


SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

 Our citizenship award goes to **Connie** in **Y4**, who understands the importance of keeping going when things get tough and refusing to give up, in line with this week's Statement of Belief. Connie is a very thoughtful member of our community and in so many special ways, she sets a great example to others. It is not just because she is very kind and polite, but also because she can be such a resilient learner who trusts in herself and the staff who are supporting her. This means that she can be determined and can push herself, even when she is finding something tough. Though never afraid to ask for help, which is very important, Connie likes to trust herself and have a go at something on her own first. Well done, superstar!

Term 5 Smiley Scores


St Andrew's House



906

4566

St David's House



861

4621

St Patrick's House



933

4626

St George's House



841

4505

100 Smilies!

Congratulations to the following children who have managed to earn 100 smilies so far, this academic year. In **FS2** we have Kali and in **Y5** we have Lydia, Paige, Jacob and Eleana!

200 Smilies!

Congratulations to Cavani in **Y5** who has earned 200 smilies since September 2021!

Assessments

Statutory Assessments (SATs)

Attendance continues to be extremely importance as a number of statutory and internal assessments are ongoing. A reminder that the Y6 statutory writing assessments continue and these will be moderated formally by the local authority in the coming weeks. It is important that the children are present, in school, every day, so that they can do all that is required. Statutory assessments are also ongoing for our Y2 children and, of course, our Y1 pupils will face a national phonics screening at the beinning of June, alongside those Y2 pupils who did not meet the national standard when they were in Y1 last year.

Attendance: Final Week			
1 st	Y2	99.0%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y3	97.8%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y6	97.5%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	FS2	97.4%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 th	Y4	97.3%	
6 th	Y1	96.7%	
7 th	Y5	94.7%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 97.2%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y5	85%
1 st	FS2	85%
3 rd	Y1	78%
3 rd	Y3	78%
5 th	Y6	76%
6 th	Y4	62%
7 th	Y2	60%
Average = 75%		

A reminder that support for better attendance is available from both the school and the local authority, and we invite those concerned about their children's attendance to contact Mr Smith, for help. Thank you.



Golden Children

FS2	Violet for trying really hard with her reading and also for showing fantastic progress in her writing too. Well done!
Y1	Freddie M for always working so hard and for wanting to do his best in all his subjects! His writing needs a special mention as it is <u>beautiful</u> and always a pleasure to mark!
Y2	Peter for working very hard this week and for thinking about lining up safely. Well done!
Y3	Lincoln for making a great effort with his learning this week. We have really noticed how Lincoln is applying himself, so brilliantly, in his lessons. Keep it up!
Y4	Noah for having a really good week in class. He has worked hard in all subjects, and has supported and worked well with his partner too. Keep up the great work, Noah!
Y5	Charlie for trying really hard in mathematics this week and for staying so positive and giving everything a good go, even when the challenges have been harder! What a star!
Y6	Isobel for the positive energy and sense of humour that she brings in to class every day, which has really helped to keep her Y6 classmates smiling through this busy period!

Writing Champions

FS2	George for trying really hard to write a sentence independently. Brilliant effort, well done!
Y1	Nathan for working so hard on the letter he wrote to the giant. He really enjoyed this work and wrote some super sentences! Well done!
Y2	Kristian for writing a brilliant non-chronological report about dragons. It was excellent!
Y3	Jacob for working really hard in all our writing lessons this week. He is using a thesaurus to find the best words possible to use, and is really stretching himself, well done!
Y4	Alana for writing a great story/biography about the life and journeys of St Paul, using all the Y4 writing conventions that we have been learning and are looking for. Keep it up Alana!
Y5	Lena for trying really hard to include some rich vocabulary and some of the higher level sentence structures that we have been practising, in independent writing. Fantastic!
Y6	Riley for the passion and skill displayed in the poetry that he has written this week! Absolutely brilliant, Riley, well done!

Moving Up Days

This year we will have three 'moving up' days that will coincide with the Y6 to Y7 transition days being organised by All Saints Catholic High School to take place from **Monday 4th to Wednesday 6th July 2022**.

Y6 pupils not transferring to All Saints Catholic High School must come to school as usual and will do a range of academic and pastoral transition work to help support a smooth and happy transition to their new schools.

As in previous years, there will be a huge focus on preparing and supporting all the children and especially those in our community who struggle most to cope with change. The children will be supported before, during and after our 'moving up' days. This will include a short pre-visit to their new classes on Friday 1st July 2022.

On the first day (04-07-22) the children will have 'Wake Up Shake Up' as usual before being guided by staff straight to the classrooms where they will be based. Staff will be available to support anyone requiring support and encouragement. The times for lunch and the end of the day will be the same as in their current classes.

Group Photographs

A reminder that the class photographs will be done on **Tuesday 7th June 2022**. We ask that all children come to school wearing normal school uniform, including those in Years 1 and 2 who would normally have PE on that day. We ask that they bring their PE uniform with them to change in to.



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](#).

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next Liturgy of the Word is on **Thursday 9th June 2022** and will be led by the young people of **Y4**. We would like to welcome the family and friends of our **Y4** pupils but ask that they only attend if they feel well and do not have COVID symptoms. A reminder that recordings of all liturgies can be found [here](#).

International Prayer for Peace

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.
Let peace fill our hearts, our world and our universe!



Our Virtues to Live By

For the remainder of Term 5 we will focus on the important virtue of **kindness**.



Our Song

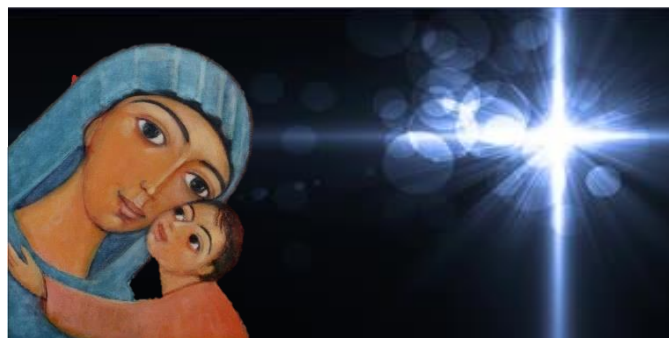
Come, Holy Spirit, descend on us, descend on us. We gather now in Jesus...



Our Prayer for May: The Angelus

1. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit...

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen



2. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to thy word...

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

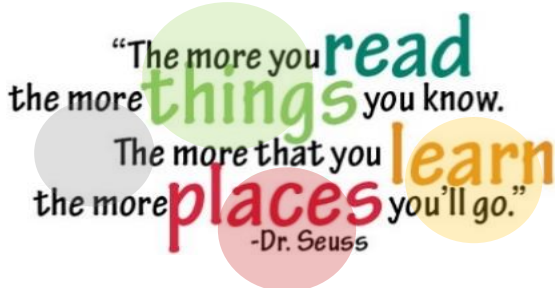
3. And the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us...

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Feature Books of the Week!



Our full **2021-22 SJF book list** is available on our website and can be accessed via this [link](#). Our latest feature books are:

DK Real Superheroes by Julia Seal (click [here](#))

The Big Book of Football by Mundial (click [here](#))

'DK Superheroes' by Shirley Hughes: The Waterstones Review

Some heroes have capes and trusty sidekicks too, but how many of these superheroes have ever rescued you?

A heartwarming thank you to the essential workers who help look after us every day.

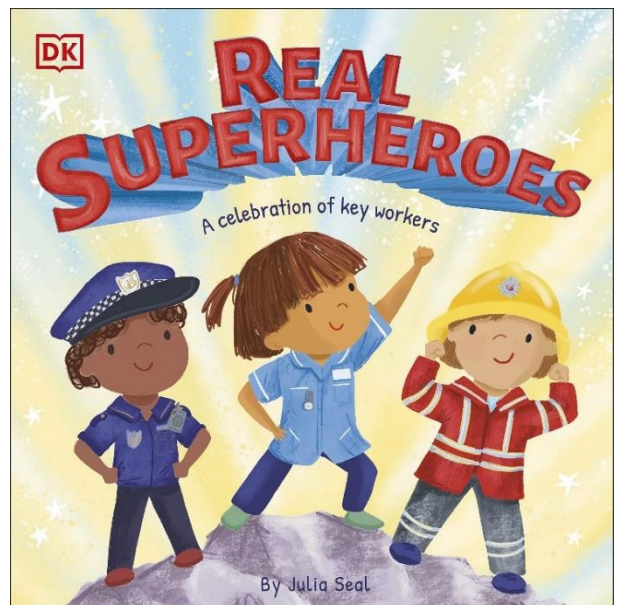
From supermarket staff and firefighters to doctors and nurses, this picture book celebrates the brave, everyday heroes who keep our world turning in difficult times.

Who are the real superheroes keeping our world safe? A charming picture book by author-illustrator Julia Seal celebrating the brave, everyday heroes who keep our world turning simple, rhyming text to share and read aloud with young children.

A beautiful celebration of key workers, and the important roles they play every single day and night.

Covering a diverse range of professions and characters, the book pays tribute to the incredible jobs that key workers are doing around the world so we can stay home and stay safe. Little ones will love seeing pictures of other children dressed up to do different jobs, including a teacher, a delivery worker, and a shopkeeper!

Perfect for children aged 3-7 years, this wonderful picture book is dedicated to brave front-line workers - the real heroes who look after us!



The Big Book of Football by Mondial: The Waterstones Review

Dive into the world of football with this mega book of everything to do with the beautiful game. Learn all the lingo; meet the greatest players, managers and teams from both the men's and women's games; take masterclasses with the pros; wander through the haircut hall of fame; learn the most iconic goal celebrations and more.

Written by the team at MUNDIAL, the celebrated football lifestyle magazine, and filled with fun, colourful illustrations, *The Big Book of Football by Mondial* covers it all: The basics and the lingo that will have you talking like a football expert in no time. History of football, including how we got from playing with a ball made of feathers to using high-tech footballs, the greatest teams of all time and the evolution of football boots.

The great players, including Paolo Maldini, Lev Yashin, Joy Fawcett, Franz Beckenbauer, Johan Cruyff, Michelle Akers, Sir Stanley Matthews and Marta Vieira da Silva.

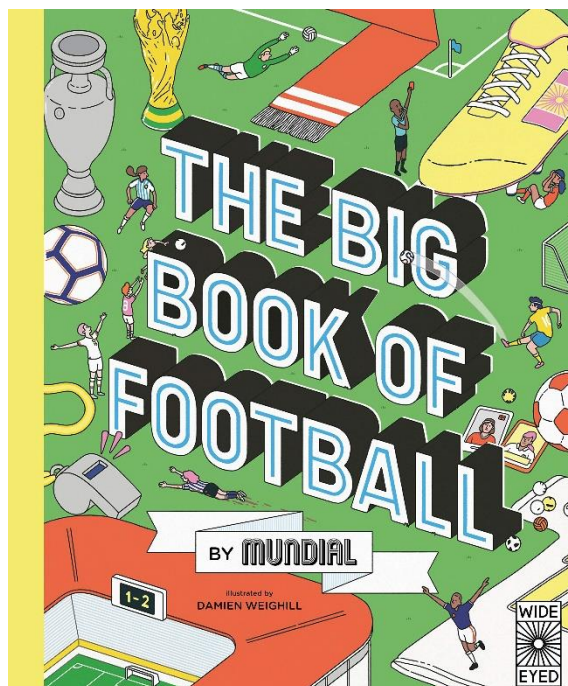
Legendary managers and how they did it - learn the favourite killer formations of greats like Rinus Michels and Sir Alex Ferguson.

The big cups, with their histories and greatest players. The world's most amazing stadiums, including Wembley, Melbourne Cricket Ground and San Siro.

Kits hall of fame, from the USSR's (now Russia) classic red sweatshirt with 'CCCP' written across the front to Mexico's green home shirt with Aztec patterns and the giant face of the Aztec god of death.

How to take the perfect shot like Ji So-yun, take the perfect set piece like David Beckham, take penalties like Matt Le Tissier, beat the offside trap like Fernando Torres, do the perfect attacking header like Didier Drogba and more. Weird and wonderful, from the way we describe things that happen in the game (a fox in the box) to the way we celebrate a goal (by pretending to be a robot) or do our hair (shaving it all off except for a triangle at the front).

The culture and people surrounding the game, from traditional pre-game food to the referee, commentator and all-important crowd. This great big book is your essential guide to the wonderful world of football.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen's reign, we will have a Platinum Jubilee Day on **Thursday 26th May 2022**.

As it is a special day, the children do not have to wear school uniform, but can come to school wearing something red, white and blue if they want to. We will have a great big picnic at lunchtime, so on the day the children are invited to bring a packed lunch or choose a sandwich option which will be included in a special celebratory 'grab bag' prepared by Taylor Shaw.





Our BYB Challenge (Week 33)

Please click [here](#) to check out Kessy's 'Beat Your Best' challenge for next week.

Kessy's challenge tests throwing and catching skills. It is a challenge that can be done at home or at school using a range of items. All you need is a ball (or something that replicates a ball, e.g. a pair of socks).

Watch Kessy's video demonstration and catch up with her Kessy or Mr Johnson at breaktime to have a go.

Well done to everyone who completed Gio's challenge last week. A big shout out to the following:

Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Movean	Kaius	Gabriel	Dion	Mateusz	Azaan

Curriculum Review

Colleagues from Emmaus visited us on Thursday in order to review our curriculum and development plans on behalf of the Trust. During the day they met with senior leaders, curriculum leaders and a group children who shared their work and talked excitedly about their learning, the curriculum and their views of school, generally. The review was helpful and positive, and I would like to thank them. I would also like to thank everyone involved, including my colleagues for their hard work. Our children were amazing; welcoming, polite and engaging.



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.

- **Evan** in **Y5** recently passed the Stage 6 swimming level and has now moved on to the 'Little Olympics Team' which is a competitive based swimming activity that only a coach can refer someone for. He has also been taking part in the 'Scuba Ranger' programme since February and is set to complete his Junior open water scuba diving qualification as soon as he is old enough. Congratulations Evan!

Statement of Belief

Our 'Statement of Belief' is, "I understand what trust means."

Time to talk: What is trust? Using a dictionary look up its meaning. 'Trust' is something very special that is born out of the love and respect one person has for another. It is something to be treasured and is close in many ways to 'faith'.

Trust is such an important part of school life and learning because every day our children are challenged to trust the grown-ups in school who are there to help them learn. In each lesson the children are encouraged to step forward, sometimes out of their comfort zones, as they learn new and exciting things, and develop as young people.

The children know that the grown-ups are there to help them to feel happy, safe and loved. They understand that adults can also be trusted if they have a worry to share.

What would school be like *without* trust? Can people be proper friends with one another if trust is lacking or not there? Why does Jesus call every single one of us to trust in Him, especially when we struggle and life seems hard?

**Trust is earned
when actions
meet words.**
Chris Butler

John 14:1

Do not let your hearts be troubled.
TRUST IN GOD

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