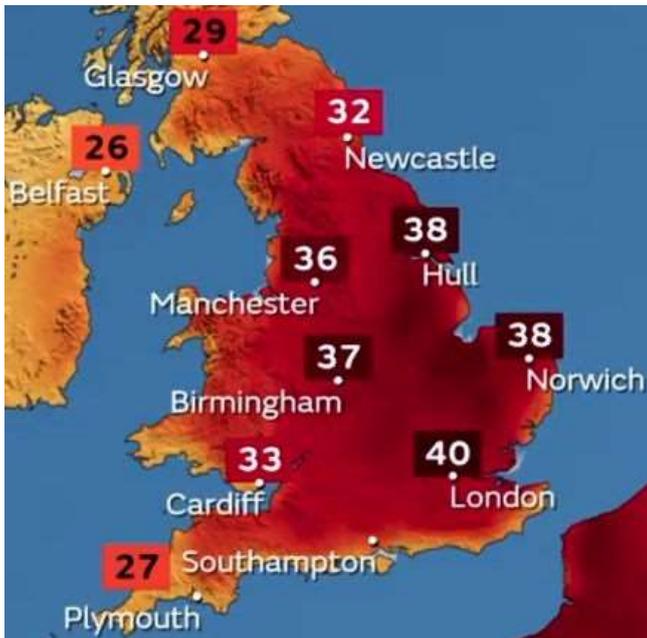


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Weather Warning

As you will be aware the advance weather forecasts are for extreme heat on Monday and Tuesday next week. We are therefore writing to let you know about our plans to keep your children safe. It certainly feels strange to be sending information like this, when we are more used to snow and ice than the heat!

Obviously, all the usual 'Sun Smart' precautions will apply next week. The children should be covered in a long lasting and appropriately high SPF sunscreen **before** leaving the house in the morning. They should not bring their own sunscreen in to school. If you need special arrangements regarding sunscreen or any other medication, please contact us to arrange a care plan and speak to a member of staff first thing on Monday.

Children should have their own appropriate sun hat and a water bottle with them. As always, they will have full access to as much water as they need, all day.

Clothing

Monday and Tuesday will be **non-uniform** days for all children. There will be **no** PE on Monday and Tuesday to avoid the risks posed by dehydration and exposure to the sun. Children should come to school wearing suitable clothing that is cooling and looser. The clothing should also protect them from the sun. Loose cotton t-shirts that cover the shoulders and tops of arms, rather than vests or polyester football shirts, for example, would be more appropriate for the conditions. The children's footwear should cover and protect their feet, so trainers or pumps are ideal rather than open sandals and certainly **no flip flops or sliders**.

The Building

During this period, the children will take regular water breaks to ensure that they remain hydrated. Classrooms and other spaces will be kept well ventilated with all windows and doors across the school remaining open to encourage airflow throughout the building. Blinds in classes will remain closed to try and reduce any glare.

Breaktimes & Lunchtimes

At break and lunchtimes, the children will remain either inside or under appropriate shade.

Leavers' Mass

The young people of Y6 are asked to **wear school uniform** for their Leavers' Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church at 7.00pm on Monday 18th July 2022.

Wednesday 20th July 2022

As it is our end of year Mass of Thanksgiving on **Wednesday 20th July 2022**, and the weather is forecast to be less hot, the children are asked to **wear their school uniform**.

Thursday 21st July 2022

Our last day will continue to be a non-uniform day as planned.

After-School Clubs

There will be **no** after school clubs next week.

We have been sent some guidance from the Local Authority and have used this to inform you of the way we intend to work. Should we receive further guidance we will inform you.



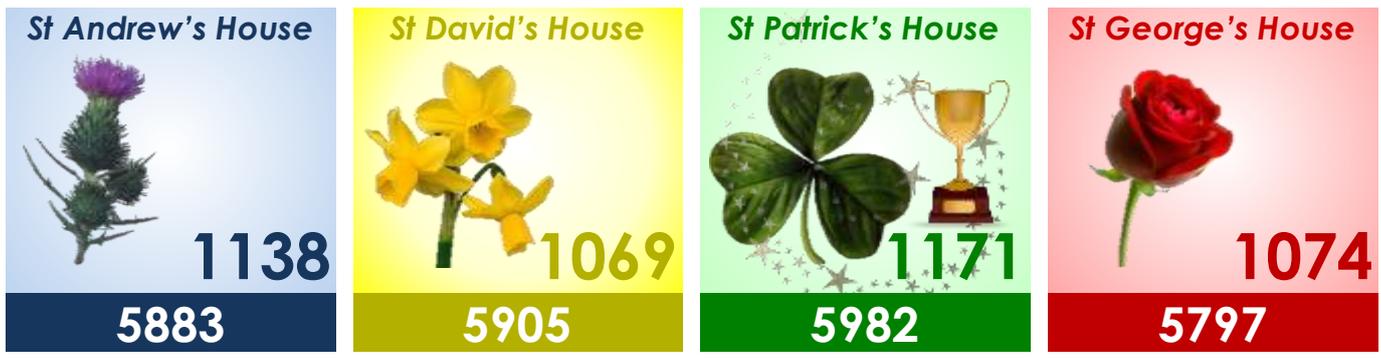
Citizen of the Week

Last week's award goes to **Ruby** in **Y6** who tries to be accepting of others in line with last week's Statement of Belief. Ruby understands, more and more, why it is important to be accepting and respectful of others and has made huge efforts, recently, to be so. There have been occasions when Ruby has made some really good decisions lately that have helped others. She has also been trying really hard in class. Well done, Ruby!

Citizen of the Week

This week's award goes to **Priscilla** in **Y5**, who accepts the forgiveness of others, in line with this week's Statement of Belief. Priscilla is very kind, thoughtful and friendly to everyone. If someone is down she will try to cheer them up. If people fall out she will try to bring them together. If someone makes a poor choice and is sorry, she makes sure they know that it is ok. What a super example you are, Priscilla, well done and thank you!

Final Term 6 Smiley Scores



Smiley Awards!

Congratulations to Alana and Noah in **Y4** who have earned 100 smilies and Nadia, Imogen, Violet, Harry in **FS2** who have earned 200 smilies! Congratulations all of you!

Term 6 and 2021-22 Champions!

Congratulations to everyone in St Patrick's House, our Term 6 Champions and overall 2021-2022 Champions!

This Week's Attendance (Term 6)			
1 st	Y5	98.8%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y1	98.7%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y6	98.7%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
4 th	Y4	97.3%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
5 th	Y3	96.9%	Billy Bear will visit next week
6 th	Y2	95.2%	
7 th	FS2	93.9%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 97.1%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	FS2	88%
2 nd	Y3	83%
3 rd	Y5	80%
3 rd	Y4	78%
5 th	Y1	74%
6 th	Y6	72%
7 th	Y2	66%
Average = 77%		



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.

- **Violet** in **FS2** made her Rainbows promise recently, well done, Violet!
- **Chloe** **Y1** performed with Razzamataz Drama School at the Octagon Centre, recently; she also achieved 'Stage 2' in swimming; received a 'Lifesaver' certificate; and was 'Star of the Week' in her drama class for singing a solo! Congratulations, Chloe!
- **Max** in **Y3** achieved his yellow belt in karate recently, congratulations, Max!
- **Bruno** in **Y4** recently took part in European Space Agency (ESA) and Raspberry Pi Foundation challenge called Astro Pi - Mission Zero. Bruno received a special certificate to confirm that his computer program was run on board the International Space Station! Well done, Bruno!
- **Isabelle** in **Y5** took part in her first gymnastics competition as part of The Sheffield Gymnastics Academy. She managed four podium finishes out of five in a group of fifteen competitors. Congratulations, Isabelle!



Golden Children 8th July 2022

- FS2** **Vlad** for making a fantastic start at St John Fisher. Well done and welcome!
- Y1** **Seren** for trying so hard in her Read Write Inc sessions, she is so focussed, reading sounds and reading books with her partner. Well done, Seren!
- Y2** **Tilly** for always participating, accepting the challenges set and for learning from mistakes with a big smile on your face. You always show great determination and honesty!
- Y3** **Jacob** for being kind and supportive to his friends and class members when they are upset. Jacob always makes sure that everyone is okay and happy. Well done, Jacob!
- Y4** **Dominique** for producing some excellent work in maths. She has demonstrated good listening skills and was able to write about patterns and use rules to help.
- Y5** **Evan** for trying very hard with his maths quizzes; showing his working out and for being mature about everything!
- Y6** **Raheel** for being a constant (and appropriate) source of fun, laughter and friendship in our class this year!

Golden Children 15th July 2022

- FS2** **Ava** for showing good teamwork and for trying really hard cheer on other children during sports day!
- Y1** **Eliel** for producing some super maths work to do with money! He could talk about what different coins are worth and even find coins of!
- Y2** **Hector** for putting himself forward for challenges in class; increasing his participation and for getting on with his work in class quietly, even when it is tricky. You are definitely ready to join Y3!
- Y3** **Keyla** for being such a hard worker, day in day out. Keyla always tries her best in everything and gives 100%. She is such a great role-model to the rest of the class!
- Y4** **Willow** for really trying hard in all lessons and for contributing so positively to all discussions. Well done!
- Y5** **Bronte** for her willingness to have a go at anything, even when she might find things difficult. She always manages this with a smile too! Great stuff Bronte!
- Y6** **Ruby** for the hardworking and mature attitude she has displayed recently. It is appreciated and has been so wonderful to see!

Writing Champions 8th July 2022

- FS2** **Vaani** for trying really hard to use interesting vocabulary in her writing
- Y1** **Ewan** for amazing effort and improvement in his handwriting, he has slowed down when he writes and the difference in the presentation of his work is amazing!
- Y2** **Gabriella** for writing a super story about 'If I could paint the world'. You really thought about the content and used your imagination.
- Y3** **Hyrum** for his resilience. He has been on such a great journey within his writing and is really beginning to fly! He puts 100% effort into every writing session that we do.
- Y4** **Aalia** for writing from a plan to make a non-chronological report about herself. It was full of description.
- Y5** **Hannah** for really using your imagination and trying new vocabulary in your super sentences.
- Y6** **Kessy** for the incredible language and excellent range of punctuation that she has used in her writing this year.



Writing Champions 15th July 2022

- FS2** **Maya** for working really hard to develop her handwriting and letter formation.
- Y1** **Shelby** for a brilliant recount about our Year 1 trip to Old Moor. Shelby is really putting more effort into her writing and the results are brilliant, well done Shelby!
- Y2** **Drew** for producing a great booklet about Fruit salads. He presented his ideas really well!
- Y3** **Musa** for writing a great introduction to his retelling of 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf!'. He made sure to really grip the reader with an engaging and exciting introduction! Well done Musa!
- Y4** **Hugo** for writing a good description about a kingfisher in his plan, using similes. It should turn into a good 'ode' poem.
- Y5** **Lily-Mae** for trying really hard to punctuate sentences and paragraphs and for her determination to keep improving with every piece of writing.
- Y6** **Charlie** for the huge amount of progress he has made in his writing this year, and for producing a very good portfolio of work.

Women's Euro Football Finals 2022

Some of our children travelled down to Sheffield United's Bramall Lane stadium to watch the international Women's Euro match between Switzerland Vs Sweden earlier this week! It was a fantastic game and the children loved it, and were absolutely brilliant! There was lots of cheering and positive support for both sides, though our pupils favoured Sweden more, which probably contributed to their 2-1 victory! Thank you to Mrs Broadhead, Mr Smith, Miss Brownbill and Mrs Steenson for organising and supporting our children! Whilst there the children spotted a very enthusiastic Mrs Gregory, who was also lending her support to Sweden!



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Catholic Cup

On Tuesday 12th July two SJF teams took part in the Catholic Cup at the Goals Centre at All Saints Catholic High School. It was the first Catholic Cup tournament since 2019, and as usual the tournament was organised by our friends from All Saints Catholic High School!

The tournament involved teams of girls and boys representing all the Sheffield Catholic primary schools. In a very competitive tournament both SJF teams performed with increasing confidence in each game as they settled. They played well and were very unfortunate in some of the matches - but that is football! I would like to congratulate our players, who should all feel very proud because of the way they played, worked hard and supported one another. They were tremendous and were great ambassadors for our school and values!



I would like to thank all the staff who prepared them in the build-up, and who supported them so well on the day too.

We also thank All Saints for organising this special event. The winner of the girls' tournament was the team representing St Thomas of Canterbury, Meadowhead, and in the boys' tournament the winning team was from St Mary's, High Green.



Old Moor

Y1 Educational Visit to Old Moor Wetlands

This week our Y1 children had an amazing visit to the Old Moor Wetlands Trust site in the Dearne Valley. They all enjoyed being 'plant detectives'; identifying different plants from a chart and describing them. They were able to draw upon previous learning and knowledge about plants and trees. The children also enjoyed pond dipping as they tried to first catch and then identify pond mini-beasts. It was a hot day and all the children had a fantastic time! They behaved well and were a credit to our school, their parents/carers and themselves. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who accompanied us and without whom the trip would not have been possible. A huge thank you also to Mrs Sambrook for organising everything.



Click [here](#) for more pictures.



SJF School Council and Healthy Minds Buddy Bench

This week our SJF School Council and our SJF Healthy Minds Champions were very happy to reveal the winning design of new SJF Buddy Bench.

Here's a word from Jessica, our School Council Chairperson on what was a very important week...

Following celebration assembly on Friday, we revealed the finished Buddy Bench to the rest of the children.

We chose the fantastic design submitted by Bella-Rae from Y4.

Mrs Cooper from the PTFA then painted the design on to the bench. She did a fantastic job – it looks amazing!



It was really nice to work alongside the Healthy Minds team on this project and to see our hard work pay off.

I would like to thank Mrs Cooper as well as Mr MacInnes and Mr Smith who coordinate and support our Council and our Healthy Minds Champions.



A reminder that our first ever Healthy Minds newsletter has been published and can be reached via this [link](#).

Fantastic News

I was contacted by Sheffield Hallam University earlier this week and informed that Mrs Broadhead has been nominated for a special award by two of the trainee teachers that she has mentored this year. This is wonderful news and reflects the hard work she has put in and the enormous dedication she has shown to support them. My sincere congratulations go to her along with my thanks to her and to all my colleagues who have supported students on placement with us during what has been a very long and unpredictable year.

Building Improvements

Work to further improve our FS2 classroom commences at the end of term, so that it will be completed in time for the start of the new academic year. The library will also be finished over the summer holiday by our friends from the PTFA and Gripple. If you would like to support the PTFA please email them (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org).

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

Thank you to the young people of **FS2** and **Y4** who led us in our final liturgy of the year on Thursday it was a lovely celebration.



Leavers' Mass 2022

Monday 18th July 2022, sees the return of our annual Leavers' Mass; the first since 2019. We invite all the Y6 children and their families and friends to join us for this special service of thanksgiving and praise. Mass will begin at 7.00pm and we ask that the children arrive from 6.30pm, dressed smartly in their school uniform. Upon arrival they are asked to wait in the Parish Centre with staff. Families and friends can wait in the church.

End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving 2022

We will all gather as a school community at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on **Wednesday 20th July 2022**, for a special Mass of thanksgiving that will start at 10.00am. All are welcome for a special liturgy that will recognise all that has been achieved this year by our children, staff, Governors and PTFA. It will also be a celebration of the strong and vitally important bonds that exist between our parish and school.

A Prayer for Peace

Peace,
Perfect peace –
Is the gift of Christ our
lord.

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"Thus," says the Lord,
"will the world know my
name."

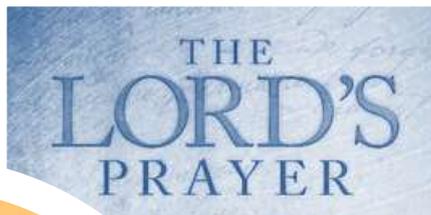
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Our Virtues to Live By

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*

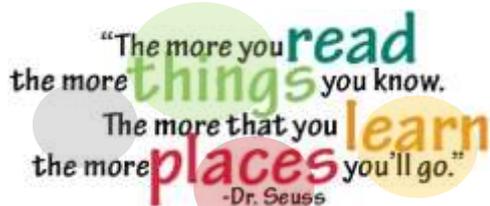


Our July Song: 'This Little Light of Mine'

*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!*



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:

A Stroll Through the Seasons by Kay Barnham (click [here](#))

Malamander by Thomas Taylor (click [here](#))

A Stroll Through the Seasons by Kay Barnham: The Waterstones Review

This beautifully illustrated picture book shows the glorious nature of spring greenery, dazzling summer sunshine, vibrant autumn leaves and sparkling winter snow. Follow the journey of a young boy and girl as they stroll through wind, rain, sunshine and snow to explore the wonderful changes that each season brings. '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.



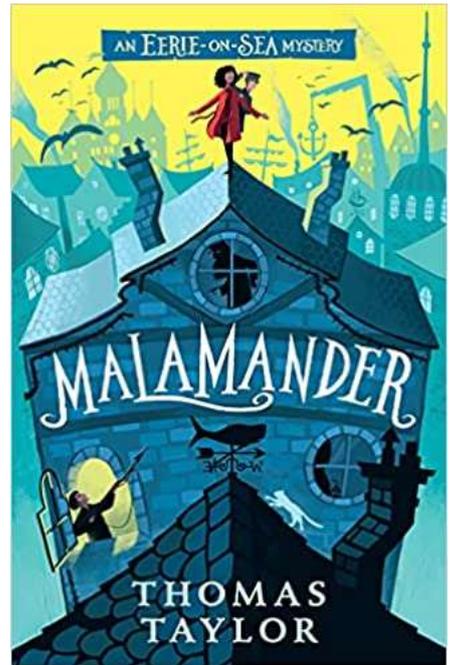
Malamander by Thomas Taylor: The Waterstones Review

Could the monstrous Malamander be lurking midst the rocks and wrecks of Eerie-on-Sea? The tropes of supernatural children's classics are given a fresh and witty spin in this tale perfect for lovers of maritime mysteries.

Nobody visits Eerie-on-Sea in the winter. Especially not when darkness falls and the wind howls around Maw Rocks and the wreck of the battleship Leviathan, where even now some swear they have seen the unctuous Malamander creep...

Herbert Lemon, Lost-and-Founder at the Grand Nautilus Hotel, knows that returning lost things to their rightful owners is not easy - especially when the lost thing is not a thing at all, but a girl.

No one knows what happened to Violet Parma's parents twelve years ago, and when she engages Herbie to help her find them, the pair discover that their disappearance might have something to do with the legendary sea-monster, the Malamander. Eerie-on-Sea has always been a mysteriously chilling place, where strange stories seem to wash up. And it just got stranger...



Hot Weather Safety Tips

 <p>Drink water and beverages that contain electrolytes even if you don't feel thirsty.</p>	 <p>Stay indoors and in air-conditioned areas.</p>	 <p>Cool off by taking a bath or shower.</p>	 <p>Wear light-weight, light-colored, and loose-fitting clothing.</p>
 <p>Limit physical activity during the peak heat hours of 10 am - 3 pm.</p>	 <p>Never leave children or pets in a parked car.</p>	 <p>Wear sunglasses and sunscreen with SPF 15+.</p>	 <p>Check on older adults including family, friends, or neighbors often.</p>