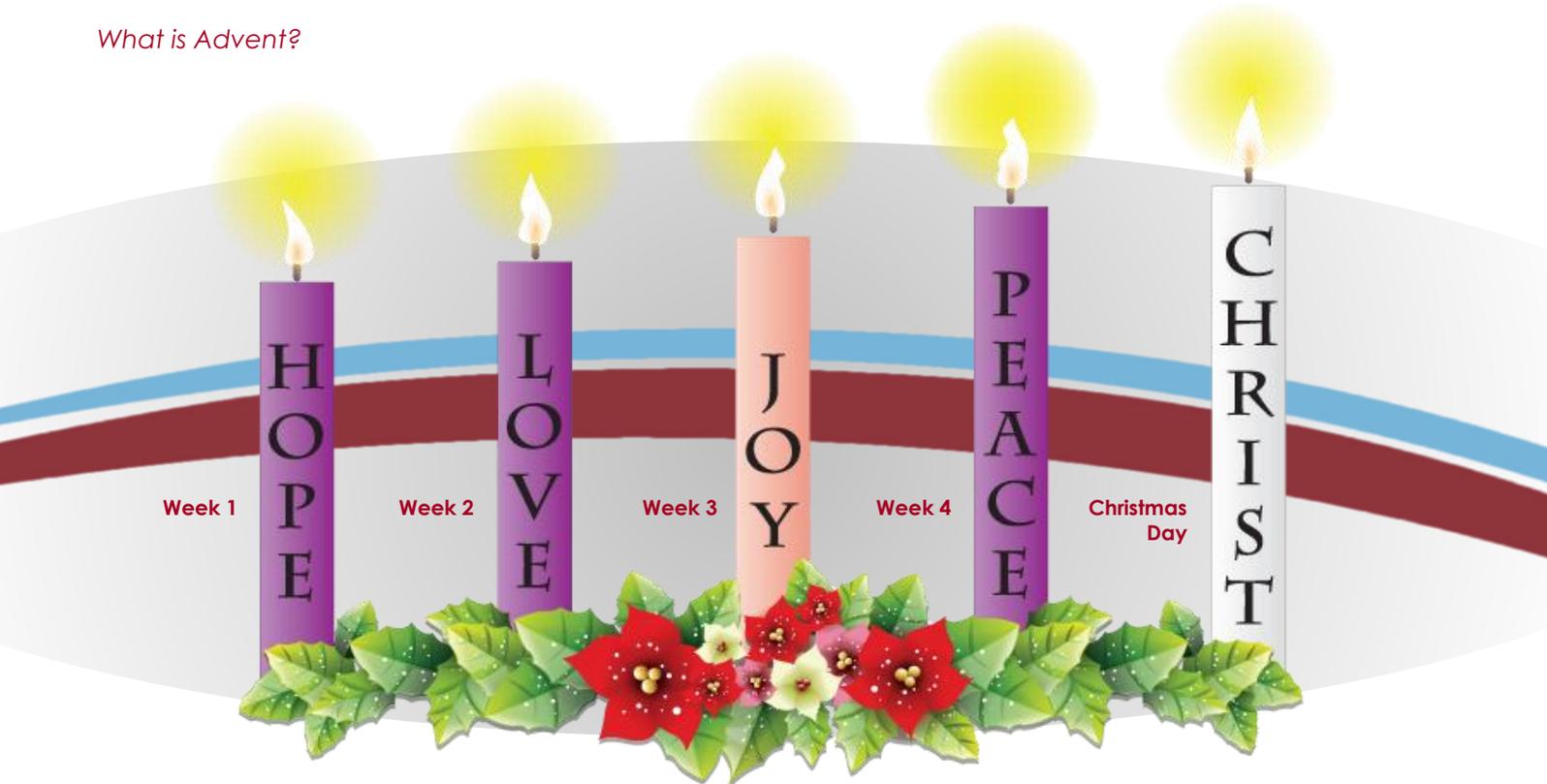
Places are limited and so to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to join in with at least one liturgy, we invite parents and carers to book one liturgy in each class where their child is a pupil. If parents/carers wish to attend more than one liturgy during Advent we ask that they call the office on the day to check for spaces.

Generally, the liturgies will take place on the following days:

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

Please note that the only days when there will be no liturgies at all in school are on **Friday 8th December 2023** (Santa in School Day) and on **Tuesday 12th December** (the day of the panto visit to the Lyceum Theatre).

What is Advent?



Advent and Lent, are seasons of penitence when we take time to reflect on our lives and the choices we are making. We think about whether these choices bring us closer to our father or take us away from God.

On the Advent wreath, the three purple candles mark our preparations whilst awaiting the arrival of Christ at Christmas. Unlike Lent, Advent is a happier season. The Third Sunday of Advent is called **Gaudete Sunday** which is Latin for 'rejoice'. From the third Sunday of Advent we light the rose coloured candle on our wreaths. Priests also wear rose coloured vestments at Mass on the third Sunday of Advent. When describing the difference between happiness and joy, Pope Francis said:

"To be happy is good, yet joy is something more. It's another thing; something which does not depend on external motivations, or on passing issues. It is more profound. It is a gift."

If joy is a gift from the Lord, then the Lord Himself is our first and greatest gift, and the only one that will never tarnish, break or fade. Gaudete Sunday reminds us that the gift has not yet arrived, but is close at hand.



Reading for Pleasure: Our Latest Feature Books of the Week

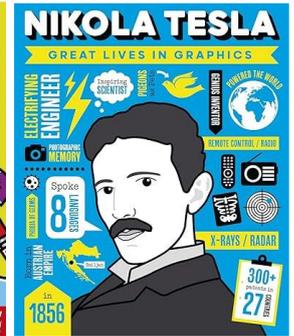
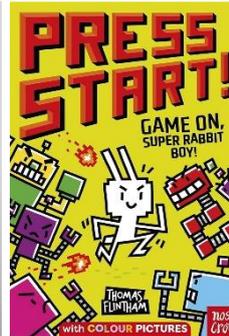


READING FOR PLEASURE

“The more you **read** the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn** the more **places** you’ll go.”
-Dr. Seuss

Please click [here](#) to view our full 2023-24 SJF Book List. These are our latest feature books:

- **Press Start! Game On, Super Rabbit Boy!**
 - o Thomas Flintham
 - o click [here](#)
- **Great Lives in Graphics: Nikola Tesla**
 - o GMC Editors
 - o click [here](#)



Reminder: Santa in School Day 2023

A reminder that Santa is visiting us on **Friday 8th December 2023!** As it is such a special occasion, it will be a non-uniform day. Santa is expected to land at **8.45am** and you are invited to join us in welcoming him shortly after he lands!

This is such a special event in the school calendar, and takes months to plan. I would therefore like to thank our PTFA committee and all those who support them to make this special day possible. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the PTFA (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you.

Christmas Dinner

Reminder: SJF Christmas Dinner 2023

Our school Christmas dinner, this year, will take place on **Thursday 14th December 2023**, this year.

As it is a special occasion, it will be a non-uniform day, so the children are invited to dress up or down.

Reminder: Nativity Plays 2023

The **FS2** and the **Y1 / Y2** nativity plays take place on **Tuesday 19th December 2023**. Information about tickets will be shared this week by our school office team. A reminder that there will be a raffle at both the morning and afternoon performances which we hope will be well supported.

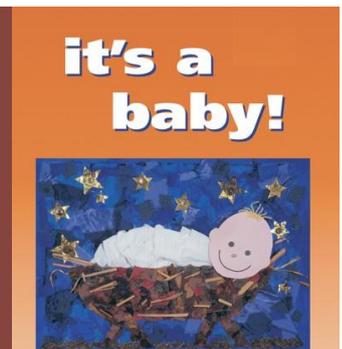
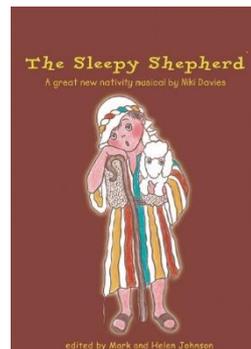
FS2 Nativity Play

For their first nativity play, our **FS2** children are performing 'The **Sleepy Shepherd**' and this will start at **9:30am**.

On the day the children will go to class, in the usual way and whilst they are getting ready, refreshments will be served to the **FS2** parents/carers whilst they wait in the school hall.

Y1/Y2 Nativity Play

The children will perform the nativity, '**It's a Baby**', at **2.15pm**. Doors will open at **2.00pm**.





Beat Your Best: Our BYB Challenge

Here is a message from Miss Raynes:

Our Sports Majors and I loved supporting the children with this week's hopscotch BYB challenge – especially those who were freestyling!

This week we have a hula hoop BYB challenge. The challenge is to see how long can you keep a hula hoop spinning on your waist. If that is too easy, try your wrist. For an extra challenge, try changing which wrist the hula hoop is on, all whilst keeping the hula hoop spinning and safely under control!

We look forward to seeing you at breaktime, good luck! Click [here](#) to watch a demonstration. Good luck!

Achievements outside of School

Please send us details of your children's achievements outside of school via our enquiries@st-johnfisher.org email address. Whether the achievements are big or small we will share and celebrate the good news! Here are this week's special mentions:

- **Raquel** in **Y2** has been very busy. Firstly, she received her first jujitsu stripe and secondly she has already managed to achieve jumping in her horse riding classes. Congratulations, Raquel, we are all proud of you!

Our Statement of Belief

Our statement next week will be **'I can tell you how I look after myself'**.

Time to talk: Together, think about all the ways we can look after ourselves. You could try hard to eat healthily and exercise more regularly.

You could try to play out in the fresh air more, rather than stay inside all the time.

You could go for walks in the woods or play in the park with your parents or grandparents.

You could talk to someone if you have a 'worry ball'.

What will you do?

What should you do if anyone or anything makes you feel uneasy or unhappy?

What should you do if you see someone who needs looking after in some way?

Who can you tell?

“A lifestyle change begins with a vision and a single step.”

—Jeff Calloway

