

SJF NEWS

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★ Weekly Awards

★ As we were at church for our annual Resurrection Mass, we did not have Celebration Assembly today. All awards, including this week's Citizen of the Week award, will therefore be transferred to next week.

Staff News

It is with great sadness that we announce the imminent retirement of Mrs Birch on Friday 6th May. During a long career at St John Fisher, Mrs Birch has worked for three headteachers, including Mr McGurrin, who still supports us with our music and hymn practises. We will share much more about Mrs Birch and the important and often unseen contribution that she has made to school life later. In the meantime, we welcome Mrs Grayson who will succeed Mrs Birch when she leaves us next month. You might have already noticed Mrs Grayson working in the School Office with Mrs Birch and Mrs Ramsden, as part of the handover.

Term 5 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
155	148	142	121
3815	3908	3835	3770



Reminder: The Feast of St George & Red Day

The Feast of St George is on Saturday 23rd April. This year our 'Red Day' will be on **Monday 25th April 2022** for members of St George's House only. They will be invited to dress down and can come to school wearing something red if they have it. Thank you.

Attendance: Final Week			
1 st	Y2	99.4%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y3	97.9%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y5	96.9%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y6	95.8%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 th	Y4	95.6%	
6 th	FS2	94.9%	
7 th	Y1	91.7%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 96.1%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y5	78%
2 nd	Y6	78%
3 rd	Y1	72%
3 rd	Y4	67%
5 th	FS2	65%
6 th	Y2	58%
7 th	Y3	58%
Average = 61%		

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 Lady of Lourdes Parish News

Information about parish life, including the times of Masses and information about sacramental preparation and diocesan events, is available via this [link](#).

Resurrection Mass

I would like to thank Fr Bede for celebrating our annual Resurrection Mass which had been prepared and led so magnificently by our Y4 children. I would like to thank them too, for leading the liturgy so well in all their various roles, as well as Mr Broadhead, Mrs Barrett and everyone who supported in some way, including Mrs Downes, Mr McGurrin and Mr Tandy for the wonderful music. It was a fittingly joyous occasion that marked our celebration of the resurrection of Our Lord.



I would like to thank the children for behaving and participating so well and give a special mention to the children in Y3 who looked after the FS2 to children so well, because their buddies were involved in the Mass.

Finally, thank you to all the parishioners, family and friends who were able to join us. We would like to also thank Fr Bede for giving us permission to film the Mass, which can be watched by clicking this [LINK](#).

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

There was no Liturgy of the Word this week because of our Resurrection Mass, so our next Liturgy of the Word, led by the young people of **Y2**, will take place on **Thursday 28th April 2022**. We invite family and friends to join us in the school hall via the Y5/Y6 entrance. Please do not attend if you feel unwell or have COVID symptoms. The liturgy will be recorded and available to watch online via this [link](#). Thank you.

CAFOD

CAFOD Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine -
For all those suffering or afraid -
That you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders -
That they will have the compassion, strength and
wisdom to guide their choices.

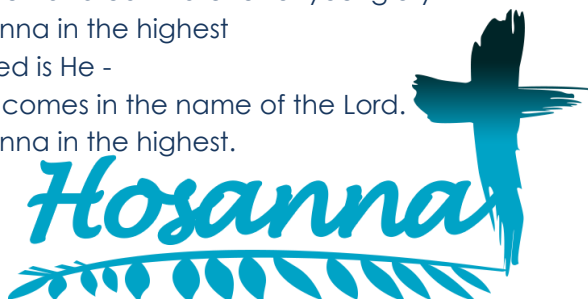
We pray for the world -
That in this moment of crisis we may reach out in
solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for
all the world.



Our April Prayer: 'The Sanctus'

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He -
Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.



Our Term 5 'Virtues to Live By'

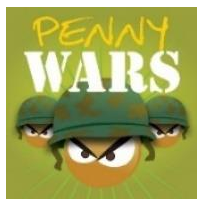
Our Term 5 virtues are **forgiveness** and **honesty**.
Please click [here](#) for more information. Thank you.



SJF Chaplaincy Team Update: Extension of the SJF Penny War

Do not forget our 2022 Penny War in support of the bishop's 'Good Shepherd Appeal'! The children are invited to collect pennies and two-pence pieces in the individual class collecting jars.





A **penny** is worth **one point** and a **two-pence piece** is worth **two points**.

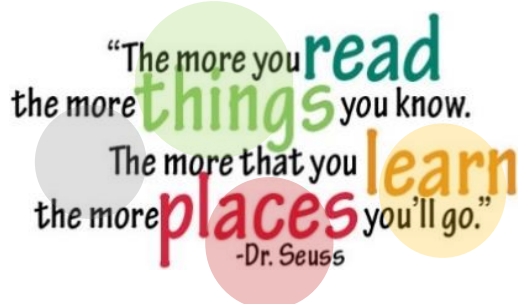
However, silver coins can be used to sabotage another class's total because silver coins deposited into the jar of another class jar will reduce the total number of points in that jar.

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 Diocesan caring services.

Our Feature Books of the Week!



Our full 2021-22 SJF book list can be accessed via this [link](#). This week's feature books are:

'We are All Wonders' by RJ Palacio

(click [here](#) for more information)

'A Planet Full of Plastic' by Heal Layton

(click [here](#) for more information)

We are All Wonders: The Waterstones Review

I know I can't change the way I look. But maybe, just maybe, people can change the way they see...

Wonder is the unforgettable story of August Pullman, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face.

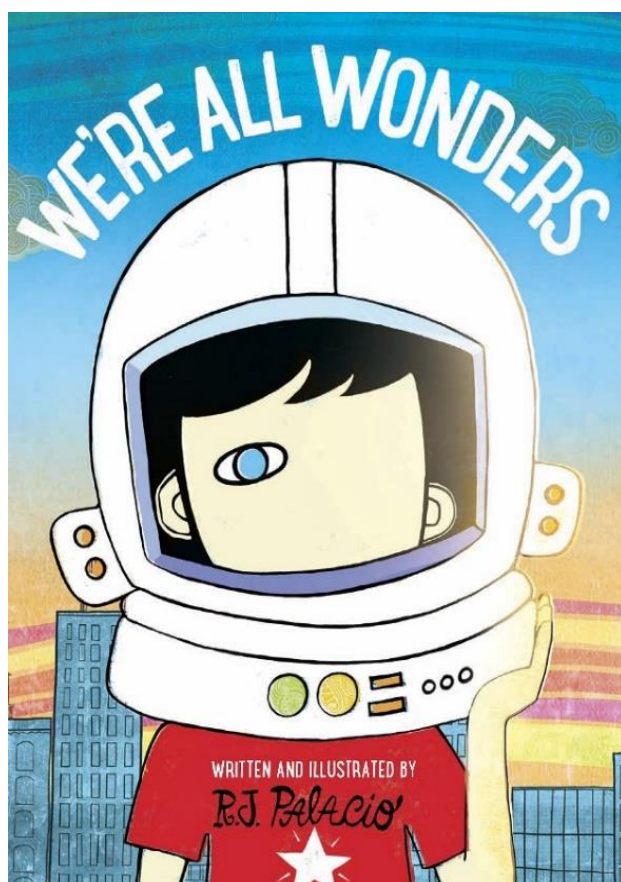
With over 5 million copies sold, Wonder is a true modern classic, a life-changing read, and has inspired kindness and acceptance in countless readers.

Now younger readers can discover the Wonder message with this gorgeous picture book, starring Auggie and his dog Daisy on an original adventure, written and illustrated by R.J. Palacio.

With spare, powerful text and richly-imagined illustrations, We're All Wonders shows readers what it's like to live in Auggie's world – a world in which he feels like any other kid, but he's not always seen that way.

We're All Wonders taps into every child's longing to belong, and to be seen for who they truly are.

It's the perfect way for families and teachers to talk about empathy, difference and kindness with young children.

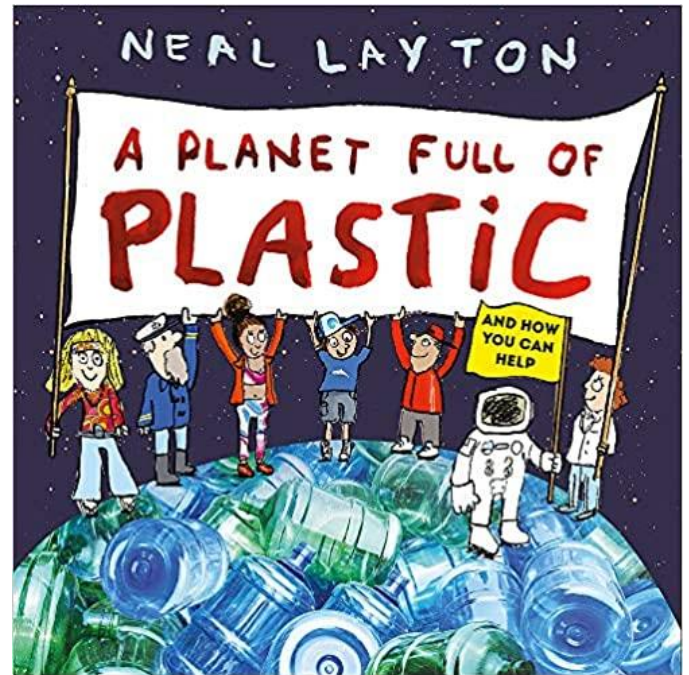


A Planet Full of Plastic: The Waterstones Review

The perfect introduction to the scourge of plastic for younger readers, Neal Layton's brightly illustrated book explains the science behind why plastic does not biodegrade and what the consequences are for the planet, as well as offering countless ideas for how we can all help ease the crisis.

Everything is made of stuff. Some things are made of paper, like this book. And some things are made of PLASTIC. If you look around you, plastic is everywhere. Even in places where it's *not* meant to be. If it drops to the ground, it doesn't rot away - it sticks around forever.

Our world is drowning in plastic, and it's a big problem. Award-winning author-illustrator Neal Layton is here to explain where plastic comes from, why it doesn't biodegrade, and why that's dangerous for animals and humans alike. But he's also FULL of ideas for how you can help! From giving up straws in juice cartons to recycling all we can and taking part in a beach clean, *A Planet Full of Plastic* will get young readers excited about how they can make a difference to keep Planet Earth happy.



Our BYB Challenge (Week 28)

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

This week we have another fun challenge, this time demonstrated by Kessy, one of our fantastic Sports Leaders. Kessy's challenge will test your skipping skills. Please watch her demonstration to find out what you have to do, and see what score you achieve! See if you can beat your best!

Why not find Kessy or Mr Johnson and breaktime and have a go? Why not try to beat your personal best at home? Are you the best in your family?



Our Term 5 Learning Value: Teamwork

This term we focus on the value, 'Teamwork'. Teamwork is key in both learning and sport. When we pull together, we are often much greater and able to achieve more than we could if we operate separately as individuals.

Effective teamwork enables us to share our experiences and knowledge. It also enables us to learn from the experiences and knowledge of those we work with.

Being part of a great team provides us with powerful opportunities to learn what it means to lead and serve others as well as being a supportive teammate.

Being part of a team is not always easy, but it is an important part of everyone's development and formation as we learn and appreciate how special and exciting it can feel to be part of a group that achieves together.



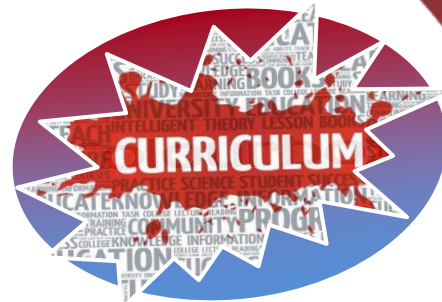


Term 5 Curriculum Overviews

Our latest curriculum overviews were emailed out earlier this week. They can also be accessed via this [link](#).

All Saints April Maths Challenge

This month's excellent challenge has already been emailed out to the families of our Y6 pupils. Please follow the [link](#), if you would also like to have a go!



The Marie Kerley Library

As you know, thanks to the kind and generous legacy of Marie Kerley, a former teacher here at St John Fisher, we are engaged currently in a number of different projects to further improve our school and facilities for our brilliant children.

Miss Kerley was a passionate advocate of books and always enjoyed reading stories to the children and hearing them read too. The refurbishment of our library is therefore a key focus of the works, and will be named in her honour. It is also being reorganised and restocked, and will be themed so that it is a really special and exciting place for the children to be. The work is being done in partnership with our friends from the PTFA. If you have books to donate that are in a good condition, we would be very grateful, thank you.

We are calling on you for your help! Here is a message from Mrs Catherine Cooper, our PTFA Chair...

Calling all sewing enthusiasts!

The PTFA is supporting the school to refurbish the school library and transform it into a woodland wonderland! The school has a number of pods and seats that need to be re-covered so that they will fit in with the theme. We have the fabric and are looking for sewing enthusiasts to help us sew new covers. If you think you can help! You can email us on ptfa@st-johnfisher.org or call me, Catherine, on **07948613413**. Thank you.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen's reign, we are planning a special Platinum Jubilee Day on **Thursday 26th May 2022**, just before the next school holiday.

It will be a special day on which the children will be invited to come to school wearing red, white and blue if they would like. We are planning a great big picnic at lunchtime, so on that day the children are invited to either bring a packed lunch or choose a sandwich option which will be included in a special 'grab bag' prepared by Taylor Shaw. The children will then enjoy the picnic with their buddies.

More details about the day will be shared once arrangements have been finalised.

SJF School Council Update



The Y6 St John Fisher School Councilors met this week. Here is an update from **Polly**, one of our Y6 Councillors on what was discussed.

This week we held a Y6 meeting to discuss the agenda for the upcoming term. We have some exciting objectives that we hope to achieve and we're really excited about them!





Achievements outside of School

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

Statement of Belief

Our next 'Statement of Belief' is **"I know how to help others when they are in trouble."**

Time to talk: At St John Fisher we believe that it is very important to help each other. Why do you think this is?

What are some of the different ways we can help each other?

How can you help someone in trouble in and out of school?

Perhaps you can help others by simply doing the right thing ourselves, and setting a great example?

Perhaps you can help others by talking to a grown up if we are worried about them?

Perhaps you can make positive suggestions if a friend is making (or thinking of making) poor choices?

Perhaps you can encourage someone who has made a mistake and wants a fresh start and do the right thing?

Perhaps we can share your time in order to really listen *actively* to someone who has a worry ball or is in trouble?

