

# SJF NEWS



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## Awards of the Week

Today's fantastic Santa in School Day meant that there was no Celebration Assembly today, and therefore no awards. These will be carried over to next week.

## Santa in School Day 2025

Thank you, PTFA, for another incredible Santa in School Day! What a special event it was. Everyone was so excited as Santa landed on the roof before school, a magical start to the day! The children then visited a special Christmas fayre with their buddies, filled with wonderful things to buy, make and do, before going to meet Santa in his grotto.

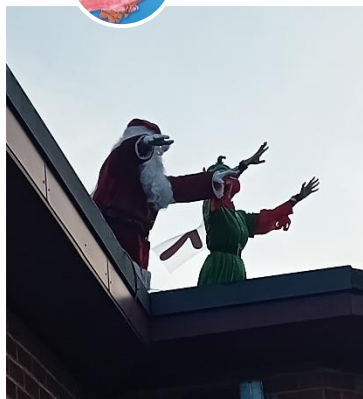


It truly was a memorable day. Our PTFA committee has worked tirelessly over many months, planning every detail so that it would be an amazing experience for every child. Supported brilliantly by an army of volunteer elves, made up of parents, carers and former pupils (now attending All Saints Catholic High School), they certainly achieved their aims, and more. We are extremely grateful to each and every one of them. We also thank Santa for managing to spend the day with us at such a busy time of year for him. Photos are being shared on our website, in the '[News](#)' and '[Class Zone](#)' sections, so please look out for them.

If you feel inspired to get involved and help our PTFA continue making such a positive difference, please [click here](#) to find out more. You can also use this link to email the committee directly if you would like further information. All ideas and offers of help are very welcome. Thank you.



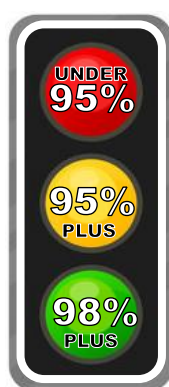
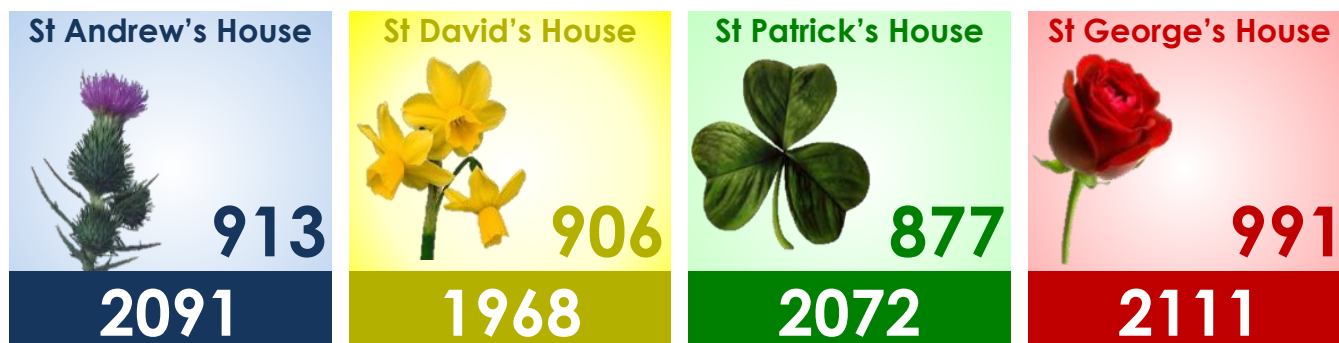
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## Term 2 Smiley Scores



Attendance				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y4	97.5%	Bobby Bear visiting	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	FS2	95.5%	Brenda Bear visiting	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y1	93.3%	Elvis Owl visiting	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	89.4%	Billy Bear visiting	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	89.4%		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	85.8%		
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	78.4%		
Target = 98.0%			Average Attendance = 89.5%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 <sup>st</sup>	FS2	66%
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y1	64%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6	63%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	61%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	61%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	60%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	60%
Average = 62%		



## SJF Curriculum Updates

### Term 2 Curriculum Overviews

Our Term 2 Curriculum and RE Overviews are available via this [link](#).

### Remaining Opportunities

In Term 3, we again offer parents/carers opportunities to observe Mathematics challenge sessions. If you want to join one, please book a place via the school office [before](#) the day itself. Thank you.

## Shared Maths Challenge Sessions (9.10am, various locations)

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

- FS2 Y1 Y2
- book through school office in advance
- refreshments in the school hall from 8.50am

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025

- Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6
- book through school office in advance
- refreshments in the school hall from 8.50am



## Our Catholic Life

### Weekly Liturgies of the Word

Our next celebration will take place on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025**, and will be led by our **Y3** pupils. We invite their families and friends to join us at 9.00am. Recordings can be viewed [here](#). A reminder that there will be no liturgy on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025. We invite the friends and family of our Y5 pupils to join us in the hall at 9.00am. Thank you.

## Our Virtue to Live by

Throughout December the children will reflect on '[patience](#)' in their weekly Virtues class assemblies.



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**Our Early Advent Gathering Song:** Winter time, Advent time... Winter time, Advent time...  
Soon it will be Christmas time. Getting ready for His coming time!



**Our Advent Prayer**

O my God,  
Because you are so good,  
I am very sorry -

that I have sinned against You,  
And by the help of Your grace,  
I will not sin again.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Citizenship Statement of Belief Assembly	Hymn Practise & 'Virtues to Live By' Story Circle (FS2)	Themed & 'Picture News' Assembly	Weekly Liturgy of the Word	Celebration Assembly
'Virtues to Live By' Class Assemblies (Years 2 to 6)			'Virtues to Live By' Class Assembly (Year 1)	Chaplains' Reflections (All Years)



# Diocese of Hallam

**Our lady of Lourdes Parish News**

Important information regarding parish and Diocesan life, including the times of Masses, confession, parish events and details of arrangements for sacramental preparation – and the parish newsletter - can be found [here](#). Fr Bede and the whole parish community warmly welcome you to join them.



**Advent Class Reflections**

As part of our Advent journey, our Chaplains will continue to lead simple class-based reflections at **3.00pm** on the following days up to, and including, **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025**.

Places are limited, so parents and carers should book through the school office to ensure they can join at least one reflection.



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

Please note that visitors will not be able to join us for Advent reflections on Fridays, panto day (Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025), and on the day of the nativity plays (Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025).



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### Lyceum Pantomime 2025

We will be visiting the Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield, on **Wednesday 10th December 2025** to watch this year's panto, *Aladdin*. On the day, children must wear full school uniform.

#### *Timings:*

We will leave school at 12.00pm to arrive in good time for the 1.00pm start. The show will last approximately two and a half hours. Children will have an early packed lunch before we leave. We expect to return to school around 4:30pm, though this may vary depending on the performance length, leaving the theatre, and evening traffic. To avoid delays, we ask that children be collected at 5:00pm.

#### *Collection Arrangements:*

- Gates will open at 4.45pm, please wait on the playground.
- Entry via the parish car park and exit via the usual pedestrian school gates.
- Staff will be stationed at all gates to ensure children do not leave our site unaccompanied.
- For safety reasons wait in school do **not** surround returning coaches or wait on the pavement by school.
- Children will first collect their belongings from classrooms before being released (as they usually are).
- **FS2** children will be dismissed from the library exit (next to the **Y5** door) on to the playground.
- As it will be dark, please answer clearly when your child's name is called.
- If we are later than 5.00pm, a text will be sent (**so please ensure we have your up-to-date contact details**)

#### *PTFA*

Thanks again to our incredible PTFA, who are covering transport costs and are also providing volunteers to accompany us on the day, to keep the children safe.

#### *Parking At Pick Up*

In previous years the coaches have struggled to park near school because a few parents/carers chose to park close to school and blocked the road. To avoid delays please:

- do **not** park on Spring Water Avenue or near to school
- park as far away from school as you can, to support a smooth return for all our children

Thank you for your support and cooperation.





## Reading for Pleasure: Our Latest Feature Books of the Week



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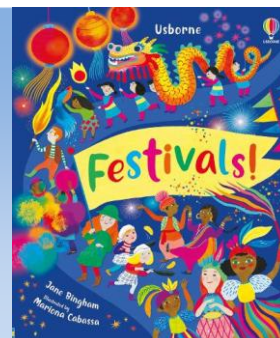
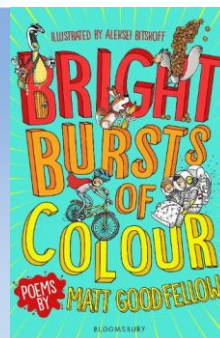
"The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you'll go."  
-Dr. Seuss

Please click [here](#) to view our full 2025-26 SJF Book List.

These are our latest feature books:

- **Bright Bursts of Colour**
  - Matt Goodfellow
- **Festivals**
  - Jane Bingham

Please click [here](#) for the Waterstones book reviews.



### Pupil Voice: SJF School Council

*Mr MacInnes, Coordinator*

The **Y6** SJF School Councillors met this week to put the final plans in place ahead of an exciting announcement. Here is a word from Hector, Chair of this year's council...

The Council are organising a special Christmas Drawing Competition! Every child will have the opportunity to pay £1 to enter the competition, where they must design their own 'snow globe winter wonderland'.

There will be a special prize for each of the two winners that are chosen: one from FS2 or Key Stage One and another winner from Key Stage 2. All of the money we raise shall be donated to one of our charities!

### Sports Hall Athletics Finals 2025



Sixteen of our wonderful children participated in a 'School Hall Athletics' competition at All Saints organised by our friends from LINKS School Sports Partnership.



They competed against pupils from other schools in a variety of track and field events. They performed brilliantly, demonstrating competitiveness, determination and team-work as they racked up an impressive haul of 79 points. Everyone was extremely proud of our SJF athletes for representing our school so brilliantly.

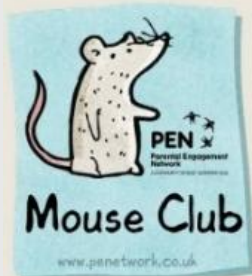


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### Achievements outside of School

Please do not forget to email us details of your children's achievements outside of school ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)). Regardless of whether achievements are big or not, we love to celebrate all good news!

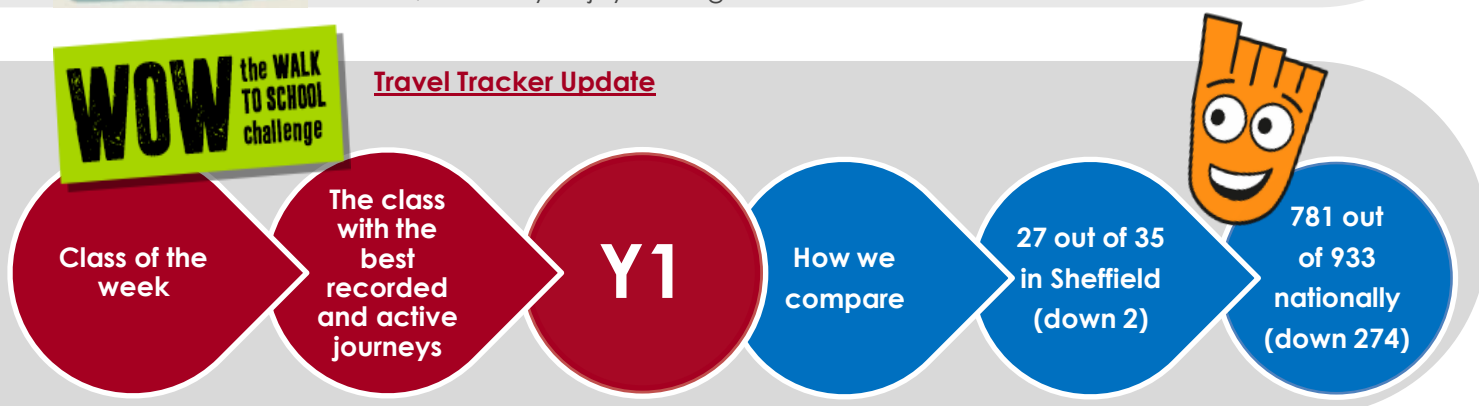


### FS2 Mouse Club Newsletter

To view our latest FS2 Mouse Club newsletter and see what our **FS2** children will be doing next week please click [here](#). Please read our FS2 Mouse Club Newsletter at home and share the stories and songs with your child. Joining in with as many activities as possible will help support their learning in class. We also love to see what you do at home! Please share your activities using your individual **Tapestry** log-in. Your photos and updates help your children talk about their experiences during **Tapestry Time** at school, and they enjoy sharing their news with their friends.



### Travel Tracker Update



### Reminder: Nativity Plays 2025

The **FS2** and the **Y1 Y2** nativity plays take place on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025**. Information about tickets will be shared by our school office team in due course. The **FS2** performance will start at **9.30am**. This means that on the day the children will go straight to class, as usual and when they are getting ready, refreshments will be served to the **FS2** parents/carers in the school hall, whilst they wait for the children to get ready. The children of **Y1 Y2** will perform their nativity play at **2.15pm**. Doors for that performance will open at **2.00pm**.

## Christmas Dinner

### SJF Christmas Dinner 2025

Our school Christmas dinner, this year, will take place on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025**, this year. It is a non-uniform dress up or down day.



Community

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The children of Years **Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6** will lead the annual Community Carol Service on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025** followed straight after with refreshments served in the school hall.

### Remaining December Non-Uniform Days

- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – The Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust - click [here](#) (donations please)
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Christmas dinner day (no donations)
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – The last day of Term 2 (no donations)



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### Bethlehem Care & Hospice Trust

Our school has been invited by our Catholic Multi-Academy Trust to join other Trust schools in supporting the vital work of the Bethlehem Care & Hospice Trust.

#### *The need for hospice care is great...*

In Bethlehem, a significant challenge faced by the elderly and terminally ill individuals is the lack of resources and support as they approach the end of their lives. Services we take for granted in UK are not readily available over there.

#### *Comprehensive & Compassionate Palliative Care*

As the only organisation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories providing palliative care, the Trust is dedicated to bringing exceptional and holistic end-of-life care to people who would not otherwise have access to it. Their expert services encompass a wide range of support to ensure the comfort and dignity of their patients, addressing both their physical and emotional needs, and supporting their loved ones too.

#### *Non-Uniform Day*

As it is a very busy time, we have decided to have a non-uniform day on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025**. It is the only non-uniform day in December for which we are asking parents/carers to make a donation. Collections will be taken at Breakfast Club and by our young chaplains before school. Please give generously, as the situation in the town of Jesus' birth is now getting desperate. For more information please click [here](#).



### Statement of Belief

Next week our 'Statement of Belief' is '**I can work, rest and pray every day**'.

**Time to talk:** Think about the things you do in a typical day. Make a list and see how long it is.

- What do you do every day?
- What do you do sometimes?
- What do you enjoy more or less?

Choose **three** different colours and:

1. underline anything related to **school** in the first colour
2. underline any **hobbies** or **activities** you do to relax in the second
3. highlight in the third colour, times when you are **still** or **praying**

Look at your list. What do you notice? Is your day **balanced**?

