

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week, Golden Children & Writing Champions

As it was our Sports Day today there was no Celebration Assembly so this week's awards will be carried over to next week instead.

Term 5 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  904 5649	St David's House  851 5687	St Patrick's House  991 5802	St George's House  829 5552
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100 Smilies!

Congratulations to everyone who have managed to earn 100 smilies so far, this academic year. This week in **Y4** we have Preston, Diion, Willow and Connie!

This Week's Attendance (Term 6) Transition Days			
1 st	Y2	99.0%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
1 st	Y4	99.0%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
5	Y3	97.5%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y1	96.7%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 th	Y5	96.6%	
6 th	FS2	95.2%	
7 th	Y6	93.4%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 96.7%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	FS2	78%
1 st	Y3	78%
3 rd	Y4	76%
3 rd	Y2	75%
5 th	Y5	75%
6 th	Y1	68%
7 th	Y6	68%
Average = 65%		

Our SJF Taster Days

I would like to thank our friends from All Saints Catholic High School, Aston Academy, Birley Academy, Handsworth Grange, Notre Dame Catholic High School and Westfield Academy, for the efforts they have made to support our Y6 children with their transition to Y7 next year.

I would also like to very much thank my colleagues for the hard work and care that went in to supporting our children both in the lead up to, and throughout, the three transition days this week. The children's positive responses reflected colleagues' significant efforts and focus on enabling all the children to feel reassured, so that the experience of the three days could be happy and positive as possible, for them all.

Assessment Point 3 (AP3) Reports

Over the next week the AP3 (end of the school year reports), will be emailed home, in year-group batches, as soon as they are ready, rather than altogether on a single day. This will ensure that parents/carers have their children's reports as soon as they are ready.

End of School Year Events

- 12-07-22 **Y1** Visit to Old Moor Wetland
- 14-07-22 **FS2 Y4** Final Liturgy of the Word of the school year
- 18-07-22 **Y6** Leavers' Mass, 7.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
- 20-07-22 End of year Mass of Thanksgiving, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church





Times Table Rock Stars Final

Earlier this week we had our last whole-school TT Rock Stars final of the academic year, for Terms 5 and 6!

A huge 'well done' to all children who made it to the final, representing their classes.

Congratulations to Luca (Y4), who performed brilliantly in order to win for the title for the third time in a row! A huge achievement in the face of some stiff competition! Well done!



LINKS Forge Valley Cycling Event

This week some of our Y5 Y4 children took part in an inter-school cycling competition at Forge Valley School. Our children were amazing and gave everything in their races. As a result of their efforts we came 5th out of nine schools in the mixed relay, which required everyone to complete a 1km lap! A BIG well done to everyone!

Huge thanks to the team from LINKS as well as Mr Johnson, Mrs Smith and Mrs Grayson for looking after and supporting our SJF cyclists so well! Please click [here](#) for more pictures. Thank you.

SJF Curriculum Showcase (Terms 5 & 6)

Yesterday we held our final Curriculum Showcase of the academic year. I would like to thank all the families and friends who were able to pop in for either the morning or afternoon session to appreciate some of the work our children have produced since Easter. I would like to thank my colleagues who have worked so tremendously to support the children; pull our showcase together; and support our visitors on the day. Finally, I would like to thank all our super children for producing their beautiful work. I would also like to thank those who acted as guides on the day, talking to our visitors about their learning, their curriculum and everything out on display. Please click [here](#) for more pictures.



SJF School Council Update



This week the St John Fisher School Council met with Mrs Berrisford from Taylor Shaw, who provide our school dinners.

At our council meeting this week we discussed with Taylor Shaw the pros and cons of our current school dinner menu. It was really useful to talk to Mrs. Berrisford about how our classmates feel about the food on the menu. She listened to all of our thoughts and took down lots of notes.

Edie, Y5 School Councillor





SJF Sports Day

Today we were able to enjoy our first Sports Day since 2019 and what a special day it was! Even the weather was kind to us. Our day was a celebration of physical activity, sport and positive competition.

All the children came to school dressed smartly in their PE uniforms, raring to go. In the morning we welcomed back our inclusive Festival of Sport which enabled the children to try (and enjoy) lots of different fun activities and challenges. Everyone had a great time!

In the afternoon we had two events with competitive races; one for our younger children followed by one for the older children in Years 3 to 6. Please click [here](#) for more pictures.

I would like to thank all the family and friends who were able to join us in order to support the children. I would like to give a huge 'thank you' to Mrs Broadhead and Mr Johnson for their hard work in arranging this special day, it has been fantastic! I would like to thank those colleagues who supported the children so brilliantly and those who worked behind the scenes to ensure that everything ran smoothly. I would like to thank our brilliant volunteers and the PTFA for their support too. Finally, though, I would like to thank the stars of today, our children, for their participation, engagement, effort, teamwork, bravery and sense of fun! You were all wonderful!



Our Catholic Life

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](#).

Our Latest Prayer for Peace

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 the Living God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear our prayers.
Jesus, I trust in You! Amen.



Our Virtues to Live By

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

Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name -
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On Earth as is in Heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses -
As we forgive those -
who trespass against us,
And lead us not in to temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen



Our July Song: 'This Little Light of Mine'

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine -
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine -
Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!



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.

- Ivy** in **Y1** dances with Drapers Dance School and recently took part in her first ever dance show, dancing to 'Bad Habits' and 'Singing in the Rain'! It was a great event! Well done Ivy, a great achievement!
- Charlie** in **Y3** recently completed a three-hour grading for his green belt in karate and managed to pass with flying colours, achieving a mark of 47/50! Congratulations Charlie!



Our Feature Books of the Week!

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

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

Kings of the Jungles by Donald MacCoy Williams (click [here](#))

Harklights by Tim Tilley (click [here](#))

Kings of the Jungles by Donald MacCoy Williams: The Amazon Review

Sergio the lion is King of the Jungle. Being King of the jungle is a great responsibility as Sergio shall soon see. Follow Sergio and the animals of the jungle as they take you on a wonderful learning experience.

Harklights by Tim Tilley: The Waterstones Review



Wick has always lived in the dark and dreadful Harklights Match Factory and Orphanage, working tirelessly for greedy Old Ma Bogey. He only dreams of escaping, until one day a bird drops something impossible and magical at his feet - a tiny baby in an acorn cradle...

As midnight chimes, Wick is visited by the Hobs, miniature protectors of the forest.

Grateful for the kindness shown to their stolen child, they offer Wick the chance of a lifetime - escape from Harklights and begin a new life with them in the wild... Winner of the Joan Aiken Future Classics Prize, *Harklights* is a magical story celebrating family, friendship and the natural world, filled with a message of hope for our times.



Statement of Belief

Our next 'Statement of Belief' is **"I try to accept the forgiveness of others"**

Time to talk: To be forgiven is a gift. Sometimes it is a gift that is difficult to accept because we feel too ashamed of the choices we have made. Though it can be hard to accept the forgiveness of others, God asks to. He reminds us that His only son, Jesus, died on a cross so that we can receive forgiveness from those we hurt. He calls us to stop being afraid and trust in Him by accepting the forgiveness of others. It is important to remember that *forgiveness* is an act of love and God is love. By accepting forgiveness, we are accepting God, and we are choosing freedom. Can you think of a time when you found it hard to accept forgiveness?

There is no love
without forgiveness,
and there is no
forgiveness without
love.



Relax. Don't be so
hard on yourself.
You are living and
learning. Forgive
yourself and grow
from the experience.

