

SJF NEWS

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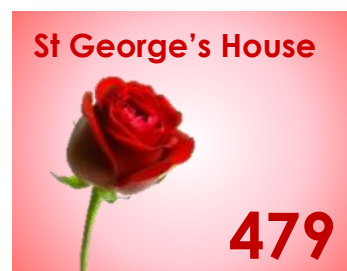
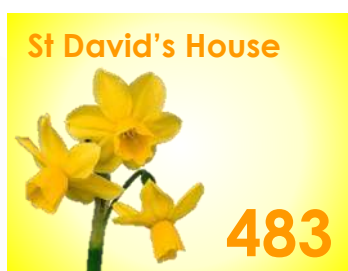
★ Citizen of the Week & Weekly Awards

★ Our Citizen of the Week is **Jake** in **Y3** who understands how to show that he is sorry in line with our 'Statement of Belief'. Jake understands that we all make mistakes from time to time, and when we do it is important to show we are genuinely sorry. Jake has such a positive attitude and sets a wonderful example to all his classmates every day. Congratulations Jake, everyone is very proud of you, well done!

Assessment Point 1

A reminder that next week is our first assessment point of the school year and so it is extremely important that all the children attend school every day if they possibly can. Thank you.

Term 1 Smiley Scores



Pupils' Voice at SJF



School Council Update

This week the council met with Mr MacInness to continue talking through their ideas. Here is a word from our secretary about their discussion.

This week we were coming up with different ideas for raising money for the council, as well as drawing up a shortlist of possible things that we could buy which would make the lives of the children even better. Next week we are going to vote on some of our ideas.

Polly, SJF School Council Secretary

The SJF Eco Team

The members of the SJF Eco Team met with Miss Brownbill to discuss ideas for advancing their mission.

"Our team's mission is to make our school eco-friendly and more sustainable by educating our peers on easy ways to help protect the precious environment around us."

This year's targets prioritised by the team are:

- to reduce littering and clean up litter found around school grounds
- to encourage and implement recycling in classes;
- to reduce our school's energy consumption; and
- to provide areas where wildlife can flourish.



PTFA News



Next Friday 15th October 2021 you are invited to fill bin bags and any unused charity bags you have at home with your old and unwanted clothes and bring them to school for the next 'Bag2School' collection. The PTFA receives money based on how much the bags weigh. It is a great way to raise money. If you have ideas, questions or would like to offer your time please contact the team via email (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you.



Golden Children

FS2	Harley for trying really hard and for having some really thoughtful ideas! Well done superstar!
Y1	Elie for making such a huge effort and for trying so hard to listen carefully when the whole class is on the carpet.
Y2	Charlotte for being amazing; for trying hard with every task; and for showing real determination with tricky tasks!
Y3	Jenson for being a shining role-model to his classmates. Jenson has made a great effort all week to be a superstar and has applied himself brilliantly in lessons. He is always and eager to learn!
Y4	Sebastian for having another great week! He has continued to work hard in every subject and has also been very active in the class discussions!
Y5	Oscar for a brilliant start to Year 5! Oscar is showing a really mature attitude to his work and is taking more responsibility, which shows! A brilliant role model!
Y6	Finley for having a fantastic week of hard work! He has produced some really great work and has showed us what he can achieve when he puts his mind to it. Keep it up Finley!

Writing Champions

FS2	Maya for working hard to write CVC words linked to this week's story! Well done!
Y1	Lilah for producing a super piece of writing about her favourite toy! She used full stops so well too! Well done!
Y2	Kyrel for writing an amazing letter as St Paul exploring why God created us. He used beautiful language, it was fntatsic!
Y3	Amelia has been working really hard on her spelling and this week it has really shone through! Her focus on adding detail to sentences has really elevated her writing! Keep it up Amelia!
Y4	Samuel for writing an excellent non-chronological report about Anglo-Saxons. It was presented brilliantly with lovely handwriting. He has also included some great word choices to inform the reader!
Y5	Ellie for writing a fantastic biography about Rosa Parks. It was full of technical language and excellent formal sentences. Well done!
Y6	Caleb for writing an excellent non-chronological report on Jesse Owens!

Attendance this week			
1 st	Y2	98.6%	Bobby Bear is visiting next week
2 nd	Y4	97.7%	Brenda Bear is visiting next week
3 rd	Y3	97.2%	Elvis Owl is visiting next week
4 th	Y1	95.2%	
5 th	FS2	93.0%	
6 th	Y5	89.7%	
6 th	Y6	89.7%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 94.4%	



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	Y4	90%	
2 nd	FS2	85%	
3 rd	Y5	70%	
4 th	Y6	69%	
5 th	Y1	68%	
6 th	Y3	67%	
7 th	Y2	52%	
		Average = 72%	

Wake Up! Shake UP!

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Come and join our very enthusiastic 'Wake Up! Shake Up!' team for five fun-packed minutes of lively fitness every morning from 8.40am.

Children are encouraged to take part and its purpose is to get them active so that they can approach the day ahead feeling happy, energised and ready to learn! The sessions are run by our fantastic 'Wake Up! Shake Up!' team, comprising of our Sports Majors, Young Leaders and of course the 'Wake Up! Shake Up!' crew as well – all coordinated by Mr Johnson.





Our Weekly SJF Sixty Second Challenge

This week's challenge was a really fun one! It was test of basketball shooting skills. Starting on the closest cone to the basketball hoop every time a successful shot is made the child would move on to the next cone, again trying to shoot from there. Well done to everyone who took part we got some really good results and everyone should be super proud!

Special mentions to the following: Dylan **Y1**; Elliot **Y2**; Jenson **Y3**; Luca **Y4**; Alexia **Y5**; and Giovanni **Y6**!

Our Catholic Life

Collective Worship Overview

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Statement of Belief Citizen Assembly (Headteacher)	SJF Virtues Assembly (Class-Based)	Themed Assembly (Staff-Led)	Weekly Liturgy of the Word (Class-Led)	Celebration Assembly (All Staff)

Our 2021-22 Harvest Campaign



Our new Chaplains are leading this year's harvest festival campaign, collecting dried food and tins for The St Wilfrid Centre. Please support us.

It is important that the food you donate is **non-perishable**. Items such as tins of meat, fish, soup, vegetables and fruit; packets of cereals, dried 'Pot Noodle'-type products, biscuits, drinking chocolate, instant mashed potato, pasta, rice and dried noodles are ideal. Anything tinned or dried is also perfect.



Donations can be left in the foyer and we will accept gifts right up to **Friday 22nd October 2021**). Thank you.

SJF Harvest Mass

The children of **Y5** will be leading our annual Harvest Mass next **Friday 15th October 2021** at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Unfortunately we are not enable us to invite family and friends to join us, but Fr Bede has kindly given us permission to film Mass so that you can watch it via our website by clicking [here](#).

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Thank you to our **Y2** children and team for leading this week's Liturgy of the Word. It was beautiful! Next week there is no liturgy as it is our first assessment point (AP1) and our annual Harvest Mass. Sadly, we are still not able to invite family and friends in to join us, but you can watch recordings of them by clicking [here](#).

Our October Prayer

Our prayer of the month also changes to 'Hail Holy Queen' which is traditional prayer dedicated to Our Lady. As it is not said as often nowadays we wanted to include it in our prayer programme.

Hail, holy Queen,
Mother of mercy,
Hail our life,
Our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
Thine eyes of mercy toward us,
And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.



October Gathering Song

Ave Maria,	As I kneel before you
Gratia plena.	As I bow my head in prayer
Dominus, te cum –	Take this day, make it yours
Benedicta tu.	And feel me with your love.





Parish News

Information about parish and Diocesan life including the times of Masses and Confession and sacramental preparation is available via this link to the parish website: <http://www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk/>.

SJF Virtues to Live By

Our children continue their exploration of the key **thanksgiving** virtue as they build an understanding of its meaning and place within their own lives and wider faith.

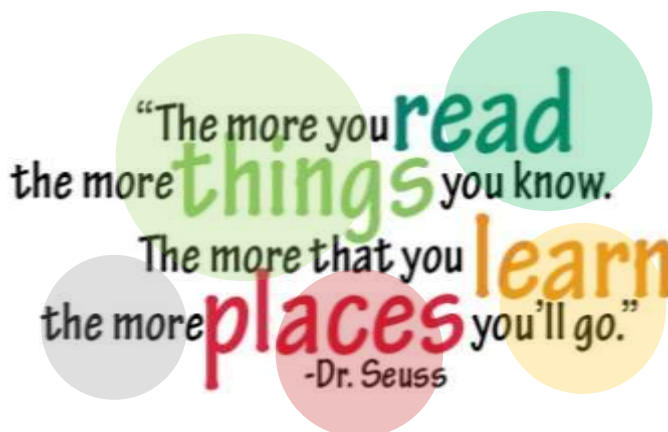
Reading for Pleasure

Our 21-22 SJF Booklist

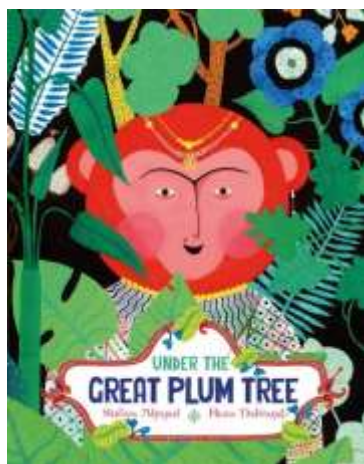
To see our 2021-22 booklist please click [here](#).

Our Feature Books to Inspire Our Children

'Little People, BIG DREAMS' is a bestselling series of books by Maria Isabel and Sanchez Vega that explore the lives of outstanding people, from designers and artists to scientists and activists. All of them began life as children with big dreams and the drive and determination to achieve amazing things. Click [here](#) to find out more.



Our Books of the Week!



This week's feature book for our younger children is '**Under the Great Plum Tree**' by Sufiya Ahmed. Please click [here](#) if you want to find out more or purchase it.

Book Trust Review

Set in the jungles of India, this is a marvellous retelling of a traditional tale from the Panchatantra, an ancient collection of Indian animal fables. Miss Bandari is a monkey who is known throughout the land for her heart of gold. When Mr Magarmach, an elderly crocodile, seeks shelter under her plum tree, Miss Bandari can see that he is hungry and generously shares her fruit with him.

He returns each day and a touching companionship develops between the two creatures. To repay her kindness, the crocodile tells her exciting stories of his younger days, when he battled with human hunters, pythons and lions. Their friendship is tested, however, when Mr Magarmach invites Miss Bandari to lunch and inadvertently puts her in grave danger.

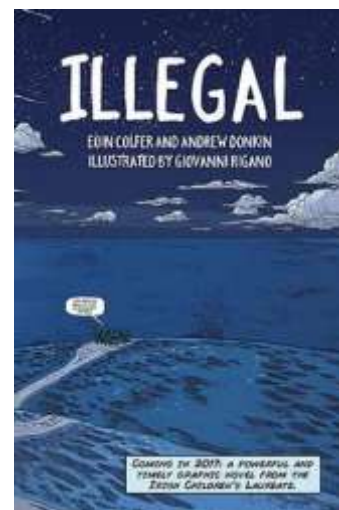
This week's feature book for our older children is a graphic novel called '**Illegal**' by Eoin Colfer, previously Irish Children's Laureate, and the team behind his bestselling Artemis Fowl graphic novels. Please click [here](#) to find out more.

The Waterstones Review

This is a powerful and timely story about one boy's epic journey across Africa to Europe, a graphic novel for all children with glorious colour artwork throughout. His sister left months ago. Now his brother has disappeared too, and Ebo knows it can only be to make the hazardous journey to Europe.

Ebo's epic journey takes him across the Sahara Desert to the dangerous streets of Tripoli, and finally out to the merciless sea. But with every step he holds on to his hope for a new life, and a reunion with his sister.

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!



FS2 Phonics Workshop for Parents & Carers

FS2 parents and carers are invited to a workshop to learn more about our fantastic phonics programme and how we use it to support and encourage our children to read.

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and get tips for supporting your children at home. The workshop takes place on **Tuesday 12th October 2021** at **4.00pm** and will also be delivered live via **Zoom**. The code to join the meeting will be shared closer to the date.

Achievements outside of School

A reminder to please send details of your children's achievements outside of school to us via our main email address (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) so that they can be included in the newsletter. It does not matter whether achievements are big or small we would be delighted to share the good news and celebrate them!

- **Dominic** in **Y3** recently achieved the British Gymnastics Trampoline Proficiency Award (Level 4). Congratulations Dominic, we are all really proud of you!

Our Statement of Belief



Next week our 'statement of Belief' is "**I can say how I feel.**"

Time to talk: Why is it important to share our worries and say how we feel?

Does it ever help to 'bottle them up'? Why?

It is very important to remember that we all have the right to feel happy, safe and loved every day at school and at home.

At St John Fisher we learn, all the time, that we must 'Tell! Tell! Tell!' if we ever have a worry ball, and there will always be someone to listen and to care.

Who would you choose to tell?

Best wishes,
Mr F Barratt

