

SJF NEWS

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Friday 21st January 2022 (Issue 17 - 2021/22)



★ Citizen of the Week (Week Commencing 10-01-22)

★ Last week's Citizen award goes to **Marcus** in **Y3** who understands the importance of trying to love others as he loves himself in line with last week's 'Statement of Belief'. Marcus is a very special member of our community. He has an enormous capacity for kindness and knows why it is important to respect everybody in our community. He therefore sets a great example! Congratulations Marcus, we are so proud of you!

★ Citizen of the Week (Week Commencing 17-01-22)

★ This week our Citizen award goes to **Jacob** in **Y5** who understands that rules exist to enable us all to feel happy, safe and loved in line with our 'Statement of Belief'. Jacob is an extremely well-mannered and kind member of our community and can be relied upon to work hard and behave well. Well done Jacob!

The St Clare Catholic Multi Academy Trust

A reminder that an important letter was shared last week about plans for our schools to transfer from the Hallam Schools Partnership Academy trust (HSPAT) to the new St Clare Catholic Multi-Academy Trust (SCCMAT). A copy of the letter is available on our website by clicking [here](#) and further information is available from Hallam Diocesan website by clicking [here](#).



Diocese of Hallam

Hallam Schools Together



Development of Catholic Multi Academy Trusts

In the letter you are invited to get involved in the consultation. The Diocese very much welcomes your views and comments as well as any questions that you might have. To facilitate this a special email address has been set up to gather everyone's contributions (cmatconsultation@hspat.org). If you want to respond, please enter our school name/location in the subject box. Questions and answers will then be sorted and shared. The deadline is **Friday 22nd January 2022**.

Term 3 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  267	St David's House  267	St Patrick's House  240	St George's House  250
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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.

Weekly Attendance			
1 st	Y2	99.3%	Bobby will visit next week
2 nd	Y5	96.2%	Brenda will visit next week
3 rd	Y4	96.0%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y3	94.7%	
5 th	Y6	93.1%	
6 th	Y1	92.3%	
7 th	FS2	87.3%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 94.2%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y5	93%
2 nd	Y4	86%
3 rd	FS2	75%
4 th	Y3	73%
5 th	Y1	72%
5 th	Y6	72%
7 th	Y2	66%
Average = 77%		



Achievements outside of School

Please let us have details of your children's achievements out of school, via our school email address (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) so that we can celebrate them in our weekly newsletter. Thank you.

SJF School Council Update



The Y6 councillors met this week in order to discuss plans which will later be shared with the other councillors as soon full meetings can take place. Here's a word from our Secretary.

This week, we discussed different options for changes to the school dinner menu. We will talk about it and take a vote when we are able to meet with the rest of the councillors. We can then share our thoughts with Taylor Shaw, who we are working alongside.

Polly (Y6 Councillor and Secretary of the SJF School Council)

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)

Reminder: Synod 2021-2023

Pope Francis has asked us to let him know how things are for them in the Church. He believes we are all trying to journey together through life, finding ways to communicate the fundamental message of Jesus, to love one another, in how we live our lives and in our words. That is the meaning of the word 'Synodal' – journeying together. He has asked the Bishops of the world to ask all of us and then tell him. We can do this with others in our parish right up to 7th March 2022.

Bishop Ralph will then collect everyone's thoughts and take them to a special meeting of all the bishops of England and Wales. Some of our bishops will then gather in Rome for a Synod (meeting) in 2023 to share and listen to what everyone has said about our journeying together.



Following this Pope Francis will write to the whole Church reflecting what has been discerned from this process. As well as what is being done in each parish there will be opportunities for everyone to join one of three Diocesan-wide events, in-person or on-line:

- **Saturday 22nd January 2022** Blessed Trinity, Wickersley, Rotherham (10:00-12:30)
- **Saturday 5th February 2022** All Saints Catholic High School, Sheffield (10:00-12:30)
- **Saturday 19th February 2022** St Peter's Doncaster 1 (0:00-12:30)

Participants are asked to register to join by visiting the Eventbrite page and choosing the event they want to attend by clicking [here](#). Further information is available by clicking <https://hallam-diocese.com/synod/>.



Chaplaincy Team Update

This week in our class liturgy We found out that Jesus taught us how to live and especially how we need to look after people who are struggling. In our virtues liturgies we have been exploring 'faith' and thinking about what it is and how we can show it? We understand that if we look after each other and believe in Jesus then we show **faith**.

Esma and Kyrel (Y2 Chaplains)

Parish News

Information about parish and Diocesan life including times for Christmas Masses, Confession and sacramental preparation is available via this [link](#).





Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank Mrs Broadhead, Miss D'Roza, Mr Johnson and our special **Y2** pupils for this week's beautiful liturgy. Our next Liturgy of the Word will be led by the young people of **Y1** and will be available to watch online next **Thursday 27th January 2022**. Recordings of all our liturgies and Masses can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Our Term 2 Virtues to Live By

This term we are focusing on the key virtues of **faith** and **simplicity**.

Our January Prayer

Our January prayer is called the Agnus Dei or 'The Lamb of God'. The prayer is recited during Mass, and recalls The Last Supper of Jesus and His apostles during which the bread and wine were transformed in to the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the first time. It is therefore a very special prayer. The words are:

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.



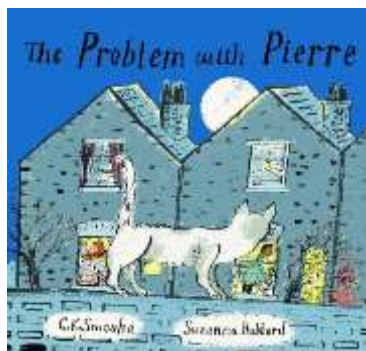
Reading for Pleasure

Our 21-22 SJF Booklist

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

This Week's Feature Books

Our latest feature book for younger children is: **The Problem with Pierre** by **C.K. Smouha & Suzanna Hubbard**.



The Waterstones Review

Alan and Bertram are next-door neighbours. They are also best friends. They are also very, very different to one another. Bertram is extremely neat, and Alan is wildly messy. When Bertram gets a cat, called Pierre, he is dismayed to find that Pierre prefers it at Alan's house.

Alan tries to help his friend out - giving him his old sheepskin coat, his chipped bowl and finally, his beat up old sofa. At last, Pierre and Bertram are happy, but Alan is not - he has no company and no sofa. Fortunately, Bertram comes up with a brilliant solution to the problem...

The Problem With Pierre plays with the format of the book, splitting each spread down the middle - the page on the left is Bertam's neat-as-a-pin living room, and the right hand page is Alan's homely chaos. When, at the end, Bertram knocks through the wall between the two houses, and puts the sofa in the middle, there is a coming together of content and format that is sure to delight readers young and old. Please click [here](#) to find out about this brilliant book!

Our feature book for our older children is: **The Great Adventurers** by **Alastair Humphreys**.

The Waterstones Review

Winner of the Ordnance Survey Children's Travel Book of the Year 2019! Hand-picked by adventurer Alastair Humphreys, this compilation retells the extraordinary journeys undertaken by his personal heroes. These men and women have ventured into space, oceans, deserts and jungles and inspired Alastair's own adventures. They may do the same for you too. Please click [here](#) to discover more about this amazing book!



Term 3 Curriculum Overviews

Our latest curriculum Overviews were shared at the beginning of the week. They are available by clicking this [link](#). Please get in touch if you have any questions or need any further information or support. Thank you.



Our 'Beat Your Best' Weekly Challenge!

This week we have another fun challenge for everyone, demonstrated by Maya, another of our fantastic Sports Majors.

Our new challenge is for everyone to try and perform as many *catch and claps* as possible without ever dropping the ball.

You can watch Maya's demonstration via our website by clicking [here](#). Why not have a go at break-time in school or at home? Who is the one best in your household? Can beat your personal best?

Golden Children (Week Commencing 10-01-22)

FS2	Leon for trying hard with all this guided activities and for working very hard this week!
Y1	Nathan for trying so hard and for putting 100% effort into his Read Write Inc. sessions and all classwork!
Y2	Jack S for making a super start to 2022! He is showing maturity and compassion to everyone in school, and we are all very proud of him!
Y3	Jacob H for making a great start to the new term! Jacob has settled back into school brilliantly and has worked hard to apply himself beautifully this week. Keep it up!
Y4	Luca for having such a positive attitude; for working hard; and for continuing to take an active part in all class discussions! Well done!
Y5	Priscilla for always working hard and doing the right thing. Well done - it is always noticed and appreciated!
Y6	Annabell for a fantastic effort to make progress in all areas of the curriculum, but especially in maths. Keep it up, we are all very proud of you!

Writing Champions (Week Commencing 10-01-22)

FS2	Lucy for her excellent writing and for all the practising she does both at home and school. She is constantly impressing us all!
Y1	Chloe for writing such a super winter poem! She remembered to use lots of descriptive words!
Y2	Archie for producing a super non-chronological report about Christopher Columbus! Well done Archie!
Y3	Olivia for retelling the myth of Prince Ganymede using beautiful and ambitious word choices to really make her story interesting. Well done Olivia!
Y4	Noah for coming back after the holiday with a positive attitude towards all his learning which was evident in the effort he put in to his non-fiction piece of writing about the Vikings. Well done!
Y5	Mia for writing a well thought out 'thank you' letter for her wooden spoon. It was organised well and was humorous too.
Y6	Dylan for consistently producing high-quality work in all lessons. Absolutely fantastic, and a great example to others!



Golden Children (Week Commencing 17-01-22)

- FS2** **George** for having such a fantastic attitude to learning, for working hard and for being creative!! done!
- Y1** **Freddie D** for being so kind to other children! Mrs Golland also commented that she hears him say really kind things to his friends! What a star!
- Y2** **Jack M** for setting a wonderful example to everyone and a great attitude to learning. He is always listening and he has beautiful manners. Well done Jack!
- Y3** **Florence** for working very hard this week and for trying really hard to learn. She has been having a good go at everything – even those things that finds trickier! She has refused to give up!
- Y4** **Willow** for having a fantastic attitude towards learning. She has worked well, both with her partner, and in groups. On our Viking adventure, Miss Birch was super-impressed with her maturity!
- Y5** **Bella** for always working hard and for providing some great explanations in mathematics this week. Well done! Keep it up!
- Y6** **Raheel** for working hard in order to solve a range of challenging percentage word problems this week - and for making some great progress as a result! Keep it up!

Writing Champions (Week Commencing 17-01-22)

- FS2** **Maya** for trying really hard with presentation and for working to use beautiful letter formation!
- Y1** **Noah** for trying so hard to incorporate finger spaces, full stops and the conjunction "because" in his writing!
- Y2** **Julia** for producing a beautiful piece of writing in RE about Jesus as we imagined that we were all gospel writers. She really thought about what she wanted others to know. Absolutely fantastic!
- Y3** **Scarlett** for producing a detailed and accurate diary account of Saul's conversion. A fantastic piece of writing - well done!
- Y4** **Florence** for beginning to take ownership of her handwriting and we are starting to see the the benefit in both her general writing as well as in our handwriting lessons. Well done!
- Y5** **Lydia** for making great improvements in her presentation this week - keep it up Lydia!
- Y6** **Azaan** for writing some excellent sentences, using a semicolon to separate independent clauses this week. Keep it up Azaan!

Yorkshire Museum of Farming

Thank you to Mr Broadhead and Miss Brownbill for organising this amazing learning day for the children of Years 3 and 4 at the Yorkshire Museum of Farming. Everyone had a fantastic day! Thank you to all the volunteers who supported us so generously!



Y3 Roman Adventure

Mrs Brownbill writes: 'Last week our Y3 children went on a fabulous Roman adventure at the Yorkshire Museum of Farming! It was brilliant!

Everyone dressed up and spent the day as legionnaires conscripted into the mighty Roman army.

The children experienced writing in Latin, marching together, throwing spears and even going in to battle against the Celts!



We had an amazing day learning about life in Roman Britain. Thank you to the fantastic team at the Yorkshire Museum of Farming and to our brilliant volunteers who supported us so well! Click [here](#) for more pictures.

Y4 Viking Adventure

Mr Broadhead writes: What a fantastic day everyone had! It was an absolute pleasure to take the children on this amazing educational visit to the Yorkshire Museum of Farming, for an incredible Viking adventure!

Mr Broadhead was especially proud because the team at the museum were so full of praise for our children in both classes, who all behaved so brilliantly, engaging with everything so enthusiastically.

Please click [here](#) for more photos from the day! Thank you.



Eco Team Update

This week at our SJF Eco Team meeting discussed taking part in the exciting new 'Planet Super League Challenge'! They want as many pupils of St John Fisher as possible to take part and earn points for SJF as well as saving the environment.

This new nationwide competition enables anyone to engage in fun activities that can also save our planet. To take part, all you need to do is go to:

www.planetsuperleague.com

Please make sure that sign up to the 'St John Fisher Sheffield' team.

You can then have a go at all the eco-friendly challenges and earn points for our school at the same time. We already have 17 points, so why not help us try to get SJF to number one in the country. Please sign up now!



Statement of Belief

Next week our 'statement of Belief' is:

'I know I belong to a community that includes my school'

Time to talk: Together think about what the word 'community' means. What makes our school a community? What makes a community strong and special? What sort of community is our school? Who is in your community in the area you live in?



A community needs a soul if it is to become a true home for human beings. You.. the people must give it this soul.

— Pope John Paul II —

Community is where humility and glory touch.

Henri J.M. Nouwen

