



Welcome!

Please join us for our special PTFA welcome meeting:

- Monday 3rd October 2022
- 3.30pm
- Y6 classroom
- Supervised childcare provided
- All welcome!

Find out about all the things that were done and achieved in 2021-2022 and ideas for projects for the year ahead.

Share your views and ideas about new events.

Offer to help at an event or two.

Please support our PTFA!


Thank you!

Citizen of the Week

Our Citizen of the Week is **Eddie** in **Y4** who understands the importance of forgiveness in line with our 'Statement of Belief', this week. Eddie appreciates that everyone makes mistakes and when they do, the gift of forgiveness can heal the hurt and rebuild bridges. Eddie is friendly and lots of fun and he likes to try and help others if they fall out, so they can be friends again. Congratulations Eddie, we are all very proud of you!

Term 1 Smiley Scores


St Andrew's House



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St David's House



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St Patrick's House



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St George's House



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SJF Calendar

You can keep on top of what is going on in school by checking out our new 2022-2023 calendar via this [link](#).

School Photographs

The children will be having individual photographs on **Thursday 6th October 2022**. We ask that they all wear full school uniform on that day. For the children in Years 5 and 6 who would normally come to school wearing PE uniform, we ask that they also come to school wearing full school uniform, and bring their PE uniform with them to change in to. Thank you.



Pupil Voice at SJF

SJF Eco Team Update

During this week's SJF Eco Team meeting we discussed regenerating the flower pots around our school. We want to create pots that will flower all through the year, to help insects and bugs, and to also help keep our school environment looking nice. We will be using a bulb layering technique within the pots to create an effect that flowers all through the year.



SJF Chaplaincy Team Update

As part of their role in school, the Chaplaincy Team have the task of planning and delivering the weekly Chaplain's Liturgies either on Friday or Monday afternoons. This week's meeting was spent collating our liturgies and getting everything ready. These liturgies are a chance for our Chaplains to lead us as we gather in prayer and reflect upon the key themes of the scripture readings. This week the **Y1** Chaplains, Imogen and Pedro, invited Mr Barratt to join the class so that he could be part of their special prayer time.

Our themes this week are:

- 'Forgive one another' in **Y1** and **Y2**
- 'Encourage others and show kindness to them' in **Y3** and **Y4**
- 'The Prodigal Son' in **Y5** and **Y6**
- **FS2** pupils have age-appropriate 'story liturgies' each Friday



SJF Healthy Minds Champions Update

Our latest (October) Healthy Minds newsletter is out and can be accessed by hitting this [LINK](#). Parents, carers, family members and friends are also invited to join us for a cuppa and to learn more about the 'Healthy Minds' culture we are embedding in school, on **Thursday 13th October 2022**. Please try and join us at **2.30pm** to find out more about what we do, why we do it, and the support that is out there for our children and their families.



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Our Catholic Life

Our Virtues to Live By

This term we focus on **respect** and **courtesy** during our Tuesday assemblies.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Thank you to the young people of **Y4** who both led our Liturgy of the Word and supported their new **FS2** buddies so magnificently!

It was such a special liturgy, and all the children joined in and behaved beautifully. We thank the family members and friends of both our FS2 and Y4 children, who were able to join us, as well as the FS2 and Y4 teams for preparing and supporting all the children so well! You can view the liturgy by hitting this [LINK](#). Our next Liturgy of the Word will be on **Thursday 6th October 2022** and it will be led by the young people of **Y2**. We again welcome their family and friends to join us in the hall at 9.00am. Thank you.



Collective Worship

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Citizenship Statement of Belief Assembly (Headteacher) & Chaplains' Liturgies (Years 1, 5 and 6)	'Virtues to Live By' Class Assembly (Teachers & Chaplains)	Themed Assembly (Teacher-Led)	Weekly Liturgy of the Word (Class-Led)	Celebration Assembly (Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher) Chaplains' Liturgies (Years 2, 3 and 4) Story Liturgy (FS2)

Our October Prayer

As October is the month of Mary our 'gathering' song changes to 'Ave Maria'.

Our prayer of the month also changes to 'Hail Holy Queen' which is a traditional prayer dedicated to Our Lady. As it is not said as often these days, we wanted to include it in our SJF prayer programme.

October Gathering Song

Ave Maria, Grafia plena. Dominus, te cum – Benedicta tu.	As I kneel before you As I bow my head in prayer Take this day, make it yours And feel me with your love.
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Hail, holy Queen,
Mother of mercy,
Hail our life,
Our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
Thine eyes of mercy toward us,
And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.



Y6 Residential

Our Y6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic residential at The Hollowford Centre, Castleton, this week. So many positive comments about their attitudes, engagement, teamwork and behaviour were shared by the Hollowford Team and others whom we also thank for their kind words and for looking after them all so well. We also thank our SJF team who supported the children so brilliantly: Mr MacInness, Mrs Steenson, Mr Smith and Mrs Raynes. A full report and photos will be shared next week.



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Golden Children

- FS2** **George** for making a great start to his SJF career. Though he started later than the rest of the class he has managed to settle in and get to grips with the routines of class and school life. Well done, George!
- Y1** **Ava** for trying so hard to make the right choices all week and for listening so well to her adults! Well done, Ava, we are all very proud of you!
- Y2** **Enzo** for working extremely hard all week and for showing such an excellent attitude to learning. He is really trying hard to be a more independent learner!
- Y3** **Jack M** for displaying a mature attitude to his learning and for being so respectful to everyone and everything! What a star!
- Y4** **Scarlet** for being such a fantastic role-model, getting on with tasks quietly and always trying her best. She displays a fantastic growth mindset! Well done, Scarlet!
- Y5** **Hugo**, for have a great week! He has worked hard in all lessons and has got involved, asking questions and sharing views and answers during class discussions. Well done!
- Y6** **The whole class** for engaging so positively in the activities at Hollowford! Their manners and attitudes were excellent, as we expect, and SJF staff received a number positive comments from instructors!

Writing Champions

- FS2** **Margot** for her fantastically enthusiastic mark-making and for often passing little notes to the teachers, on which she has practised writing!
- Y1** **Violet** for creating super *speech bubble* writing! Violet even remembered to use exclamation marks, full stops and capital letters! What an absolute star!
- Y2** **Ivy** for working really hard with all her writing this week. She made a great effort to include lots of adjectives within her story! It was fantastic! Well done, Ivy!
- Y3** **Niamh** for creating her own super story based on our story, The Stone-Age Boy! It was brilliant, well done!
- Y4** **Marcus** for writing a brilliant description of Beowulf! He managed to include fantastic noun-phrases and a few magnificent wow words as well!
- Y5** **Preston** for producing some great notes, in preparation for the non-chronological report the children are all preparing to write. He has really shown a keen interest in our current history topic. Well done!
- Y6** As the children were at The Hollowford Centre, on residential, there was no Writing Champion this week.

DIGITAL THEATRE+



Hamlet | Royal Shakespeare Company | Production photography by Manuel Harlan ©

We are delighted to share that at the Digital Theatre + you and your children will now be able to watch great theatre productions from across the UK and the world from the comfort of your own homes! You will be able to experience the classics, everything from different interpretations of William Shakespeare's **Romeo & Juliet**, **Macbeth**, **Hamlet** and **The Tempest** – to name but a few of the productions you can access – to the great Broadway musicals like **42nd Street**, **Anything Goes**, **Funny Girl** (starring Sheridan Smith) and the great Stephen Sondheim's, **Into the Woods** – again to name but a few. There are so many more to choose from!



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There is something for everyone, so if musicals are not quite your thing, then why not have a look at the Old Vic's acclaimed production of **A Christmas Carol**, as we head towards the festive season? If you prefer something a little darker, then why not try Black Eyed Theatre's hugely successful stage production of Mary Shelley's **Frankenstein**?

The subscription is for productions deemed appropriate for primary-aged pupils. To access Digital Theatre+ please click this [LINK](#) and use the login details below. Let us know what you think (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org).

• **username:** student@st-johnfisher.org

• **password:** SJFchild1!



Our BYB Challenge

We have decided to continue with Priscilla's BYB challenge this week, as she was away last week on residential, and unable to support the children at breaktimes.

A reminder that the aim of her challenge is for a child to try and tag as many people as they can, using a soft ball, within a specified area and an allotted time.

Click [here](#) to watch, again, Priscilla's demonstration. Find her at breaktime if you want to find out more or have a go. Why not practice in school or with family members and friends at home? What will your best score be? Can you beat your best?

The Marie Kerley Library

Thank you to everyone who took the opportunity to visit our newly refurbished 'Marie Kerley Library' this week after school. We thank, sincerely, everyone who was involved, especially Mrs Cooper and Mrs Patterson from our PTFA, Gripple engineers and parishioners from Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. We are now in the process of planning a formal opening liturgy and will share details when they are finalised.

In the meantime, click below to see photographs of children enjoying the beautiful new space for the first time.



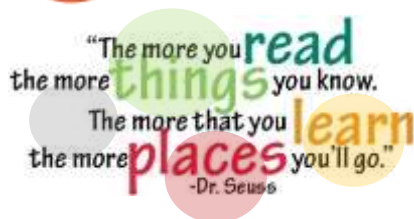
- the behind-the-scenes [LINK](#)
- the [Y1 LINK](#)
- the [Y2 LINK](#)
- the [Y3 LINK](#)

PTFA Library Competition Winners
Congratulations to, our special PTFA Library Competition winners; Jack and Katie



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Our Feature Books of the Week!

Our new 2022-2023 **SJF book list** can be accessed via this [link](#).

Our latest feature books are:

Alba The One-Hundred-Year-Old Fish by Laura Hawthorne
(click [here](#) for more information)

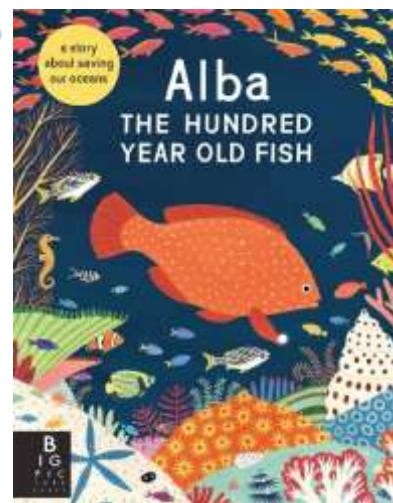
Old Enough to Save the Planet by Loll Kirby
(click [here](#) for more information)

Alba The One-Hundred-Year-Old Fish: The Waterstones Review

Alba the fish has spent her entire life collecting precious objects that drift down to the ocean floor.

From delicate shells to brightly coloured coral, each year on her birthday she gathers one more precious item. But over the years, Alba notices her collection is losing its sparkle and that the world is changing. What are these bits of plastic and metal? As the coral reef fades, Alba decides to leave her home behind. Can an old fish teach the world how to bring colour back to the ocean?

The One-Hundred-Year-Old Fish gently highlights the issue of pollution. A beautifully illustrated picture book from exciting new talent Lara Hawthorne.



Old Enough to Save the Planet: The Waterstones Review

Meet kids - just like you - taking action against climate change. Learn about the work they do and discover how the future of our planet starts here... ..with you!

- "A marvellous book... highly recommended for readers from around 7 years upwards." (*Just So Stories*)
- "Highly recommended... an important book that may inspire more children to follow in the footsteps of these young climate change activists." (*ReadPlus*)
- "I love how a positive, contagious voice and succinct writing style is combined with beautifully detailed illustrations. Each spread tells its own story, bursts of inspiration and shows children that they too can make a difference; even at a young age!" (*Kids Book Review*)



Achievements outside of School

A reminder to please send details of your children's achievements outside of school to us via our main email address (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) so that they can be included in the newsletter.

It does not matter whether achievements are big or small we would be delighted to share the good news and celebrate them!

- **Charlie Y3** was performed brilliantly with nun chucks in front of 200 people recently in a karate show. His football team also won 9-0 in cup match recently! Well done, Charlie!
- **Jack M Y3** was awarded the 'Players' Player of the Year' trophy from the Frecheville under 9s Cricket Team for his performances and team spirit this season!



Week 1 Attendance			
1 st	Y3	100%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y2	98.6%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y5	96.2%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y4	94.1%	Billy Bear will visit next week
4 th	Y6	94.1%	
6 th	FS2	91.3%	
7 th	Y1	86.3%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 94.4%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y2	87%
2 nd	Y5	82%
3 rd	Y4	78%
4 th	Y3	70%
5 th	FS2	69%
5 th	Y1	68%
7 th	Y6	Away
		Average = 76%

Mr Smith, our Learning and Inclusion Mentor, has a routine meeting with a local authority attendance officer next week to discuss our attendance data both for last year and for the start of this current academic year. They will be going through the attendance data for each class as well as for individual children and families, focusing more closely where attendance has been, or is becoming, a concern.

Mr Smith will then be reaching out to those families identified by the local authority officer, in order to offer information and support that will help lead, hopefully, to an improvement in attendance.

We also invite any parents/carers who have any questions about attendance or who might be worried about their own children's attendance or punctuality, to contact us directly (0114 2486009 or enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) so that we can listen, firstly, and then offer advice and support. Thank you.

Our Statement of Belief

Next week our 'statement of Belief' continues to be about forgiveness. It is **"I know how to show I am sorry."**

Time to talk: You could think about what *being* sorry is really like. What does it actually mean - to be sorry?

How can we show that we are sorry? How *should* we show we are sorry?

Why is it so difficult to actually say sorry sometimes?

Why does Jesus challenge us to say sorry when we have hurt others and have been unkind or unfair?

How does it feel when you pluck up the courage to say sorry - and are then forgiven - unconditionally?

A sincere apology
has three parts:

I am sorry

It is my fault

What can I do to
make it right?

