

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

This week's award goes to **Oscar** in **Y5**, who understands that it is important to stand up for those being treated unfairly. Oscar is a special member of our community. He radiates positivity in his own laid back way, and with his trademark smile! He is so kind to others, putting them first. He listens too, and shows respect for the ideas and views of others. He is there for others, to encourage and support them. He will also speak up for them if he needs to. What a great example! Congratulations Oscar, we are all extremely proud of you!

Term 5 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
776	711	840	708
5521	5547	5651	5431

100 Smilies!

Congratulations to everyone who have managed to earn 100 smilies so far, this academic year. This week in **Y3** we have Musa, Jacob W, Charly, Sanaya, Scarlett, Dominic and Jai, and in **Y4** we have Bella and Erin!

This Week's Attendance (Term 6)			
1 st	Y2	100%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y3	98.4%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y4	98.3%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y5	96.4%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 th	FS2	93.1%	
6 th	Y1	91.7%	
7 th	Y6	90.7%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 95.6%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y5	84%
2 nd	Y4	80%
3 rd	FS2	78%
3 rd	Y3	78%
5 th	Y2	70%
6 th	Y1	68%
7 th	Y6	66%
Average = 75%		

Golden Children

FS2	Pedro for always working hard and for always trying very hard with his writing!
Y1	Max for having great attitude to learning this week. He is getting on with his work really well and showing great effort.
Y2	Matilda for being so passionate and enthusiastic about all school experiences. What an attitude to have!
Y3	Isabelle for having a great attitude to independent learning this week! She has tried her best to work independently and has shown great determination and resilience in doing so!
Y4	Connie is another of our <i>always</i> children! She <i>always</i> gets on with her work. She is <i>always</i> willing to work with others and her biggest attribute is that she is positive and <i>always</i> has a smile on her face!
Y5	Freddie for being so enthusiastic about learning - and always happy with a ready smile!
Y6	Kiya for her quiet but very confident approach to her work this year and for making some excellent progress. Well done!



Writing Champions

FS2	Kali for trying really hard with her writing and for showing brilliant improvement.
Y1	Othneil for creating an amazing story based on Handa's Surprise. It was wonderful and showed that he was trying to include everything we have been learning!
Y2	Elliott for writing a super non-chronological report about giraffes. He thought very carefully about the information he wanted to include.
Y3	Aureilia for really working hard and pushing herself with her writing, which is always so lovely to read! Well done!
Y4	Isaac has put so much effort into his writing this week. He remembered to write in paragraphs and wrote more than he has so far in Y4! Great to see him getting rewarded for his hard work!
Y5	Owen for the great write up he did following an interesting mathematics investigation. Brilliant!
Y6	Olivia W for the amazing effort she has put in to her project on the Ancient Maya. Her writing has been wonderful to read!

PTFA Friday Fayre 2022

This week we were finally able to hold our first PTFA Friday Fayre since 2019, and nothing was going to stop us, not even the threatening and temperamental weather, which, in the end, thankfully, behaved in the end! It was a fantastic evening and end to the week!

First of all we would like to thank our fantastic PTFA Committee, and all who supported them, both in the lead up and on the actual day! You were all wonderful, and all your hard work certainly paid off, because the event was a huge success!

It was absolutely brilliant! Special and important community events like this do not just happen, and so much had to be organised and prepared behind the scenes, and we are all so grateful for all you did to make it happen.

We would also like to thank all those who ran the different stalls and our friends from Castle Martial Arts, basketball and the SJF Musical Theatre Club for entertaining everyone with your amazing talents!

We would like to thank all those who prepared the delicious food and organised the refreshments and the music and announcements.

We would like to thank our friends from Our Lourdes parish for allowing the PTFA to use the Parish Centre and car park. We would like to thank South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue for sending an appliance from our local station so the children and their families could see, experience and learn more about the fire engine, equipment and the important work of the firefighters.

This event, has traditionally, included the Y5 Enterprise Challenge, and so we were all delighted when it also made a welcome return! We would like to thank our Y5 children for all they did to make it the huge success that it was! Their focus, resilience, dedication and teamwork was incredible and we were all impressed by the way they worked together so cooperatively, in their groups, to create successful enterprises to raise money, including stalls, challenges and experiences for



everyone to enjoy at the fayre. They were all wonderful, and should feel very, very proud of themselves. We would also like to thank their teachers; Mrs Holloway and Mrs Barrett, for the support they gave them, behind the scenes.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who came along to support the event including parents, carers, extended family and friends, parishioners, neighbours aswell as some of the parents, carers and children who will be joining us in September, for the new school year.

You were, and are, all very welcome, back in the heart of our school community, where you all belong. If you would like to support our PTFA with a little of your time and fundraising ideas etc. please email (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you.



Our SJF Taster Days

- Our three taster days take place next week from Monday 4th to Wednesday 6th July 2022.
- They will involve all pupils in **FS2**, **Y1**, **Y2**, **Y3**, **Y4** and **Y5**.
- **Y6** children transferring to All Saints Catholic High School in September 2022 will spend three days there.
- **Y6** children not transferring to All Saints must attend and will complete various focused transition activities.
- Times for lunch and the end of the day will be the same as the children's current classes.
- A reminder that PE on the transition days will also be the same as the children's current PE days, so:
 - **FS2** to **Y1** the children have PE on **Monday 4th July 2022**
 - **Y1** to **Y2** the children have PE on **Tuesday 5th July 2022**
 - **Y2** to **Y3** the children have PE on **Tuesday 5th July 2022**
 - **Y3** to **Y4** the children have PE on **Wednesday 6th July 2022**
 - **Y4** to **Y5** the children have PE on **Wednesday 6th July 2022**



Our New Beat Your Best Challenge

This week's fun BYB challenge has been set by Kessy, one of our fantastic Sports Leaders. Her challenge will test (and help in improve) your skipping skills.

Please click [here](#) to watch her demonstration and see what score you can get! Can you then beat your best score? Why not find Kessy or Mr Johnson at break-time and have a go in school?

Why not try at home and encourage those you live with to have a go too? Who is the best? Who makes the biggest improvement over the week?

Commonwealth Games Event at the EIS

This week some of the young people from Years 2 and 3 children took part in a special Commonwealth Games event at the EIS, organised by the LINKS School Sports Partnership.

It was a fantastic opportunity to experience a range of different sports. The children were amazing and thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of the event. They each demonstrated our school and sport values, especially *passion* and *determination*! Two of the children were even nominated to be 'Athlete of the Day' by the LINKS Sports Leaders! The children were very deserving of the medals and certificates they received and our sincere thanks go to Mrs Broadhead, Mr Johnson and our special friends from the LINKS Partnership. (Please click [here](#).)



Spelling Bee Final

Today was the whole-school Spelling Bee final for Terms 5 and 6! Well done to all children who represented their classes and huge congratulations to our new overall Spelling Bee Champion! (Please click [here](#)).



Commemorative Platinum Jubilee Book

Our children, along with primary-aged children across the United Kingdom, each received a special gift from the nation to mark the Platinum Jubilee and 70-year reign of Her Majesty, the Queen Elizabeth II.

The children were very excited and could not wait to read their new books and share them with their families. It is a beautiful book that we hope will be treasured for many years to come. (Please click [here](#)).



SJF Curriculum Showcase

Our final showcase of the academic year takes place next **Thursday 7th July 2022**. At this special event a sample of the work the children have produced during Terms 5 and 6 will be displayed and presented in the school hall for parents, carers, family and friends to view. Some of the children, from every class, will also be on hand to talk about their curriculum, their learning and the things they have done and enjoyed.

Refreshments will be available, and if you would like to help, please contact the PTFA (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org). The exhibition times will be **8.45am to 10.00am** and **3.30pm to 4.15pm**. As the school hall will be out of action all day, the children will either have the sandwich option grab bag provided by school or they will bring in a packed lunch from home. Information about this was sent out previously. Please try to come along and support us, all are welcome! Please click [here](#), thank you.



SJF Sports Day

A reminder that our annual sports day also makes a return on Friday 8th July 2022. We ask that all children wear their PE uniform all day. In the morning all the children and staff will participate in an inclusive and exciting Festival of Sport that will see the children in groups have a go at a range of activities and challenges. The children will again either have the sandwich option grab bag provided by school or they will bring in a packed lunch from home and information has been shared about this previously. In the afternoon we have the two competitions; 1.00pm to 2.00pm (**FS2Y1Y2**) and 2.00pm to 3.00pm (**Y3Y4Y5Y6**). Please click [here](#) for a reminder of all the arrangements.



Our Catholic Life

Collective Worship Overview

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Statement of Belief Citizen Assembly (Headteacher)	SJF Virtues Assembly (Class-Based)	SJF Themed Assembly (Staff-Led)	SJF Liturgy of the Word (Class-Led on Rotation)	SJF Celebration Assembly (All Staff)

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish News

Information about parish life; the times of Masses, Confessions and sacramental preparation; and events across the Diocese and beyond, is available via this [link](#).

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our final Liturgy of the Word for the academic year is on **Thursday 14th July 2022**, and will be led by the young people of **FS2** supported by their **Y4** buddies. We invite the family and friends of both our **FS2** and **Y4** pupils to join us, but, with COVID refusing to go away, and cases rising locally, we ask that they attend only if they feel well and do not have COVID symptoms. A reminder that recordings of all liturgies can be found [here](#).

A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine and Afghanistan

Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the true King of peace.
In You alone is found freedom.
Please free our world from conflict.
Bring unity to troubled nations.
Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.
Dispel all darkness and evil.
Protect the dignity of every human life.
Replace hatred with Your love.
Give wisdom to world leaders.
Free them from selfish ambition.
Eliminate all violence and war.
Glorious Virgin Mary,

Saint Michael the Archangel,
Every angel and saint:
Please pray for peace.
Pray for unity amongst nations.
Pray for unity amongst all people.
Pray for the most vulnerable.
Pray for those suffering.
Pray for the fearful.
Pray for those most in need.
Pray for us all.
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear our prayers.
Jesus, I trust in You!

Our Virtues to Live By

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



Our July Song

All that I am	Take and sanctify these gifts
All that I do	For Your honour Lord!
All that I ever have	Knowing that I love and serve You
I offer now to You.	Is enough reward!



Our July Prayer: 'The Lord's Prayer'

Our Father,	Thy will be done –	As we forgive those trespassers against us.
Who art in heaven,	On earth as it is in heaven.	And lead us not in to temptation,
Hallowed be thy name.	Give us this day,	But deliver us from evil.
Thy kingdom come,	Our daily bread,	Amen



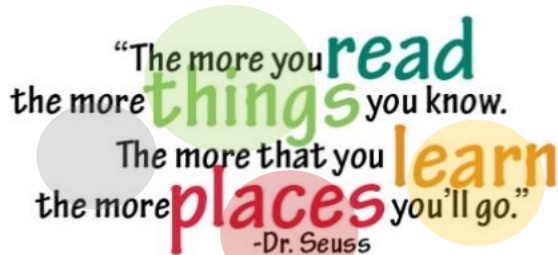
Achievements outside of School

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.

- **Rebecca** in **Y3** attended a Sheffield Children's University graduation where she received a gold award for completing more than 300 hours of extracurricular activities, well done, Rebecca!
- **Jessica** in **Y6** received a Gold Fellowship award from Sheffield Children's University for completing more than 1,000 hours of extracurricular activities. This is the highest award that is given out and less than one hundred children have ever received it across the whole of Sheffield! Congratulations, Jessica!



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:

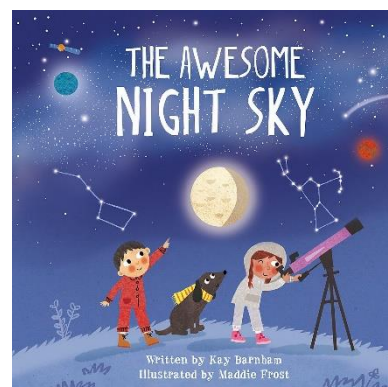
The Awesome Night Sky by Kay Barnham (click [here](#))

The Somerset Tsunami by Emma Carroll (click [here](#))

The Awesome Night Sky by Kay Barnham: The Waterstones Review

Look up into the night sky and learn all about constellations, shooting stars and satellites. This beautifully illustrated picture book shows the glorious night sky.

'Look and Wonder' is a fresh, bold and bright, narrative non-fiction picture book series, for children aged 4 and up, introducing children to life cycles and the natural world. The eye-poppingly colourful digital illustration style will explain the scientific concepts while the light and fun text-style will make these books real home and classroom favourites.



The Somerset Tsunami by Emma Carroll: The Waterstones Review

The reigning queen of historical children's literature returns with a characteristically classy narrative that brings the paranoia and superstitions of seventeenth-century England to full-blooded life. Sinister gentry and rumours of witchcraft blight the life of young Fortune Sharpe in this eerie tale based on real-life events.

A sinking boat. A girl in disguise. A disappearing sea.

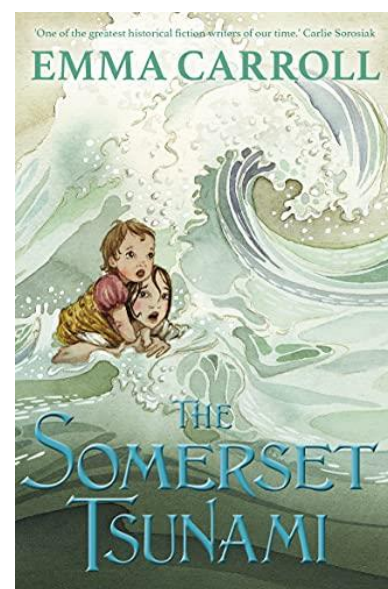
When Fortune Sharpe carves a boat from a tree with her beloved brother, Gem, she's only having a bit of fun. But now is not the time for a girl to be drawing attention to herself. She is sent away to find work dressed as a boy. Luckily a rich manor house is hiring.

Yet Barrow Hill's inhabitants harbour dangerous secrets of their own, the suspicious owner is hunting for witches, and the house itself is a little too close to the sea.

Statement of Belief

Our next 'Statement of Belief' is **"I try to be accepting of others"**

Time to talk: Why is it important to be accepting of others? How do we show that we are being accepting? How does it feel to be accepted ourselves, by others? How does it feel when we are not accepted? If you experience it, what can you do? Why do you think some people find it difficult to be accepting of others?



Accept one another,
just as Christ
accepted you.

-Romans 15:7

