

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

This week our special award goes to **Phoenix** in **Y6** who is developing such a positive attitude to learning because he really does understand that mistakes and even failures are learning opportunities – in line with this week's Statement of Belief. He knows that his initial response to a mistake or failure is key, and it will always help if this is as positive as possible. He is learning to be resilient and to trust himself to always have a go first. He also knows that all the grownups in school care very much, and will help him whenever he needs it. So, he does not worry. Instead, he simply relaxes and focuses. What a great example you are! Congratulations!

Term 4 Smiley Scores



The Feast of St George & Red Day

The Feast of St George is on Saturday 23rd April. As we celebrate our annual Resurrection Mass on Friday 22nd April, 'Red Day' will move to **Monday 25th April 2022**, instead. As usual, members of St George's House *only* will be invited to dress down and come to school wearing something red if they have it, rather than their school uniform.

100 Smileys

Congratulations to all the children who have earned 100+ smileys! In **FS2** we have Abigail, Henry, Pedro and Vanni and in **Y1** we have Adriana, Arya, Chloe, Edwin, Ewan, Enzo, Izabela, Joshua, Lilah, Noah and Seren!

Weekly Attendance			
1 st	Y5	98.1%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y6	97.2%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	FS2	99.9%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y1	96.3%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 th	Y2	95.5%	
6 th	Y4	94.3%	
7 th	Y3	90.3%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 95.5%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y4	78%
2 nd	FS2	75%
3 rd	Y6	71%
3 rd	Y5	68%
5 th	Y1	52%
6 th	Y2	50%
6 th	Y3	50%
Average = 63%		

A number of our children and members of their families have tested positive for COVID this week. We are in contact with Public Health and are monitoring the situation. For the time being, routines will remain unchanged and no restrictions will be introduced. However, if advice changes and it is deemed necessary, appropriate restrictions will be reintroduced for limited time. Your continued support is appreciated.

WAKE UP! SHAKE UP!  WAKE UP! SHAKE UP!  WAKE UP! SHAKE UP!  WAKE UP! SHAKE UP!

'Wake Up! Shake Up!' starts at 8.40am on the playground or in the hall if the weather is bad. It is followed by 'Get Set, GO!' in each class starting at 8.50am. We encourage all our children to be in school early enough to take part in Wake Up! Shake Up! and the Get Set, GO! challenges - both great ways to start a new day!





Achievements outside of School



Please share details of your children's achievements out of school, via our school email address (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) and we will celebrate them in our weekly newsletter. Thank you.

- **William** in **Y2** achieved his red belt in karate recently with full marks! Congratulations, William, a very impressive achievement!
- **Mateah** in **Y6** was selected recently for the competition team of her gymnastics club and will now be taking part in competitions against other teams from other areas. Congratulations Mateah!

Reminder: Sheffield Healthy Holidays

This is a scheme offering a range of fantastic free activities and services to the families of children who receive income-based free school meals. There is a wide range of different things that children can do, covering things like crafts, sports, drama, science and so much more! Activities are delivered by quality providers and include a free meal for children taking part. Please follow this [LINK](#) for more information.



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 life, including Mass times and arrangements for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the remainder of Lent, Holy Week and Easter is available via this [link](#).

Lenten Class Liturgies

Thank you to everyone who has been able to join one of our class Lenten liturgies. Places are limited and must be reserved through the school office beforehand, in order to guarantee entry. Once you have booked in, please report to the school office by **3.05pm**. A reminder of the Lenten Liturgy schedule is below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1		FS2	FS2	Y2
Y5		Y1	Y1	Y3
Y6		Y2	Y2	Y4
Changes to this week's schedule are to accommodate our Passion Liturgy		Y6	Y3	
			Y4	

Our Lenten Prayer: 'The Confiteor'

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore, I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.



Passion Liturgy

We are not in school during Holy Week, as we would normally be, so the time to prepare a Passion Play has been severely curtailed. The children of Years 3-5, supported by staff, have, instead, prepared a very special liturgy built around the Stations of the Cross, that will describe and commemorate the Passion of our Lord, beautifully. As the dress rehearsal is on Tuesday 29th March 2022, there will be no class Lenten Liturgies that day.



LENT



The family and friends of the children taking part are invited to join us for the Passion Liturgy at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on **Wednesday 30th March 2022**. It will start at 2.30pm and doors will open shortly beforehand. As space will be limited, we ask that only the family and friends of the children taking part, attend. Our Passion Liturgy will be recorded and made available to watch online via this [link](#). Thank you.

Resurrection Mass 2022

Our annual Resurrection Mass, celebrating the triumph of Easter, and the fulfilment of Jesus' mission on earth, takes place on **Friday 22nd April 2022**, at **9.30am** in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. The young people of **Y4** will lead the liturgy this time and we thank Fr Bede who will celebrate Mass for us. Fr Bede has generously given us permission to record Mass so that it can be made available to watch online afterwards via this [link](#).

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Huge thanks to Miss Brownbill and the fantastic children of Y3 for leading this week's Liturgy of the Word. It was wonderful! Thank you also to the family and friends of the children who were able to join us. There will be no Liturgy of the Word next week because of our special Passion Liturgy, nor will there be one in the first week back after the Easter holiday, because we have our Resurrection Mass. The next Liturgy of the Word, which will be led by the young people of **Y2**, will therefore take place in school on **Thursday 28th April 2022**. We are pleased to invite their families and friends to join us in the school hall on the day. Entry will be via the Y5/Y6 entrance. Please sanitise your hands upon entry and do not attend if you feel unwell or have COVID symptoms. This, and all liturgies, are being recorded and are available to watch online via this [link](#). Thank you.

Our Term 4 'Virtues to Live By'

We are focusing currently on the virtues of **forgiveness** and **mercy**. Please click [here](#) for more information about them, thank you.

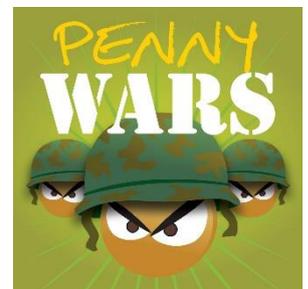


SJF Chaplaincy Team Update: The SJF Penny War 2022

It is time for the SJF Penny War, in aid of the Bishop's 'Good Shepherd Appeal' to commence!

The pupils are invited to collect pennies and two-pence pieces in their class collecting jars at the beginning of each day.

A **penny** is worth **one point** and a **two-pence piece** is worth **two points**. However, silver coins can be used to sabotage another class's total because silver coins deposited into the jar of another class jar will reduce the total number of points in that jar. A **5p** piece will reduce the total number of points accumulated by **5 points**, **10p** will reduce the total by **10 points**, **20p** by **20 points** and **50p** by **50 points**.



At the end of the week the coins will be counted and once all deductions have been made, the victorious class will be announced and rewarded with some 'Golden Time'. All money raised will be passed on to support the vital work of our key Diocesan charities.



Pray for Ukraine

Children and staff continue to pray the Rosary, daily, for all those caught up in the devastating Ukrainian war.

Our children continue to add prayers to the special 'Peace Tree' created by our SJF Chaplaincy Team in the Sacred Space.



Golden Children

- FS2** **Lydia-May** for having a really good week and for trying so hard to join in with learning and group time. What a star you have been!
- Y1** **Max** for trying so hard to focus! Everyone has seen such positive progress in all his work! Well done Max, keep it up!
- Y2** **Chenai** for having such a fabulous week; working hard, showing patience and determination also, in order to succeed in any task, she is given. Well done, superstar!
- Y3** **Charlotte** for being such a good role-model to her classmates! Lottie is *always* kind and helpful to all those around her, and everyone appreciates her. Keep up the great work!
- Y4** **Hugo** for being one of the **always** children in Y4. He is a popular member of the class and always takes great pride in his work - continuously producing beautifully presented, high quality pieces of work!
- Y5** **Ellie** for trying really trying hard in class and for being more positive about her work by having a more 'can-do' attitude! Well done"
- Y6** **Caleb** for having an excellent attitude towards his learning over the past week, particularly in English! What a star you are!

Writing Champions

- FS2** **Nickolas** for being amazing at writing; for having beautiful handwriting; and for applying his growing knowledge of phonics so effectively in order to write sentences!
- Y1** **Shelby** for working so hard on her writing about Mr Judeeson's talk to class. She sounded-out her words really well and we are all so proud of how much she managed to write!
- Y2** **Matilda** for producing a really super diary entry as if she was Samuel Pepys himself! What a star!
- Y3** **Issy** for producing an amazing newspaper report about Mount Vesuvius. We were all blown away by the effort and fantastic attitude so evident in her writing!
- Y4** **Connie** for managing to write a lovely piece of work about the Last Supper, this week, in which she worked really hard to impress us all with her wonderful use of language!
- Y5** **Bronte** for making such a big effort with her written work this week, particularly the special work we have been doing related to the season of Lent!
- Y6** **Riley** for working so hard on his writing over the past few weeks, particularly with his use of grammar and punctuation! Keep up the great work Riley!



SJF School Council Update

Our School Councillors met this week. Here's a word from **Jess**, our School Council Chair, about what was discussed.

At this week's meeting, we were talking about British politics and how the political system works. We were learning about the two houses in Parliament, the government and the role of the Queen. Next week, we will share what we have learnt with the rest of the School Councillors.



SJF Eco Team Update

This week members of our SJF Eco Team were busy talking to visitors about they have been doing at the SJF curriculum showcase. They were also talking about the targets they want to achieve by the end of the school year.

Please click [here](#) to find out more. Thank you.



Healthy Minds

Nurturing Emotional Wellbeing in Sheffield Schools

This week, our 'Champions' received their new silver stars, symbols of our important new Healthy Minds initiative.

They also met visitors at this week's special SJF Curriculum Showcase and talked about their special role in school life.



The children were also given a laminated Healthy Minds mini-whiteboard to support them in the special role. During today's Celebration Assembly, they shared a short update at today's Celebration Assembly, touching upon some of the short, medium and longer-term plans that they hope to implement in school, once approved, in partnership with Lynette Greenacre (Healthy Minds, NHS Team).

"The work that we've done so far is very exciting. The ideas we have are amazing – I can't wait to see them happen around school." Bella-Rae (SJF HM Champion).

Our Feature Books of the Week!

Our full 2021-22 SJF book list can be accessed via this [link](#).

Our latest recommendation for younger children is:

'I'm Sticking With You'

by Smriti Prasadam-Halls

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

I'M STICKING WITH YOU

SMRITI PRASADAM-HALLS

Illustrated by STEVE SMALL



The Waterstones Review

Very funny and utterly endearing, *I'm Sticking with You* is a heart-warming rhyming tale of friendship and attachment from the beloved author of [Elephant in My Kitchen](#).

Shortlisted for the [British Book Awards](#) Children's Illustrated & Non-Fiction Book of the Year 2021

A gorgeously warm, funny book about everything a friendship can be for anyone who's ever had a friend. *Wherever you're going, I'm going too. Whatever you're doing, I'm sticking with you.*

It's wonderful to have good friends to see you through the good times and the bad. But sometimes, friends can also be a bit, well, overbearing.

This completely irresistible rhyming text by Smriti Halls is perfectly complemented by artwork from fantastic new picture book illustrator, Steve Small. Please click [here](#) to find out more.



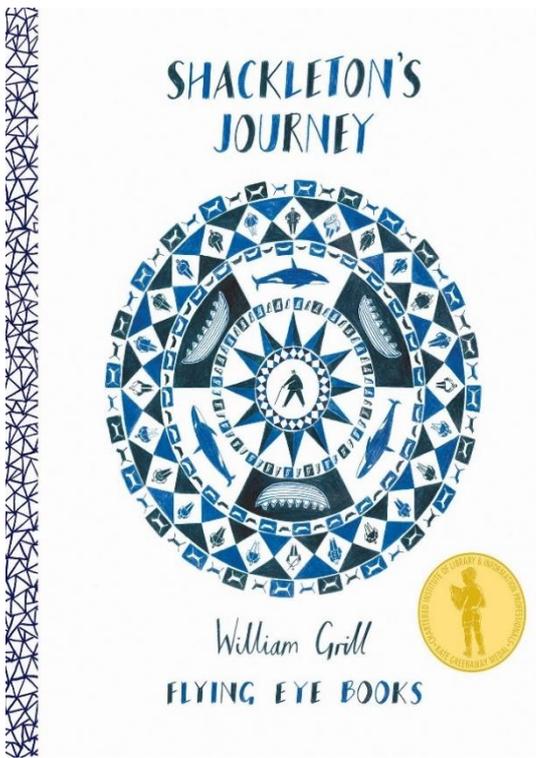
Our recommendation for older children is

'Shackleton's Journey'

by William Grill.

The Waterstones Review

A breathtaking visual representation of Shackleton's fateful expedition to Antarctica, Grill's stunningly illustrated volume includes exploded diagrams of provisions and expressive images of the icebound environment and is perfect reading for both children and adults alike.



Debut illustrator William Grill brings us a detailed visual narrative of Shackleton's epic journey to Antarctica. Grill's beautiful use of coloured pencils and vibrant hues places him somewhere on the artistic spectrum between Raymond Briggs and David Hockney and his fastidious cataloguing of every single detail of the expedition is nothing short of a Blackstock collection. He manages to evoke the atmosphere and intrepid excitement that would have surrounded the expedition with his impeccably researched, detailed and atmospheric drawings.

Children will love examining the exploded diagrams of the now peculiar provisions taken and the individual drawings of each sled dog and pack horse. This book takes the academic and historical information surrounding the expedition and reinterprets it for a young audience in a way that will capture their imaginations.

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Our BYB Challenge (Week 25)



Please follow this [link](#) for a demonstration of our latest **'Beat Your Best'** challenge demonstrated by Kessy, one of our Sports Majors.

Her challenge is to see how many times you can throw a ball in the air and catch it, whilst also balancing a beanbag on your head. The challenge will test balancing, coordination and throwing skills.

Please watch Kessy's video demonstration and have a go. Why not see how well you can do, and then try to beat your personal best? Well done to everyone who took part in last week's challenge!

- Y1** Dylan
- Y2** Hector, Natalia and Phelan
- Y3**
- Y4** D'Mari
- Y5** Bronte, Daniel, Edie, Elizabeth, Lydia, Mateusz and Oscar
- Y6** Faye and Marika

SJF Curriculum Showcase

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our curriculum showcase on Wednesday. On show was a snapshot of the children's work covering all curriculum subjects from the second week of January, when we returned after the Christmas holiday. The children were so proud of their work and of having the opportunity to talk to our visitors about their work, learning and our curriculum. Please click [here](#) or check out the class pages for more photographs. Thanks also to our friends from the PTFA who served refreshments.



Term 4 Finals: Spelling Bee & Times Tables Rock Stars

The Term 4 Spelling Bee final will be on **Wednesday 30th March**. This will be followed on **Thursday 31st March** by the Term 4 Times Tables Rock Stars final. Class-based competitions to determine which children will be in the whole-school finals, will be held beforehand, so we encourage all our children to get practising and to ask for help if they need it.



Department for Education

Y6 Pre-Test Reminder

Our Y6 children have been chosen to do a special pre-SATs test in grammar, spelling and punctuation for the Department for Education (DfE) on **Tuesday 19th April 2022**. This is the *first* day back after the Easter holiday. The test will be administered by representatives of NFER who have been contracted to carry out the work for the DfE.

Statement of Belief

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"I know when to ask for help and who to ask."**

"Asking for help isn't giving up" said the horse



"It's refusing to give up"

Time to talk: Each of us has the right to feel happy, safe and loved every day. If something or someone makes us feel uneasy then we must tell. Who would you tell? If we have tried our very best and need help in order to understand or complete it, then we must ask. Who would you ask? Who do you trust to listen and help?

asking for help is a sign of strength

