

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

This week our Citizen award goes to **Raheel** in **Y6** understands that it is important to stand up for others when they are being hurt, in line with our latest 'Statement to Live By'. In so many ways Raheel is a positive role-model to others. His quiet and unfussy approach, coupled with his kind and generous nature, mean that he is both well-liked and respected by everyone. Raheel has a strong sense of justice and understands the importance of speaking up for himself and others when this is required. We are all very proud of you Raheel!

Term 2 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House

134

St David's House

169

St Patrick's House

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St George's House

175

SJF Calendar of Events

Please click [here](#) in order to see the weekly update on our home page or hit [LINK](#) for the 2021-22 calendar.

Pupil Progress Review & Target-Setting Meetings

8-11-21	• Y5 pupil Progress Review & Target-Setting Meetings (via Zoom)
9-11-21	• Y1 pupil Progress Review & Target-Setting Meetings (via Zoom)
10-11-21	• Y3 pupil Progress Review & Target-Setting Meetings (via Zoom)
11-11-21	• Y2 pupil Progress Review & Target-Setting Meetings (via Zoom)
12-11-21	• Y4 pupil Progress Review & Target-Setting Meetings (via Zoom)
15-11-21	• Y6 pupil Progress Review & Target-Setting Meetings (via Zoom)
16-11-21	• FS2 pupil Progress Review & Target-Setting Meetings (via Zoom)

Appointments have been made for Zoom meetings as still we cannot have face-to-face meetings.

If you have not booked and would like a meeting slot, then please call us on **0114 2485009**. Thank you

Week 9 Attendance			
1 st	Y3	98.8%	Bobby Bear is visiting next week
2 nd	Y2	96.6%	Brenda Bear is visiting next week
3 rd	Y5	96.5%	Elvis Owl is visiting next week
4 th	Y1	95.8%	
4 th	Y4	95.8%	
5 th	Y6	93.0%	
6 th	FS2	89.4%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 93.9%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y3	87%
2 nd	Y2	85%
3 rd	Y5	81%
4 th	Y1	79%
5 th	Y4	73%
6 th	Y3	71%
7 th	FS2	63%
		Average = 77%

Achievements outside of School

Please send details of any of your children's achievements out of school to us via our main email address (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) and they will be included in the newsletter.

- **Luca Samba** in **Y4** successfully achieved the required standard for the 'Swimming Stars 5' award and is now moving up to a new group to start work to achieve the 'Swimming Stars 6' award. Congratulations!





Beat Your Best

This week's 'Beat your Best' challenge was awesome and lots of students joined in and took part. The challenge was to throw a basketball in the air clap whilst the ball was in the air before catching the ball again. Every time you caught the ball you would increase the number of claps without dropping the ball. Special mentions to the following:

Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Freddie Jenson Gabi	Jacob	Ameilia Lottie Keyla Charlie Isabel Jai	Hugo	Mia Priscilla Ellie Alexia Bronte Elizabeth Freddie	Ruby Faye Izzy Mateah Lacey-Lou

Next week we have a fun scooper challenge to do with a partner. Please click [here](#) to watch a demonstration by one of our fantastic Sports Majors!

SJF School Council Update

This week the school council met and began to learn about the democratic process. Here's a word from one of our councillors on what we discussed:



"This week we were learning about democracy and how different governments are voted into power.

We also learnt about our country's parliament and the different roles of the House of Commons and House of Lords. I'm looking forward to learning more about democracy this year! "

Polly, School Council Secretary



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)



Parish News

Information about parish and Diocesan life including the Mass times, Confession and sacramental preparation is available via this [link](#) to the parish website.

Our Term 2 Virtues to Live By

The SJF virtues that we will focus on throughout Term 2 are **hope** and **patience**.

November Prayer

During November we remember all those who have died and pray for the repose of their souls. We also remember the dead of war both service personnel and civilians. Our prayer is:

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.





Our November Gathering Song

Peace, perfect peace -
Is the gift of Christ our Lord
Peace, perfect peace -
Is the gift of Christ our Lord...

Thus says the Lord,
Will the world know my friend!
Peace, perfect peace -
Is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

There will be no liturgy next week as we will be attending our Annual Service of Remembrance next Thursday. The next Liturgy of the Word will be on **Thursday 18th November 2021** and will be led by the young people of **Y1**. A recording will be available to watch shortly afterwards by clicking [here](#). Thank you.

Annual Service of Remembrance 2021

On Armistice Day (Thursday 11th November 2021) the children will come together for our annual Service of Remembrance at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, which will be led by the young people of **Y6**. Due to COVID restrictions, we cannot invite family and friends, so we will film the service and upload the recording to the our website so that it can be viewed by family and friends afterwards by clicking [here](#).

Poppy Appeal 2020

We are proud to support the fantastic work of the Royal British Legion by taking part in this year's annual poppy appeal, as we do every year. Paper poppies in a range of styles are on sale for a donation to the appeal. For metal badges the Royal British Legion asks for minimum donation of £1.50 or more if you can afford it. Poppies will go on sale from the from Monday 1st November 2021 until Friday 12th November 2021. Please support this worthy cause. Thank you.



PTFA: BBC Children In Need Appeal 2021

The PTFA will once again be collecting funds for this year's BBC Children in Need Appeal. This takes place on **Friday 19th November 2021**, which will be a non-uniform day. The children are invited to dress down and wear something spotty, but don't worry if you have not got anything spotty.

All we ask is for a £1+ per child donation to the Children in Need appeal which the PTFA will send straight off. Thank you for your support.



Blue Day (The Feast of St Andrew)

To mark the feast of St Andrew all the children in St Andrew's House are invited to come to school dressed in blue on **Monday 29th November 2021**. The children in the other three Houses must wear full school uniform as usual.

Advent & Christmas 2021

Advent Blessing Liturgy

To begin Advent the young people of **Y4** will lead our traditional blessing of the wreaths liturgy on **Friday 26th November 2021**. Unfortunately we will not be able to invite family and friends as we would normally wish to, so it will be recorded and made available to watch via our website by clicking [here](#). Thank you.



Class Advent Liturgies

As part of our preparations there will again be daily Advent class liturgies taking place in all classes except on PE days or on days when children are timetabled to have a French or Music lesson during the last period of the day. Unfortunately we will not be able to invite family and friend to join us as we hoped.

Nativity Plays

Sadly, following public health advice it will *not* be possible to host live audiences for our nativity plays this year.



We have therefore arranged for a film company to come in to school in order to film both the FS2 and KS1 nativity plays this year. This company worked successfully in a number of schools last year and have been booked by lots this year. We hope that a professionally produced DVD will go a small way to making up for the fact that we cannot invite our children's families and friends in to school.

Both nativity plays will be filmed on **Tuesday 14th December 2021**, and so it is important that all the children are in school on that day. A letter will be sent out with further information in due course. Once the films have been edited professionally, the finished DVDs will then be made available directly by the film company to any parents, carers, family and friends who want to buy a copy or copies.

The prices will be as follows:

- a basic DVD is **£9.99** and a DVD customised with a message e.g. to a relative for a gift is **£12.99**
- a basic USB is **£12.99** and USB customised with a message e.g. to a relative for a gift is **£15.99**

Individual children will not be named and the films will not be uploaded to our website. We will issue our usual plea to parents/carers/family/friends **NOT** to upload any part of the film as a video or a still in case the images of other children are captured whose parents/carers do not want them to appear on social media.

Parents and carers who do not want their children to be filmed are asked to contact us as soon as possible. Their children will still be able to take part in the performance, just like their peers, and they will be able to enjoy the experience of being on stage, in costume, with all the other children. Their image/scenes will then be edited by the film company so that they do not appear in the finished DVD, before it goes on sale.

Photographs of the children in nativity groups will also be taken, as they have been in previous years, and these will be made available to view and download via our website. Again we request that they are **NOT** uploaded and shared on social media. Only photographs of children who are allowed to have their image(s) on our website will be uploaded and no one will be named. The photographs of the children who cannot appear on the website will be given to their parents/carers directly, so that they have a memento.

KS2 Annual Carol Service

A reminder that this is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 21st December 2021** and involves all the children in Years 3 to 6. As with everything we will not be able to invite family and friends to join us but our Service will be filmed and a recording made available to watch shortly afterwards by clicking [here](#). Thank you.

Data Protection

A reminder that you can give and *withdraw* your permission for school to include images of your children on our website at any time. We ask that you write or email us explaining clearly what your wishes are. Thank you.

Golden Children

FS2	Igor for making brilliant improvements in behaviour and listening! We are really proud of you!
Y1	Edwin for working so hard and for putting so much effort in to the whole of his school day! You are an amazing role-model for both your behaviour and learning! Well done!
Y2	Renae for having such a mature attitude to learning and for demonstrating that everything is possible if you just try! What a star!
Y3	Marcus for having a wonderful attitude and for being so polite to his peers and all the adults in school and for having excellent manners. A brilliant role-model, well done!
Y4	Bella-Rae for Bella-Rae Stanton, she has been great all week, answering questions posed. She has given everything a go and if she's been unsure, she's asked for help!
Y5	Hannah for always having such a positive mindset and for giving everything a go - even things she might find difficult. What a fantastic attitude!
Y6	Kiya for working incredibly hard in Maths since the beginning of the year and for making some brilliant progress as a result! What a star! Keep it up!



Writing Champions

FS2	Vaani for producing some really good work at home and in school related to her phonics!
Y1	Freddie D for completing some super writing in about Baptism. Well done Freddie!
Y2	Freya for creating some great advice for fire safety! Well done!
Y3	Rebecca for making some fantastic improvements to her presentation. Keep it up Rebecca and well done!
Y4	Bruno for identifying and using a wide variety of grammatical features in our English lessons. Keep up the hard work Bruno!
Y5	Eleana for producing a brilliant poster explaining about building site safety. You remembered so much and really explained everything well. Well done!
Y6	Alan for consistently producing such well-presented work in every lesson!



Be Safe – Be Happy Week 2021

This week we held our annual 'Be Safe- Be Happy Week'! It turned out to be a fun-packed week created to help our children understand the importance of making good choices and to develop their knowledge and confidence regarding some of the potential hazards and dangers that they might face.

During the week lots of important messages were also shared about respecting themselves and others; about being intolerant of others; about dealing with bullying; about first aid and so much more. Our priority this week and every day has been to enable each and every child to feel happy, safe and loved in and out of school every day. We have also reinforced the importance of disclosing, advising children to Tell! Tell! Tell! if something or someone ever makes them feel unhappy, unsafe or unloved.

I would like to thank all the staff for their tremendous hard work this week as well Mr Paige and our friends from South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, LINKS and Taylor Shaw for coming in to support us.



South Yorkshire
Fire & Rescue
WORKING FOR A SAFER
SOUTH YORKSHIRE

Taylor Shaw
Seeing food differently
LINKS
schoolsportpartnership



Fire Safety

This week children have been learning about how to be safe from fire in the home. After beginning the week with a visit from fire fighters and the fire engine from South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue all classes (Y1-Y6) had workshops with either Mrs Sambrook or Mrs Hadfield.

The children learned to:

- ✓ tell a grown up and evacuate the building as soon as possible
- ✓ never hide, but remain near an open window if not able to leave the building
- ✓ limit the chances of a fire starting by making sure things are unplugged and phones are not charging overnight (especially under pillows whilst sleeping)
- ✓ shut all doors at night

Children were given five minutes to work as a group to come up with fire safety rules for the home. We then shared them and explored some key misconceptions and messages. The children then added further points to their original lists.

Finally we watched a 'Darker Nights' video to remind ourselves how to stay safe around Bonfire Night and during the dark winter months. They key message given repeatedly to the children was to check that their home has a working smoke alarm that is tested monthly.



Building Site Safety

Mr Paige joined us to explain why building sites are not playgrounds, even if they look like exciting places to explore. The children learned that even well managed building sites are full of hidden dangers to those people who should not be there. The children also learned why it is important to stay away from tools that they might come across.

Keeping Healthy

We have promoted exercise and having a healthy outlook as being key for wellbeing and so gave the children opportunities to experience different activities.

We were joined by our friends from Sheffield Karate Club who engaged the children in a range of Martial Art disciplines.

Many children talked excitedly about this session!



The positive impact of eating healthily was explored with our partners from Taylor Shaw (the company that provides our school lunches every day).

The children combined physical exercise and food preparation in order to make fruit smoothies! Everyone had great fun and all the children were then able to enjoy a fruit filled smoothie (with no added sugar) as a reward for all their hard work!

Road Safety

Mrs Raynes and Mrs Barrett led workshops on how to stay safe while using roads and pavements. The children realised that everybody needs to use roads and pavements to get about, so we needed to be responsible and look after one another in order to keep safe. The children learnt where it was safe and not safe to cross a road and how to do it by **stopping**, **listening** and **looking** in order to make sure it is safe before stepping out into the road.



Photographs from Be Safe – Be Happy Week

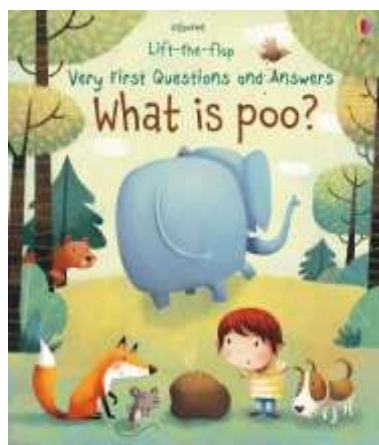
You can see photographs and updates from this week's successful Be Safe – Be Happy Week 2021 by clicking [here](#) and checking out the 'News' section on the right-hand column of the homepage. Please check out the website to see pictures from some of the other workshops the children experienced.

Reading for Pleasure

Our 21-22 SJF Booklist

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

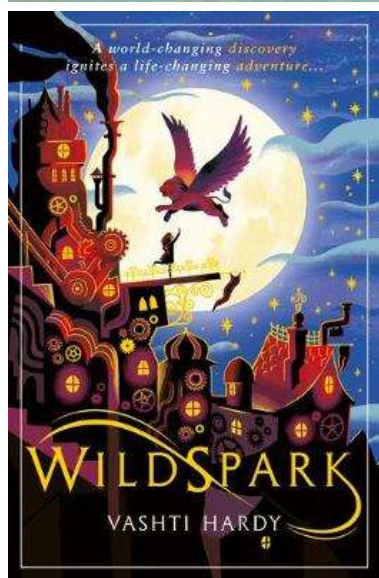
This Week's Recommendations



This week's feature book for younger children is **What is Poo?** by Katie Daynes.

The WH Smith Review

Young children love to ask all sorts of embarrassing questions (usually at the wrong times). This lift-the-flap book boldly approaches the topic of poo, answering all those 'plopping' questions so many children love to ask. Great illustrations and full colour throughout. Please click [here](#) if you would like to purchase the book or find out more about it. Thank you.

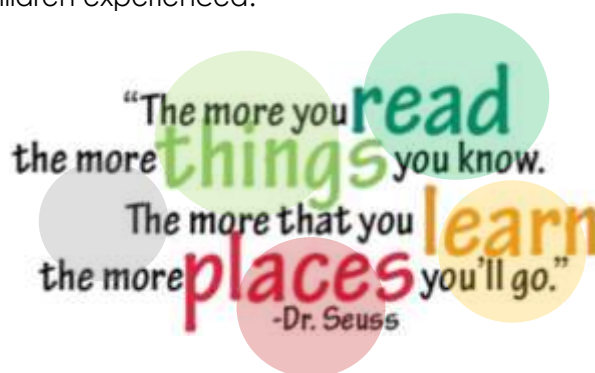


This week's feature book for older children is **Wildspark** by Vashti Hardy.

The Waterstones Review

A mind-bending adventure from the author of [Brightstorm](#)! A year after the death of her older brother, Prue Haywood's family is still shattered by grief. But everything changes when a stranger arrives at the farm. A new, incredible technology has been discovered in the city of Medlock, where a secretive guild of inventors have developed a way to capture spirits of the dead in animal-like machines, bringing them back to life. Prue knows that the "Ghost Guild" might hold the key to bringing her brother back, so she seizes the stranger's offer to join as an apprentice. But to find her brother, she needs to find a way to get the ghost machines to remember the people they used to be. Yet if Prue succeeds, all of society could come apart...

Please click [here](#) if you want to purchase the book and click this [link](#) if you want to check out our booklist on our SJF website. Thank you!



Statement to Live By

Our statement next week is 'I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others.'

Time to talk: Each of us is important, and during 'Be Safe – Be Happy Week' we have reflected on just how special we are. We all deserve to be treated with respect.

In our school we are accepted for being just how we are and we know that we all can expect to feel happy, safe and loved every day of our lives.

If someone or something stops us feeling happy, safe or loved then we should not stand for it. We need to be brave and tell! Tell! Tell! If we know that someone else is feeling unhappy, unsafe or unloved then we need to stand up for them too, but how can we do this without hurting others, or getting hurt ourselves?

To stand up for yourself
takes strength, but to stand
up for others takes courage.

- Alice Ann Jennet Lisenby

Just in case
you have forgotten today:
You matter.
You are loved.
You are worthy.
You are magical.

You were given
THIS LIFE,
because you're
strong enough
to live it.

Best wishes
Mrs Barrett

