

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

This week's 'Citizen of the Week' award goes to **Lena** in **Y5** who understands why it is important to be accepting of others in line with our 'Statement to Live By'. Lena has beautiful manners and is always so kind and respectful to others. She makes everyone feel special, including friends and those she works with in class. Congratulations Lena, what a fantastic example you set! We are all so proud of you!

Term 6 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House



431

St David's House



412

St Patrick's House



436

St George's House



428

Attendance this Week including the Y6 bubble			
1 st	Y1	A virtual visit from Bobby Bear	100%
2 nd	Y2	A virtual visit from Brenda Bear	98.0%
3 rd	Y3	A virtual visit from Elvis the Owl	97.7%
4 th	Y5		96.9%
5 th	Y4		96.8%
6 th	FS2		96.3%
7 th	Y6		86.1%
Average Attendance = 96.7% (Target = 98%)			



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	Y2		90%
1 st	Y1		88%
3 rd	Y4		84%
4 th	Y3		82%
4 th	Y5		82%
6 th	FS2		80%
7 th	Y6		0%
Average = 84%			

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2021
SPORTS DAY

Reminder: SJF Sports Day 2021

Our Sports Day will take place on **Friday 2nd July 2021**. The children will participate in a COVID-secure and class-based 'round-robin' of events before taking part in different races, again with their classmates. All children must come to school wearing their PE uniform. If the weather is poor the event will be rerun on Tuesday 6th July 2021. Unfortunately, COVID restrictions mean that friends and family cannot watch this year.

PTFA News

Our PTFA Committee is organising this year's **Friday Fayre** on **Friday 16th July 2021**, which is both the last day of term, and the last day of the school year. The arrangements must take full account of the covid restrictions that will still be in place then, meaning that, unfortunately, we will not be able to invite family and friends this year. There will be stalls and various activities for the children to enjoy within their class bubbles on the day.



Golden Children

FS2	Eliel for being much more confident and for having a good attitude to his learning. Well done!
Y1	Jack M for having excellent behaviour! He is always ready to learn and wants to do his very best! He has made great progress with his handwriting through hard work and his work is presented beautifully!
Y2	Charlie F for having a mature attitude to his learning and for sharing his enthusiasm for learning new things during our Kenya topic!
Y3	Eliana for having a brilliant attitude towards her work! She showed a very mature attitude during our St John Fisher Feast Day Mass this week! Brilliant effort Eliana!
Y4	Hannah for being one of the <i>always</i> children who just gets on with the work set, quietly, and without any fuss. Also, it has been so nice to see her develop more confidence within class!
Y5	Faye for having a brilliant attitude in her recent assessments. Well done for all of your effort; checking all of your answers; and working hard to correct your mistakes!
Y6	Year 6 for adapting so quickly as they have been forced to move back to online learning following the recent closure of their bubble. Well done to Harley who has been in school. Absolute superstars!

Writing Champions

FS2	Izabela for always trying her best and for her amazing Hungry Caterpillar book. She wrote an independent booklet relating it to the story.
Y1	Hector for always using lovely neat writing and thinking hard about what he wants to write! He worked really hard when he wrote his alternative 'Handa's Surprise' story.
Y2	Marcus for writing a wonderful description describing the life of a Sikh Child! Well done!
Y3	Preston for a great superhero story that was captivating and special.
Y4	Fred for writing a good letter to a friend explaining his experience of meeting Pope John Paul II!
Y5	Gio for putting into practice all of the methods and techniques we have practised in his AP3 assessment. Well done!
Y6	As the bubble was closed to most Y6 pupils this week, two champions will be selected next time.

SJF Transition Arrangements – A Reminder

Our plans have been approved by Sheffield Public Health but remain subject to change and even cancellation by Sheffield Public Health if the developing situation with the Delta variant becomes a problem. Our 'Moving Up Day' is on **Wednesday 7th July 2021**. All children up to Y5 will have an opportunity to spend time in their new classrooms with their new teachers. Timings will be the same as the children's current classes.

Current FS2 children	FS2 start time	Y1 classroom Mrs Sambrook/Mrs Hadfield	Current FS2 breaktime/lunchtime	Current FS2 finish time
Current Y1 children	Y1 start time	Y2 classroom Mrs Broadhead	Current Y1 breaktime/lunchtime	Current Y1 finish time
Current Y2 children	Y2 start time	Y3 classroom Miss Brownbill	Current Y2 breaktime/lunchtime	Current Y2 finish time
Current Y3 children	Y3 start time	Y4 classroom Mr Broadhead	Current Y3 breaktime/lunchtime	Current Y3 finish time
Current Y4 children	Y4 start time	Y5 classroom Mrs Barrett	Current Y4 breaktime/lunchtime	Current Y4 finish time
Current Y5 children	Y5 start time	Y6 classroom Mr MacInness	Current Y5 breaktime/lunchtime	Current Y5 finish time
Current Y6 children	Y6 start time	School Hall Miss Heath	Current Y6 breaktime/lunchtime	Current Y6 finish time



On the day pupils in **Y3** and **Y4** currently should come to school wearing their PE uniform as usual. We would like **Y6** pupils to also wear their PE uniform all day too. The children will not access their current classes, as we need to keep bubbles separate. All areas will be cleaned before children to return to their own classes.

Staff are working closely with all children, and especially our most vulnerable, and any who struggle with change, in order to prepare them so that they are ready and able to enjoy their 'Moving Up Day' too.

SJF Transition to FS2

Information has been sent out to all the parents and carers of our new FS2 children. It is also available on our SJF website (by clicking [here](#)).

There will be a live online meeting for the parents/carers of our new FS2 children at **5.00pm** on **Tuesday 29th June 2021**. Zoom codes have been shared. The meeting will be recorded for those unable to attend.

Children joining us in September are invited to attend one of three taster sessions being run by our team on **Wednesday 7th July 2021**. The sessions are timed so that the space can be cleaned and reset for each group. The timings are as follows:

9.30am – 11.00am → **Group A**

1.30pm – 3.00pm → **Group B**

4.00pm – 5.30pm → **Group C**

Parents/carers now know which sessions their children have been allocated. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, we cannot rearrange taster sessions for children unable to attend the sessions allocated to them.

As part of the plan agreed with the Public Health Team, parents/carers are asked to keep us informed if their children (or any member of their households) test positive, exhibit symptoms, or are required to isolate before the taster day. This could mean that a child might not be allowed to visit, but protecting public health by keeping this variant out of school remains our chief priority at this time.

During their time with us, all visiting children will be kept completely separate from other pupils (including older siblings if they have them) and will spend the majority of their time with us in our FS2 outside learning areas. They should wear comfortable clothes, appropriate for the weather and for being outside.

Parents/carers are asked to arrive at least ten minutes before their child's allocated FS2 taster session and queue with their children from the pedestrian gate along the pavement in front of our staff/visitor car park. There are markings painted on railings at two metres intervals, as a guide to help those queuing maintain social distancing. We ask that parents/carers also wear face coverings whilst waiting in the line.

A member of staff will greet queuing parents/carers in turn and ask each to confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, no members of their households are isolating, symptomatic or have tested positive. Once this has been done, the visiting children will be welcomed by FS2 staff and escorted to the FS2 area via the school playground. Unfortunately, parents/carers will not be able to join their children for the session.

At the end of each session, parents/carers should again queue wearing face coverings and wait for their children who will be brought down to them.

Achievements outside of School

Do not forget to send in details of your children's achievements out of school (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org). This week's achievements are:

- **Freya** in **Y1** was awarded special 'Helping' and 'Nature' badges recently to be sewn on her Rainbows uniform! Congratulations Freya, what fantastic achievements!
- **William** in **Y1** was chosen to be 'Star of the Week' at 'Stepz Dance Academy' for helping his classmate Jack who attended for the first time! Well done, William!
- **Lydia** in **Y4** has been graded at martial arts as Black Belt with a White Stripe! Congratulations Lydia!
- **Olivia** in **Y6** has competed in a number of swimming competitions recently. In the first she achieved two 6th places and a 12th place, then in her next competition she achieved a 7th place and a first gold medal! Congratulations Olivia, we are all very proud of you!



Our Books of the Week!

For Our Younger Children

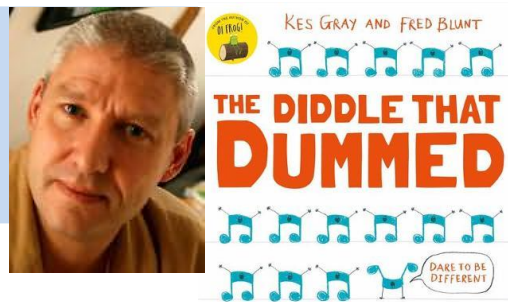
This week's book recommendation is from Mrs Darken and is called '**The Diddle That Dummed**' by Kes Gray.

Mrs Darken writes:

This book had the children of FS2 howling with laughter! It is a fantastic book about being a bit different and doing things in your own way!

From the author of 'Oi Frog', this is a fun-filled book and a real tongue-twister of a story. There is also some 'toilet humour' for good measure!

If you would like to find out more or even buy it please click [here](#).



For our Older Children

This week's recommendation comes from Mrs Barrett and is called '**The Explorer**' by Katherine Rundell.

Mrs Barrett writes:

Having been a big fan of adventure stories for many years, it is always fantastic to find a new author of this genre.

'The Explorer' is a wild adventure, beginning with a plane crash leaving four children lost in the Amazon Rainforest. Massive creepy crawlies, killer fish and the discovery of an ancient civilisation. Danger is behind every tree! Will they make it home? A cracking read, I couldn't put it down.



If you would like to find out more about this book, download or even buy it please click [here](#). Thank you.

Please click [here](#) and check out the '**Fantastic Books to Read**' section of our SJF website for more information about these and all previous book recommendations!

SJF Calendar/Forthcoming Events

Click [here](#) to view our online calendar. Thank you.

Our Catholic Life

The Feast of St John Fisher

Thank you to Fr Bede for celebrating our special Feast Day Mass which was led so enthusiastically by the young people of Y3. Thank you to Miss Brownbill, Mrs Barrett and Miss Birch for preparing the liturgy and the children so well. Thank you to the parents/carers and parishioners who attended and supported our children. You can view the recording of the Mass by clicking [here](#). Thank you.

Our June Prayer: 'The Gloria'

Glorify to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
We bless you,
We adore you,
We glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
Have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.



Our June Song

We believe in God the Father
We believe in God the Son,
We believe in God the Spirit –
God is three, and God is one!



First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

We share our prayers and send our best wishes to all our children who will be making their First Holy Communion over the next two weekends at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Group A will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 26th June and Group B will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 3rd July. We hope that sun shines on both days!

Lord Jesus Christ,
In the Sacrament of the Eucharist,
You left us the outstanding manifestation of your limitless love for us.
Thank you for giving our children the opportunity to experience this love -
When they receive the Sacrament for the first time!
May Your Eucharistic presence keep our children ever free from sin – and -
Fortified in faith and secure in their love for both God and their neighbour,
May they continue to be with You in the Eucharist throughout their lives. Amen

Group A

- Mia
- Ellie
- James
- Alan
- Hannah
- Filip
- Daniel
- Alexia
- Mateusz

Group B

- Katy
- Lydia
- Bella
- Lily-Mae
- Emily
- Lena

Liturgy of the Word

Our next Liturgy of the Word will be led by the young people of **Y2**. It will be filmed on Wednesday 30th June 2021 and uploaded to the SJF website so that it can be viewed by the rest of the school, as well as by the children's families and friends on **Thursday 1st July 2021**. You can view recordings of all Masses, liturgies and services by clicking [here](#). Thank you.

Statement to Live By

Our next 'Statement to Live By' is **"I try to forgive people when they hurt me"**

Time to talk: Together think about what the word forgiveness means to you.

Why is it so important?

Why is it so hard to do?

Why does Jesus challenge us to try to forgive others when they hurt us?

Can you remember a time when you showed someone forgiveness and when someone showed you forgiveness?

How does it feel after you have offered or received forgiveness?

How can offering a gift of forgiveness help make our world a better place?

Best wishes,

Mr Barratt

