

SJF NEWS



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Citizen of the Week & Weekly Awards

The Citizen of the Week award for the final week of Term 1, along with all other weekly awards, will be carried over to the first week of Term 2 as our Harvest Mass meant that we could not have a Celebration Assembly.

Term 1 Final Smiley Scores

The scores will be shared in the next newsletter.

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](#).

Term 2 Learning Value

Our Term 2 Learning Value is 'Honesty'. To be honest is to speak and act truthfully and not, knowingly, say anything that is untrue. It is about being open and transparent. It is about being authentic and acting with integrity.

People who are honest do not do things that are morally wrong, but rather, they try hard to take responsibility for themselves, their words and their actions. They do not break rules or laws, nor do they hide their true intentions and actions from others.



Honesty is as much about being truthful to others as it is about being truthful to ourselves. This includes knowing and understanding why we act in certain ways. It is about being true to ourselves, our values and our beliefs.



Be Safe Be Happy Week 2022

At the heart of our SJF ethos and mission is the belief that everyone has the right to feel happy, safe and loved, whatever their age; wherever they are; and whoever they are with - every day of their lives. We therefore do lots to support and affirm our children so that they can understand this.

Linked to this, the children are encouraged to express their feelings and we try hard to support them so they know what to do if *someone* or *something* ever makes them feel unhappy, unsafe or unloved. The children are reminded constantly to 'Tell! Tell! Tell!' if they have a worry. They are reassured that they can choose anyone they feel comfortable talking to, and share a worry, knowing it will be heard and they will be helped.

A key strand of this ongoing focus is our annual 'Be Safe - Be Happy Week', which takes place at the start of Term 2. Across school the children will participate in a range of sessions that promote personal safety and reinforce key messages around wellbeing. This year the focus is more on 'self', though there will be some familiar sessions, including a visit from our friends from South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue and Taylor Shaw.

The week is all about affirming and reassuring our children. It is not about frightening them. The highlighting of potential risks and dangers will be done in age-appropriate ways with messages being balanced positively with advice and strategies to help them in different situations. 'Tell! Tell! Tell!' is a key part of this messaging.

Be Safe Be Happy Week 2022: Keeping Children Safe Online

Social media sites and apps are created to connect people across the UK and the world. This can be both a good and bad thing. It can be positive when friends and family are reunited and can keep connected; it can be positive when new and appropriate friendships are formed; or when people can be brought together because they share common interests, beliefs or passions.



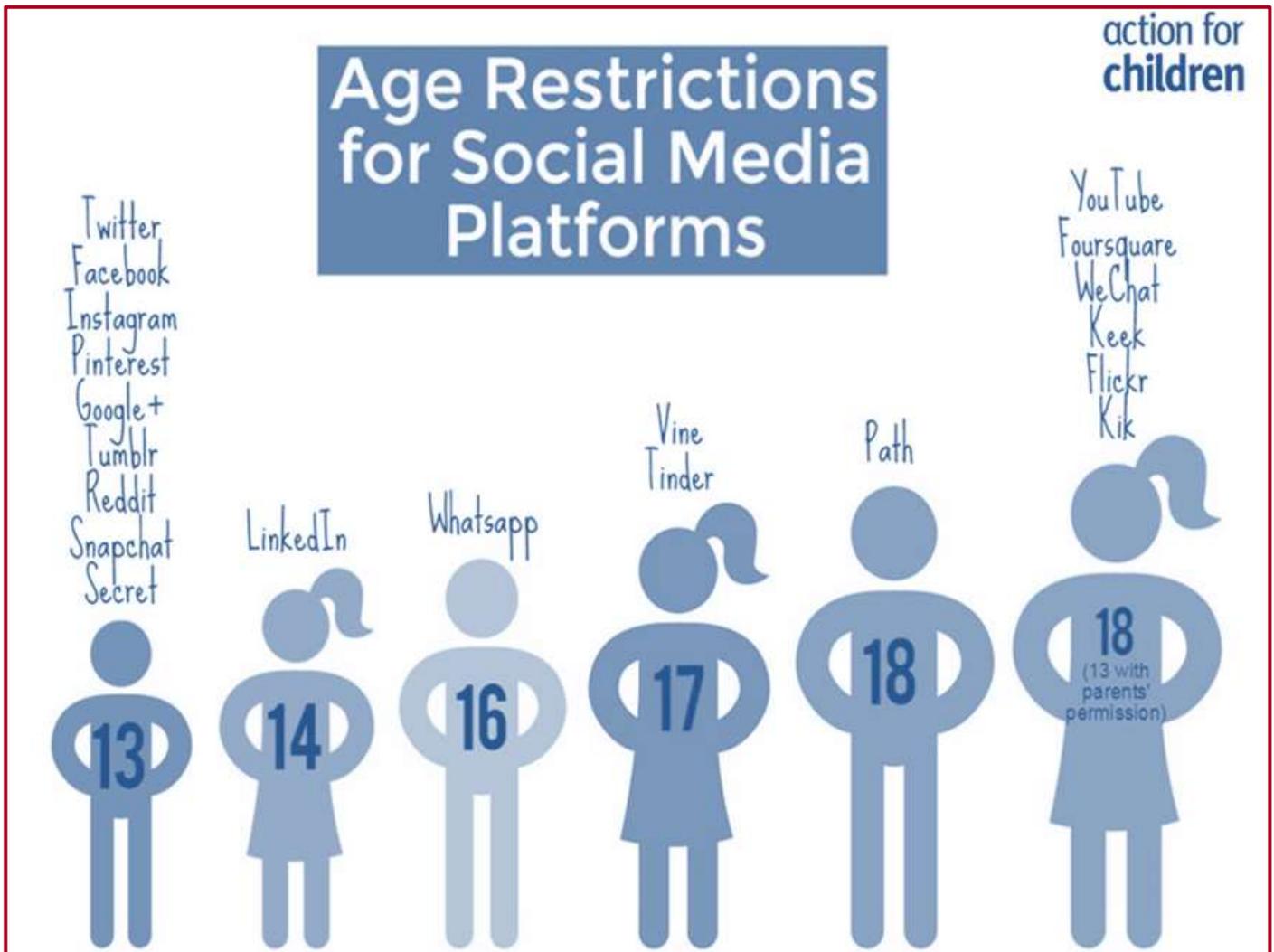
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However, there is also a negative flipside to this because social media sites can – and, sadly, all too frequently do – expose young people and potentially vulnerable children to the threat of connecting online with dangerous people who seek to bully, control and harass others. Counted amongst these dangerous people are sexual predators. It is for this reason that most social media sites, claiming to be responsible, impose age restrictions, but sadly even these, as we have seen in the news, are not always enough to protect the young.

We were all horrified by the tragic story of Molly Russell, the young lady who suffered so much in silence, and ultimately ended up taking her own life as a direct result of the influence of social media (please click [here](#)). Her parents have spoken bravely about the impact of social media on their daughter, and of how her loss affects them every day, in the hope that lessons will be learned and no other children will be lost in this way.

We have been advised by the local authority that parents/carers who allow, or enable, their children to bypass age-limits etc. in order to sign up to social media sites are, potentially, putting them at real risk of harm. It is acknowledged that it can be really hard for some parents/carers to resist because their children often feel pressure from others close to them to have a social media presence, and they are not interested in the more secure and age-appropriate platforms, which are aimed at children. Unfortunately, more schools, including ours, are having to deal with complaints from children and/or parents/carers about inappropriate comments/images shared by other children on sites like WhastApp, TikTok, Snapchat, Roblox etc. out of school.



We therefore advise, strongly, that parents/carers resist any requests to allow or help their children bypass the rules restricting access to adult social media sites, even if there is a lot of pressure to allow them to do so. It is important to remember that age limits exist to protect our children, and not to ruin their social lives. You will note that **none** of the sites highlighted above, are actually aimed at primary-aged pupils.



Getting online can be surprisingly easy, especially if there is inadequate supervision. Children can get online through XBOX and PlayStation-type consols, tablets, laptops, smart phones, watches and TVs and PCs. It has been reported that under-age children in our city have managed to get online using their next-door neighbour's Wi-Fi; the free Wi-Fi available in shops, restaurants, libraries, motorway services and other public spaces. It can be very difficult to monitor everything your child does (or is exposed to) via social media, even for the most determined parents/carers. Further information is available from our website by clicking this [link](#).

Remembrance 2022

All our children will have special lessons around remembrance, and the commemoration of Remembrance Sunday. They will learn about its origins in order to develop an appreciation of its significance. They will find out about the sacrifices made by British and Commonwealth service personnel and their families in the First World War and in other conflicts since. They will pause to honour those who died, and take a moment to reflect on the suffering of all civilians and victims as they pray for peace and an end to conflicts. On Armistice Day (Friday 11th November 2022) our school community will come together for our annual Service of Remembrance at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. It will be led by the young people of Y6.



Poppy Appeal 2022

We are proud to support the important work of the Royal British Legion by joining in with the annual poppy appeal, as we do every year. Paper poppies will be on sale to staff and pupils for a donation to the appeal. For metal badges we ask for minimum donation of £1 and even more if possible. Poppies will go on sale from the from Monday 31st October 2022 until Friday 11th November 2022. Please try to support this worthy cause.

Our Catholic Life

Collective Worship

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Citizenship Statement of Belief Assembly (Headteacher)	'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 1, 5 and 6)				Chaplains' Liturgies (Years 2, 3 and 4)
				Story Liturgy (FS2)



Our Annual SJF Harvest Mass 2022

I would like to thank Fr Bede for celebrating our wonderful Harvest Mass of thanksgiving. I would like to thank the special young people of **Y4**, who led the liturgy so beautifully and Mrs Holloway, Mrs Barrett and Mrs Raynes who prepared them so well. I would like to thank our musicians; Mr McGurrin, Mrs Downes and Mr Tandy, the parishioners and all the parents, carers and friends who joined us too. Finally, I would like to thank our children for the way they behaved and engaged so joyfully.

Our SJF Chaplaincy Team Update Our SJF Chaplaincy Team would like to thank everyone who supported this year's Harvest Festival appeal, by donating food items. All donated food will be passed on to our dear friends from the St Wilfrid's Centre, Sheffield, who do so much for the most vulnerable and needy of our city.





Next term we will again come together for our annual Community Service of Remembrance. To mark this important occasion, we would like your support to create a striking **poppy wall of remembrance** in our playground. We will transform plastic pop bottles in to poppies, so please send in as many as you can, during the first week of the new term! All that we ask is that you make sure that they are washed out.



Parish News

Information about parish and Diocesan life including the times of Masses and Confession and sacramental preparation is available via this [link](#) to the parish website: .

Our Term 2 Virtues to Live By

The SJF virtues that we will focus on in Term 2 are **hope** and **patience**.

November Prayer

During November we remember all those who have died and we pray for the repose of their souls.

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon them,
May they rest in peace. Amen.**



Our November Gathering Song

Peace, perfect peace -
Is the gift of Christ our Lord
Peace, perfect peace -
Is the gift of Christ our Lord...

Thus says the Lord,
Will the world know my friend!
Peace, perfect peace -
Is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next Liturgy of the Word will be led by the children of **Y1** on **Thursday 3rd November 2022**. We invite their friends and family members to join us in the school hall from 9.00am, and a recording will be uploaded to the website afterwards so that it can be viewed by anyone not able to attend. Thank you.



Our BYB Challenge

Last week our Sports Major, Oscar, organised and led an awesome BYB challenge, which many of the children attempted and enjoyed. Well done, Oscar, and everyone who had a go! Mr Johnson has set the new BYB challenge.

All you will need is a box, a small ball and or a ball of socks.

The challenge is to throw the ball or socks into the box as many times as you can in 60 seconds. Before you throw the item in the box, make sure you are at least five steps away. Every time you throw the item, you will have to run and collect it go back to your starting position before repeating, again and again, until your time runs out. How many can you manage from five steps? You can increase the distance and the time allowed if you want to up the level of challenge. What is the greatest distance that you can still manage throw the item in the box, consistently? This simple but fun challenge will test both your throwing and agility skills.

Please make sure that you let your teacher and Mr Johnson know your best score and see if you can get your family members involved! Click [here](#) for a guide to the activity. Can you beat your best?



Y1 Visit to Weston Park Museum



To find out more about the adventures of our fantastic Y1 historians when they all visited the Weston Park Museum, please click [here](#)!



A special 'thank you' to Mrs Sambrook for organising this important educational visit and all the staff and volunteers who supported the children so well!

Football Match Report: SJF -v- BSPA

For Mr Johnson's match report please click [here](#). Our thanks go to Mr Johnson for arranging the match; to our fantastic team and everyone who came along to support them; and finally to our worthy opponents, their staff and supporters.



Birley Spa Primary Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

Pupil Match Reports

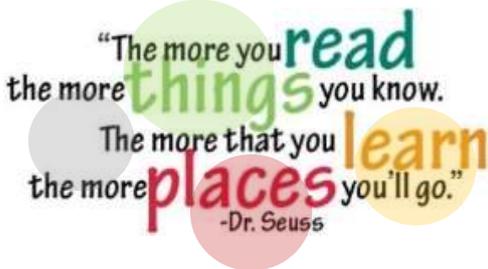
On Friday 14th October 2022 me and nine friends were given the opportunity to play against Birley Spa Primary Academy. The game was action-packed because there were eleven goals! To my delight we scored six goals, and Birley Spa scored five, which meant we won the match! I was so excited and happy for myself and my friends after the hard work we had put in, during the match.

Seb

After school, me and my friends played a football match against Birley Spa Primary School. The match was lots of fun and very competitive to play! The game was very even with both teams playing well. It almost ended in a draw, but my friend D'Mari scored an amazing to win us the game! It was great fun representing my school and an opportunity I am thankful for.

Luca

Our Feature Books of the Week!



Our 2022-2023 **SJF book list** can be accessed via this [link](#). Our latest feature books are:

Caterpillar Cake by Matt Goodfellow (click [here](#))

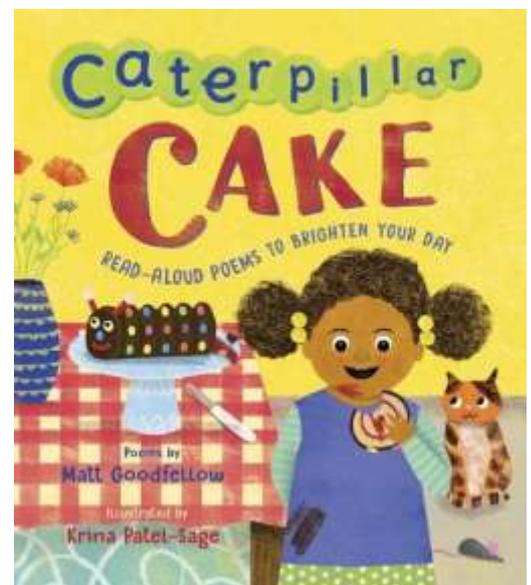
Being Me: Poems About Thoughts, Worries and Feelings by Liz Brownlee, Matt Goodfellow and Laura Mucha (click [here](#))

Caterpillar Cake: The Waterstones Review

Caterpillar
Caterpillar
Caterpillar cake
it's the only thing
that my mum can make

Would you like to eat a caterpillar cake? Join a rocket race into space? See crazy crocodiles at the zany zoo or play with a furry, purry cat? Wherever these 16 fun-filled poems lead you, they will brighten your day.

Splashing at the seaside, storytime at school, playing in the bath or riding home on Daddy's shoulders - this brilliant, read-aloud collection for young children has lots to join in with and lots to explore in the brightly coloured illustrations.



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Being Me: Poems About Thoughts, Worries and Feelings: The Waterstones Review

Read about the Land of Blue, where it's OK to feel sad, find ideas for what to do with worries or how to slow down when your head is full of hurry.

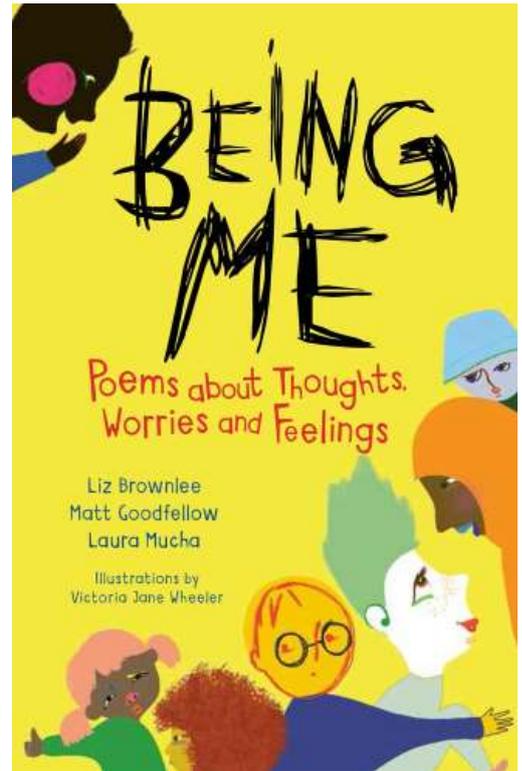
Give yourself time to chill out, find quiet voices in noisy places and discover kindness in yourself and others. Then maybe your own special thought machine will tell you, 'This is going well. You're doing great. You've got this!' And you have!

This important and unique anthology of 45 poems by three leading poets, well known for their empathy and perception, speaks to the heart of what children think and care about, offering understanding, support and encouragement.

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 really does not matter whether an achievement is big or small, compared to others, they are all special, and if it is important to your child then we will always be delighted to share the good news and celebrate it!



Attendance			
1 st	Y3	100%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y5	99.0%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y2	98.6%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	FS2	96.3%	Billy Bear will visit next week
4 th	Y4	96.3%	
4 th	Y6	96.3%	
7 th	Y1	94.6%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 97.3%	



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	Y3	93%	
2 nd	Y5	90%	
2 nd	Y2	90%	
4 th	Y6	89%	
5 th	FS2	88%	
5 th	Y4	88%	
7 th	Y1	84%	
		Average = 89%	

Statement of Belief

Next week our statement of Belief is: **"I know what to do if I see someone being hurt"**.

Time to talk: Why is it important to look out for each other? How many different ways can we look after each other? What are the different ways someone can be hurt? What should we do if we see someone being hurt? What can we do to help sensibly and safely? Why do we want our school to be a place where children look after each other and the grown-ups are all there to help?

The beauty of life does not depend on how happy you are, but how happy others can be because of you.

Strong people
Stand up for themselves,
But stronger people
Stand up for others.
- Unknown

The world suffers a lot.
Not because of the
violence of bad people,
but because of the
silence of good people.





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Staff News

Mrs Goodband

At the end of the first week of the new term we will bid farewell to Mrs Goodband who has covered FS2 superbly whilst we recruited a permanent successor to Mrs Darken. We thank her for her hard work and commitment, and particularly for the way she welcomed our new FS2 children and helped them to settle in to school life. We hope that Mrs Goodband enjoys her final week with us, as she supports the transition to our new permanent FS2 teacher, Mrs Barratt. A reminder that FS2 parents/carers can meet Mrs Barratt on Thursday 3rd November 2022, from 3.30pm in the Y6 classroom. Supervised childcare will be available close by.

Mr Johnson

Mr Johnson will be leaving us at the end of the first week of the new term, on Friday 4th November 2022. He has been appointed to a fantastic new role, in what will be an exciting change of career for him. Mr Johnson joined us, initially, as a Sports Apprentice, and from the outset showed that he was very committed to the role. He worked closely with Mrs Broadhead, to support the teaching and learning of PE across the school. He also coached children involved in sporting tournaments and festivals, as well as running a number of extracurricular activities at breaktimes and after school. When his apprenticeship was finished, Mr Johnson stayed with us, as a Teaching Assistant, to support children's learning in class. During this time, he continued to support teaching and learning in PE, assisting a number of appreciative staff and children.

Mr Johnson also supported our Sports Majors, brilliantly, as they prepared and led termly 'Values' assemblies; blogged about sport in school; and produced videos for the weekly BYB challenges (which he also supported each lunchtime). It is fair to say that during his time with us, Mr Johnson has had a big impact, as he worked hard to promote engagement with inclusive physical activity and get all children more excited about sport regardless of their abilities. We will certainly miss him, when he moves on, and wish him every happiness and success in his new career. We are in the process of recruiting a new Sports Apprentice.

Finally

I would like to thank my fantastic colleagues for all their hard work and dedication over the first term. I would like to thank our wonderful Governors for the vitally important work they do – often below the radar. I would like to thank our phenomenal PTFA Committee and helpers for all they have done since the start of the school year. Finally, I would like to thank our wonderful children, for their enthusiasm, engagement and hard work!

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school, when it reopens on Monday 31st October 2022.



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