

# SJF NEWS

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## Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Bertie** in **Y6** who understands what trust is in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Since joining us in Y4, Bertie has settled really well into our SJF family. He is very popular with his peers because he cares and has a strong sense of what is right and wrong. He has worked incredibly hard and it is precisely because he has trusted his teachers and classmates that he has made strong progress academically. As he has done this his confidence and self-belief have both also grown and we all very proud of him for achieving well and for setting such a good example to others. Congratulations Bertie!

Attendance this week			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y4	100%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y6	99.4%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y2	99.3%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y3	99.3%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
5 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	96.7%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	95.3%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	95.3%	
<b>Target = 97.5%</b>		<b>Average Attendance = 97.9% ↑</b>	



Get Set, GO!			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y6	90%	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y2	88%	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y3	88%	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	86%	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	81%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	80%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	72%	
		<b>Average = 84% ↑</b>	

There has been an improvement in both general attendance and attendance at 'Get, Set GO!' sessions this week! Congratulations to the four classes who surpassed our weekly 97.5% attendance target. Well done to the young people of Y6 for having the best attendance at Get, Set Go! this week too!

## Term-Time Holidays

Attendance at school in every year group is important every day. Term-time holidays will not ordinarily be authorised. In exceptional cases an application can be made if there is a special reason and/or extenuating circumstances.

An application should be sent in to school with supporting evidence which demonstrates clearly why the holiday *must* be taken during term time rather than during the school holidays. Careful consideration is given to each request - and to all the additional information which accompanies it. Consideration is also given to:

- ✓ pupils' attendance in both the current year and in previous years
- ✓ whether authorised/unauthorised term-time holidays/breaks have been taken previously
- ✓ how the pupils affected are doing in terms of their progress and achievement
- ✓ the timing of a request e.g. whether it is during an assessment point and whether there is flexibility

Term-time holidays will never be authorised when the only reason cited is cost. It is acknowledged that cost is a real issue for many parents/carers seeking a holiday, however it is not considered to be 'exceptional' on its own for the purposes of this process. As a school we are rightly held to account for pupils' attendance, and so – in common with other schools – and following guidance from the local authority, we take a firm line.

It is important to note that unauthorised leave might result in a fine being imposed by the Local Authority on parents, which it then uses to promote attendance across the city. If attendance remains a persistent issue, in spite of all the efforts of the school and MAST to offer support, court proceedings against parents might be considered by MAST. Please check out the information on the website or via this link: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents-and-carers-zone/school-information/absence-and-holidays-in-term-time/> and please contact us if you are at all worried about your children's attendance. Thank you.

## Writing Champions

FS2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Poppy	Lola	Polly	Sophie	Isla T	Aleks	Ben



### Term 5 Smiley Scores

<p><b>St Andrew's House</b></p> <p><b>372</b></p>	<p><b>St David's House</b></p> <p><b>373</b></p>	<p><b>St Patrick's House</b></p> <p><b>386</b></p>	<p><b>St George's House</b></p> <p><b>340</b></p>
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### Smiley Awards

Congratulations to the following children who achieved 'Smiley Awards' this week: Alex and Tamzin who are both in Y4. A fantastic achievement children!

### Golden Children

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Dominique</b> for always doing the right thing. We can always rely on you superstar!
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Emily</b> for always helping her classmates and for being kind to others. It is so great to have Olivia in our class!
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Olivia</b> for always helping her classmates; for being so supportive of others; and for just being super!
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Rosie</b> for always working well with others for trying her hardest!
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Sam</b> for having a great week; for working hard; and for trying his very best!
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Evie</b> for putting in a great effort in her maths this week. She has been able to show others how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000 this week. What a star!
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Every child in the class</b> for demonstrating wonderful resilience, determination and confidence this week as they completed their statutory assessments (SATs).

### Forensic Science Challenge

Last week, five of our pupils from Y5 joined pupils from other Catholic primary schools for this year's exciting 'Forensic Science Challenge' organised by our friends from All Saints' Catholic High School.

They were set a challenge and then worked together as a team in order to find the clues necessary in order to solve the mystery and work out who was responsible. Everyone had a great time and learned lots in the process.

I would like to thank Mrs Raynes for escorting our sleuths to the event, as well as Mr Pender and everyone at All Saints Catholic High School who was involved in organising and running the challenge.



### Royal Wedding Day

Today everyone had fun dressing in red, white and blue for our special Royal Wedding Day! The hall was decorated in bunting the children had made and everyone enjoyed a special party lunch in rows reminiscent of a street party, complete with table cloths and centrepieces organised by Mrs Bower. All the children wore crowns and party hats they had made when they ate their lunch too! It was lots fun! Please check out the class pages for pictures (<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/class-zone/>) and some pictures will be included in next week's newsletter. Thank you,



**Parent Carer Support**

If you would like an appointment to meet our MAST Family Support Worker, please speak to Mrs Pickering or one of my colleagues in the School Office. You can also email. [enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you

**Achievements outside of School**

All achievements will be included in next week's newsletter. Don't forget to send in details of any achievements –small or big - so that we can publish the details in the newsletter.

**Catholic Life of the School**

*Celebration Assembly*

Our next assembly is on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018** and we invite the family and friends of our **Y2** pupils to join us in the School Hall at 2.55pm. Thank you

*Weekly Liturgy of the Word*

The next liturgy will be on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018** and will be led by the young people of **Y6**. We invite the family and friends of our Y6 children to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

**Statement to Live By**

Next week our 'statement to live by' will again be **"I understand the importance of peace."**

**Time to talk:** What is peace? What does it mean? Can you find the meaning in a dictionary? Why is it so important? Why is Jesus sometimes called the Prince of Peace?

True peace comes only from love. God is love, so peace is His gift to us as long as we open our hearts and minds to Him. We pray for peace in our world; peace in our lives; peace in our families and relationships; and peace in our hearts. It is peace that can lead us to true happiness and contentment at school and at home.

**Advice and support for children and families**

Contact MAST when your family needs some extra help



**WORRYING**  
does not take away tomorrow's  
**TROUBLES,**  
it takes away today's  
**PEACE.**



Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt