

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

This week's award goes to **Emily** in **Y3**, who notices that we are all the same and we are different, in line with our Statement of Belief. Emily is such a cheerfully positive member of our community. She likes everyone, involving them in her games and group activities in class. She never leaves anyone out. She is respectful of difference and treats everybody the same, seeing all as friends and classmates! Congratulations Emily! We are all very proud of you for being such a positive role-model to others! Well done and keep it up!

Term 5 Smiley Scores


St Andrew's House



149

4894

St David's House



144

4980

St Patrick's House



149

4960

St George's House



168

4891

100 Smilies!

Congratulations to the following children who have managed to earn 100 smilies so far, this academic year. In **Y1** we have Shelby, Freddie M and Ava S; in **Y4** we have Alfie and Hugo; and in **Y5** we have Bronte!

200 Smilies!

Congratulations to Lucy in **FS2** who has earned 200 smilies since September 2021!

Staff News

Mrs Darken will be leaving us at the end of the academic year after eight wonderful years in which she has contributed so significantly to both the development of the SJF Early Years Foundation Stage and our wider school community. She is such an important and respected member of our team and will be very much missed by us all. We are now in the process of recruiting a suitable replacement who has the appropriate knowledge, experience and passion to take over from Mrs Darken in time for the start of the academic year.

All **FS2** transition arrangements will continue as planned, including nursery and home visits; the parent/carer welcome meeting; and the three taster mornings for the young children, joining **FS2** in September. Governors hope to appoint a new teacher in time for the taster days so that s/he will be able to meet our new children.

Attendance: Final Week			
1 st	Y6	98.4%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y5	98.0%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	FS2	97.7%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y4	96.7%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 th	Y3	96.1%	
6 th	Y2	93.5%	
7 th	Y1	92.5%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 96.2%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y6	88%
2 nd	Y5	74%
3 rd	Y4	73%
4 th	FS2	72%
5 th	Y1	68%
6 th	Y2	67%
7 th	Y3	59%
Average = 72%		

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.



Our Term 6 Learning Value

This term the Learning Value that we are thinking particularly about is PASSION.

Passion is very important because it is what motivates us and drives us on more than anything else - even when we find something tough to do or understand. It enables us to be resilient and to keep pushing on to go further and further.

Passion comes from deep within us and we show that we have passion when we are extremely committed to something and really care about it. Our passion can be demonstrated in obvious ways and quietly too. It enables us to be determined and to get where we want to be fearlessly.



Having passion can drive a person to achieve much more than they ever thought possible, overcoming all sorts of barriers and challenges along the way! It can make learning very exciting too!

Passionate people can also inspire others to be passionate and strong too. Being passionate is positive because it encourages self-belief and confidence. Both are key for wellbeing and learning.

The world needs passionate people because a single passionate person really can change it for the better!

Golden Children

FS2	Jasper for being such a wonderful member of the class. He has been trying really hard to be helpful and kind. He really lives our SJF values!
Y1	Jenson for being such a fantastic member of our Y1 family, always ready to listen and showing his teachers that he is listening too! Jenson is polite and so well behaved, such a shining example for all!
Y2	Natalia for always setting the best example and for giving everything she does a 100% effort! She is just a super member of our Y2 class!
Y3	Olivia for always being on task and trying her best with her learning! She also makes such great contributions to whole-class discussions. Keep up the great work, Olivia!
Y4	Seb for being one of our <i>always</i> children. He always has his hand up in every lesson, wanting to share answers or ideas and always listens well to others, showing a great understanding of teamwork!
Y5	Eleana for great listening, asking good questions and for having a go at everything. She has made a really great start to the term!
Y6	Due to the residential the details will be added to next week's newsletter.

Writing Champions

FS2	Leon for working really hard to use and apply his developing knowledge of phonics, and his skills, when he writes!
Y1	Chloe for creating a fantastically descriptive piece of writing about different kinds of fruit! She used some excellent adjectives and clearly thought very hard about all her sentences. Well done Chloe!
Y2	Phelan for writing a beautiful prayer about forgiveness linked to our RE work!
Y3	Jacob W for continuing to work hard on his writing and for always pushing himself in English lessons to go further and achieve his best!
Y4	Dominique for sharing some fantastic answers in our GPS lessons and for using fronted adverbials successfully to make paragraphs and sentence better. Well done!
Y5	Edie for trying really hard to improve her writing by including exciting vocabulary that explains and holds her readers' attention. Keep it up!
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Term 6 Curriculum Overviews

A reminder that our latest curriculum overviews were shared at the beginning of Term 6. They can also be accessed via this [LINK](#) to our SJF website along with all previous ones.

If you need our help and support, or you can help us, please contact us. Thank you.

Moving Up Days

A reminder that the children will have three 'moving up' days this year, to coincide with the Y6 to Y7 transition days organised by All Saints Catholic High School for Y6 children transferring there. These transition days will take place on **Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and 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 that will help and support them with transitions to their new schools.

There will be a huge focus on preparing and supporting all the children and especially those who struggle most with change. As part of this the children will have a short visit to their new classes on Friday 1st July 2022.

After 'Wake Up Shake Up' on the first transition day (04-07-22), the children will be guided by staff straight to the new classrooms where they will be based. Staff will be available to help anyone requiring extra support and encouragement. Times for lunch and the end of the day will be the same as in their current classes.

As PE is an important part of our curriculum, that also supports our children's wellbeing, lessons *will* go ahead as usual. To avoid confusion though, the PE days will also be the same as the children's current classes:

- Monday 4th July 2022 **FS2** children who are moving to Y1 in September 2022
- Tuesday 5th July 2022 **Y1** and **Y2** children who will be moving to Y2 and Y3 in September 2022
- Wednesday 6th July 2022 **Y3** and **Y4** children who will be moving to Y4 and Y5 in September 2022

Play Equipment

Please note that children are **not** allowed to use the climbing equipment before and after school. This is because the equipment is not supervised by staff at these times. When the children use the equipment during lessons or breaktimes they are supervised. Please support us by not allowing your children to use the equipment in the mornings before school and at the end of the school day. Thank you.

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 16th June 2022** and will led by the young people of **Y1**. We invite the family and friends of our **Y1** pupils to join us, 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](#).



A 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,
for 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.

Amen.

Our Virtues to Live By

This term we are focusing on the important virtues of **honesty** and **honesty**.

CAFOD
Just one world



Annual Feast Day Mass

Wednesday 22nd June 2022 is SJF Day! It is a special day when we come together as a community to mark the feast of our patron, St John Fisher. We recall his life and steadfast faith; as well as his commitment to learning and the example of humility that he gave us. We also celebrate those things that make our school so unique and special. We give thanks for our amazing children, our supportive families, our wonderful staff, Governors and friends from the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, including Fr Bede, our Parish Priest.

There will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving led by the children of **Y3**. This will be at **10.00am** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**. All SJF children who have made their First Holy Communion this academic year, in December and in June, will contribute to the liturgy and can do so wearing, if they wish, the special clothes they wore when they actually received the Sacrament for the first time.



The First Holy communicants should come to school wearing their school uniform and bring their special clothes with them. They will be supervised and given space and time to get changed on their own or their parents/carers can come in to school from 9.20am to help get them ready. Parents/carers can also come back in to school after Mass in order to help their children to get changed back in to uniform. Everyone else is expected to look smart in their school uniform for this very special day in our school year.

Non-Uniform Day

There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 24th June 2022**, in the week of our patron's feast day, as a special thank you to the children for all they do to make our school feel so welcoming and special.

Our Trinity Song

We believe in God the Father

We believe in God the Son

We believe in God the Spirit

God is three (clap, clap, clap, clap)

... and God is one



Our June Prayer: 'The Gloria'

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will

We praise you,
We bless you,
We adore you,
We glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
Have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

FS2 Expedition to the Shire Brook Valley Nature Reserve

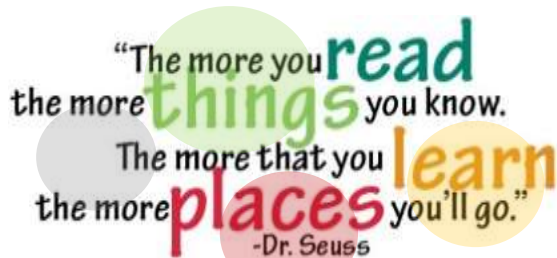
The young people of FS2 visited Shire Brook Valley on Wednesday. We met Ranger Nell, who took us around the site and planned some fantastic activities for us to do.

The children had great fun identifying different British Butterflies, and did a fantastic job of learning their names. They then found some pretend caterpillars and learned about how animals use camouflage. The children then made plants out of different organic material before finally going on an interesting mini-beast hunt. The highlight was finding a newt in addition to a number of centipedes and millipedes!

We are so grateful to all the parent/carer volunteers who accompanied us and supported the children. It was a long walk there and back, and though the children were very tired, they all did very well!



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:

The wide wide Sea by Julia Seal (click [here](#))

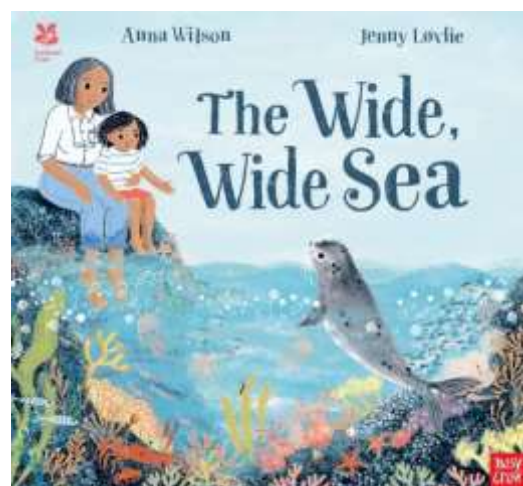
Planet Omar by Zanib Mian (click [here](#))

'The Wide Wide Sea' by Anna Wilson: The Waterstones Review

A lyrical and inspirational picture book about protecting nature from plastic pollution.

When a young child forges a special connection with a seal on a trip to the seaside, their imagination takes them on an unforgettable journey. Through their eyes, we have a chance to explore everything the amazing beach and wide, wide sea has to offer... until suddenly a violent storm blows in.

The next morning the beach is ugly... and covered in litter. Whose fault is it? And who can fix it? Together, the child, their grandmother, and the rest of the community clean the beach, and the child makes a promise to the seal that things will change for the better.



Written by author and wild-swimmer Anna Wilson and illustrated by Waterstones Children's Book Prize winner Jenny Lovlie, this is the perfect story to share with children from 3+ who love the seaside.

'Planet Omar' by Zanib Mian: The Waterstones Review

Welcome, readers, to the imaginative brain of Omar!

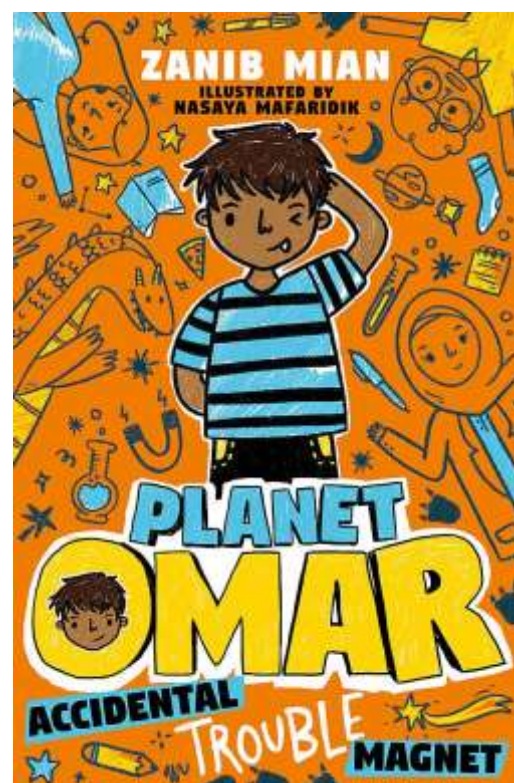
You might not know me yet, but once you open the pages of this book you'll laugh so hard that snot will come out of your nose (plus you might meet a dragon and a zombie - what more could you want?).

My parents decided it would be a good idea to move house AND move me to a new school at the same time. As if I didn't have a hard enough time staying out of trouble at home, now I've also got to try and make new friends. What's worse, the class bully seems to think I'm the perfect target.

At least Eid's around the corner which means a feast (YAY) and presents (DOUBLE YAY). Well, as long as I can stay in Mum and Dad's good books long enough...

The combination of Zanib Mian's hilarious text and Nasaya Mafaridik's fantastic cartoon-style illustrations make the PLANET OMAR series perfect for fans of Tom Gates and Wimpy Kid.

Zanib Mian is a World Book Day author for 2021 with her Planet Omar title, Operation Kind. Planet Omar was chosen as the CBBC Book of the Month for June 2019.





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.

- Esma in **Y2** has had her hair cut and donated it in support of 'The Little Princess Trust'. Her hair will be used to make a wig. She also managed beat her fundraising target to raise a staggering £565 which will pay for the wig to be made! Whate fantastic news, Esma, and what a special gift! Well done!

Statement of Belief

Our next 'Statement of Belief' is: **"I know what human dignity means and I show that I respect others"**

Time to talk: What do the words 'dignity' and 'respect' mean? Why is it important to treat others with dignity and respect? What happens when we don't? Imagine a world everyone treated everyone else with dignity and respect. What would it be like?

