

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week & Weekly Awards

As there was no Celebration Assembly this week, because of our Harvest Mass, we have decided to announce this week's Citizen of the Week next week.

Term 1 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  616	St David's House  678	St Patrick's House  631	St George's House  696
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Golden Children

FS2	Pedro for being a really fantastic example of sharing and kind behaviour.
Y1	Movean for being brave and letting us know that he is missing his Grandad. We are so proud as he felt much better after he shared why he was upset - as he usually always has a huge smile!
Y2	Matilda for resilience and doing everything with a massive smile. What a determined little girl you are!
Y3	Kayl for being a shining role model to the rest of Y3! Kayl is always so kind, helpful and thoughtful. He really tries hard in everything he does. Keep up the great work!
Y4	Eva for being so caring person towards her buddy and all the other children in FS2. She has really shone!
Y5	Lily-May for being an absolute mathematical superstar and for having a great attitude to learning! She is really trying very hard. Brilliant Lily-May!
Y6	Mateah for having such a brilliant attitude towards her learning this week. Keep it up!

Writing Champions

FS2	Macoley for working really hard on his writing. We are all really impressed with him!
Y1	Dylan for writing a super description of an alien! He tried so hard to use adjectives in order to describe the different parts of the alien, well done!
Y2	James for writing about seaside independently. He starting to write in full sentences!
Y3	Charlotte you re-told the story of Jesus' baptism beautifully linking in the symbols from the story in a great way. You worked extremely hard. Well done!
Y4	Hugo for writing a diary entry as though he was David before and after becoming king. His handwriting was beautiful and his word choices fantastic.
Y5	Emily for writing an excellent letter to Princess Mariposa. She really tried to use interesting vocabulary and sentence structures to capture how Prince Otto was feeling.
Y6	Phoenix for trying really hard to answer all of the questions in his reading and grammar, punctuation and spelling assessments this week.



Attendance this week			
1 st	Y2	★	98.3%
2 nd	Y1	★	97.6%
3 rd	Y6	★	95.9%
4 th	Y5	★	94.4%
5 th	Y4	★	93.6%
6 th	Y3	★	90.9%
7 th	FS2	★	88.0%
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 94.2%	



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	Y4	★	83%
2 nd	Y1	★	77%
3 rd	Y5	★	75%
4 th	FS2	★	74%
5 th	Y6	★	73%
6 th	Y3	★	62%
7 th	Y2	★	60%
		Average = 72%	



Our Weekly SJF Sixty Second Challenge!

This week's 'Speed Bounce' challenge was awesome and inspired many of our children to get involved. They had to see how many times they could manage to skip in 30 seconds. Congratulations to everyone who took part, there were some really good results and everyone should feel very proud!

Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Gabriella	Esma Matilda	Amelia Aureilia	Dion Eva	Elizabeth Paige	Annabell Mateah Ruby

Please look out for next week's exciting 'Kick Ups' challenge that will be demonstrated by Gio. Please check out the video demonstration on the homepage by clicking [here](#). Thank you.

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



Thank you to everyone who has supported our Harvest Festival so far. It is not too late to send donations in.

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 of food will be accepted up to **Friday 22nd October 2021**. Thank you.



SJF Harvest Mass

Thank you to the children of **Y5** led our annual Harvest Mass on Friday at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church! They read and sung beautifully and were fantastic role-models to our FS2 children who joined us for their very first school Mass.

Thank you to Mr McGurrin, Mrs Downs and Mr Tandy who led the beautiful music and singing. Finally, thank you to Fr Bede for leading us in our special celebration of harvest. A recording of the Mass can be found on the school website by clicking [here](#).



Our October Prayer

Our prayer of the month is 'Hail Holy Queen', a traditional prayer dedicated to Our Lady. As it is not said as often nowadays, we included it in our programme.



October Gathering Song

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

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.



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/>.

Our 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](#).

This Week's Recommendations



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

This week's feature book for our younger children is '**Coming to England**' by Floella Benjamin and Diane Ewen.

Waterstones Review

A picture book story about the triumph of hope, love, and determination. *Coming to England* is the inspiring true story of Baroness Floella Benjamin: from Trinidad, to London as part of the Windrush generation, to the House of Lords.

When she was ten years old, Floella Benjamin, along with her older sister and two younger brothers, set sail from Trinidad to London, to be reunited with the rest of their family. Alone on a huge ship for two weeks, then tumbled into a cold and unfriendly London, coming to England wasn't at all what Floella had expected. Coming to England is both deeply personal and universally relevant. Floella's experiences of moving home and making friends will resonate with young children, who will be inspired by her trademark optimism and joy. This is a true story with a powerful message: that courage and determination can always overcome adversity. Please click [here](#) to find out more or purchase the book.



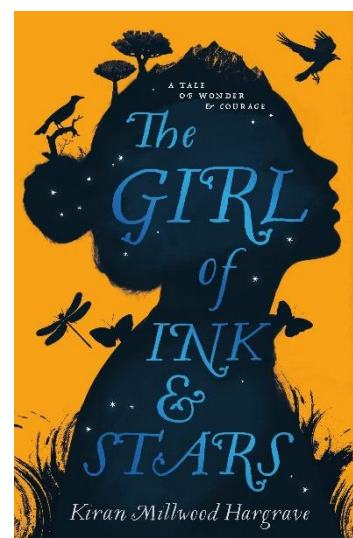
This week's feature book for our older children is '**The Girl of Ink and Stars**' by Kiran Millwood.

The Waterstones Review

Isabella Riosse is the daughter of a cartographer who lives on the island of Joya; an isle both steeped in mythology and shrouded in mystery. For the last thirty years, a strict Governor has forbidden the island inhabitants from venturing beyond their small township.

Isabella is fascinated with the ancient myths of Joya, which is said to have once floated freely over the seas. Preoccupied with ideas of exploration and inspired by the far-flung places her father once documented, she yearns for adventure.

When her best friend Lupe runs away, disappearing into the forbidden forest, Isabella volunteers to bring her back. With only her knowledge of ancient myths and one of her father's maps to guide her, Isabella ventures into the perilous world beyond, where monsters lurk and magical rivers run.



Expertly crafted with a loveable lead, this modern tale weaves myth, magic and even a thread of political intrigue into its expansive fantasy world. Beautifully presented, the book not only contains a wonderfully detailed map of the island, each page is also decorated with charming drawings in the margins. Please click [here](#) if you want to find out more or purchase the book and click [here](#) to check out our booklist from the '**Fantastic Books to Read**' section of our SJF website. Thank you!

FS2 Mural

We would like to thank our friends from the **PTFA** who have redesigned and painted a new mural in the FS2 outdoor learning area. Please click [here](#).



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!

- **Felicity** in **Y1** recently passed her grading in martial arts and received a red belt. Fantastic work Felicity!
- **Daniel** in **Y5** took part in Sheffield Ten! Ten! Ten! run and managed to improve his personal best for completing the 2.5km distance! Fabulous Daniel!

Our Statement of Belief

Next week's statement to live by is:
"I can laugh and have fun."

Time to talk: Together remember times when you had fun; special times when you laughed so much, your sides ached! Who were you with? What happened?

Why is it so important to laugh and have fun? What would life be like without fun and laughter? What really makes you laugh?

Best wishes,
Mr F Barratt

