

# SJF NEWS



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## Citizen of the Week (11-11-22)

The Citizen of the Week award for last week goes to **Bruno** in **Y5** who understands that rights match responsibilities in line with last week's Statement of Belief. Bruno understands that we all have the right to feel happy, safe and loved, and we also have the responsibility to help others to feel these things too. Bruno is a good friend to his classmates and his Y1 buddy and sets a great example because of the care he shows to others. Well done, Bruno, and thank you!





## Citizen of the Week (18-11-22)

This week's Citizen of the Week is **Ellie** in **Y6** who understands that it is important to stand up for others in appropriate ways in line with this week's Statement of Belief. Ellie has a strong sense of justice and can be really good at helping others in need, especially if they have a worry to share. She encourages them to speak to grown-ups or - if they are feeling shy - she will speak to adults for them. Ellie can be such a wonderful friend, and in standing up for others can set a great example. Congratulations, Ellie, we are very proud of you!

## Term 2 Smiley Scores (11-11-22)

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
282	291	275	264
791	801	756	765

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St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
432	457	436	420
941	967	917	921

## SJF Curriculum Showcase

A reminder that our next Curriculum Showcase takes place, next week, on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022**. A selection of the children's work will be on display. There will be two opportunities for family and friends to view the exhibition on the day; from 8.50am until 10.00am and again from 3.30pm until 4.00pm. A few children will take turns to be guides during the morning session, sharing their learning and talking about the work on show. As the hall is out of action, the children will have cold dinners in the classrooms on the day.



## Flu Vaccinations

A reminder that the children are scheduled to receive flu vaccinations, on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022**, as part of a UK-wide NHS programme. Please click [here](#), for more information and contact us if you have any questions. Thank you.



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Attendance this Week			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y5	98.3%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y3	98.2%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6	98.1%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	97.6%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	97.5%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	95.3%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	95.0%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 97.1%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y1	78%
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y2	78%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y4	76%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	72%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	70%
6 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	68%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	63%
Average = 72%		

### SJF Christmas Dinner 2022

A reminder that our school Christmas dinner, this year takes place on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. As it is special, it will be a non-uniform day, meaning that the children will be able to dress down.



### Golden Children (18-11-22)

FS2	<b>Hattie</b> for listening really well and for always trying hard during 'Carpet Time'. What a star!
Y1	<b>Lucy</b> for trying hard with everything she does! It is a pleasure having Lucy in our class!
Y2	<b>Lilah</b> for trying hard to push herself in lessons. Even when things are tricky Lilah tries her very best to be resilient, and have a go!
Y3	<b>Drew</b> for a fantastic application of skills in all aspects of learning this week! Well done, superstar!
Y4	<b>Kayl</b> for making a super effort in our swimming lessons. He is making fantastic progress! Keep it up, Kayl!
Y5	<b>Isaac</b> , for being a wonderful Chaplain! He has taken on his chaplaincy role with vigour and is managing to be proactive in sorting out our weekly Chaplains' Liturgies with the other Chaplains!
Y6	<b>Mia</b> for again demonstrating a positive, hardworking and resilient attitude towards learning that has been so evident this year.

### Golden Children (11-11-22)

FS2	<b>Oliwia</b> for always trying her best; for being a very kind friend; and for being an extremely helpful member of the class!
Y1	<b>Nadia</b> for being such a good friend to other children and for also being such a well-behaved member of our class, setting a super example for all!
Y2	<b>Max</b> for working hard in our lessons – and always with a lovely smile on his face. Max is great at sharing his joy with the rest of the class!
Y3	<b>Chenai</b> for showing determination and self-belief with her learning and work tasks this week. Brilliant to see!
Y4	<b>Emily</b> for making a fantastic effort in all her work this week. She is really trying hard and we are all very proud of her. Well done, Emily!
Y5	<b>Sofia</b> for showing such a positive attitude in all her learning, even though her usual learning partner was not with her for some of the week. What a superstar!
Y6	<b>Finn</b> for the brilliant progress he has made with his arithmetic recently - and for the effort he is putting into his homework! Well done, Finn!



### Writing Champions (11-11-22)

- FS2** **Eliana-Joyce** for trying hard with her letter formation! She is trying so hard, and we are all very proud of her!
- Y1** **Briola** for her beautiful presentation and handwriting! Her work is always a pleasure to mark!
- Y2** **Felicity** for working really hard in our English lessons, and for trying with her presentation and punctuation. Keep it up!
- Y3** **Archie** for using wonderful sentence-stackers based on autumn and including personification!
- Y4** **Aureilia** for trying really hard to learn her spellings and managing to include them in her writing - and get them right! Well done, Aureilia!
- Y5** **Zayd**, for including some great expressive and emotive language in his writing on discovering an Egyptian Tomb! Keep up the hard work!
- Y6** **Jacob** for all the hard work that he has put into improving and editing his writing in recent weeks!

### Writing Champions (18-11-22)

- FS2** **Amelia** for working really hard in our RWInc. phonics lessons, with letter-writing. She always takes great care and tries her best!
- Y1** **Marianna** for writing some super captions about animals in our non-fiction work. She also remembered to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces!
- Y2** **Edwin** for writing some beautiful sentences within our sentence stacking lessons in English. Edwin is really pushing himself to write brilliant sentences that are jam-packed with beautiful words!
- Y3** **Gabi** for producing some great work within a lovely sentence stacking session about how Autumn is here, linking to nature!
- Y4** **Roman** for writing fantastic sentences as part of our Charlie and the Chocolate Factory work. Well done, Roman!
- Y5** **Florence** for thinking carefully about developing her sentence stacking skills and including different grammatical features like fronted adverbials, in her writing. Well done, Florence!
- Y6** **Ellie** for trying hard to vary the use of different sentence structures in her writing and also for the incredible presentation of her work!



### World Cup

Many of us are excited about the forthcoming FIFA World Cup. It is a huge shame, though, that England's first match has been scheduled to take place during the school day. There are already such huge pressures on our timetable - and especially at this time - in the lead up to Christmas. We understand that there is a reasonable balance to be struck between (a) doing things differently to mark key moments of national significance with (b) ensuring that we meet all our obligations, which include delivering the curriculum well and ensuring that all vulnerable pupils scheduled to receive additional support do not miss out.

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, our national team will face Iran, in their first match. The kick-off takes place during lunchtime on a day when specialist music and French teachers are also in school to deliver lessons to a number of our pupils. There are also children practising for the forthcoming Advent liturgy and nativity plays.

Unfortunately, we cannot change Monday's timetable, so that every child who wants to watch the match, can do so, and all those who do not, can be accommodated elsewhere. Thankfully, the other group matches, against USA (25-11-22) and Wales (29-11-22) kick off at 7.00pm. We will keep this under review, should England progress through the group stage and future matches are scheduled during the school day.





## Our Catholic Life

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

## Parish News

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



### Blessing of the Library

On **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022** we will welcome Bishop Ralph in to bless our new Marie Kerley Library. He will be joined by Fr Bede and representatives of our fantastic PTFA, the parish and Gripple, who helped us so much.

### Our Term 2 Virtues to Live By

Our SJF virtues are **hope** and **patience**.



### Annual Advent Wreath Blessing Liturgy

To prepare us for the important season of Advent the young people of **Y4** will lead our annual Blessing of the Wreaths Liturgy on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022**. We welcome Fr Bede and the parents/carers of our Y4 children only, as space will be very tight.



## Advent Class Liturgies

Simple Advent class liturgies will take place at the end of the school day from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Please book on the day, through the School Office, to ensure fairness, as places are limited. It will not be possible to block-book in advance. Every effort will be made to ensure that as many different parents/carers, who want to join the children, will get the opportunity to do so, and be part of at least one class liturgy. Generally, the liturgies will take place on the following days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1 Y5 Y6	FS2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	FS2 Y1 Y2 Y5 Y6	FS2 Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4	FS2 Y2 Y3 Y4

The only days when there will be no liturgies at all in school are on the following days:

- **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** (Santa in School Day)
- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** (FS2 Nativity)
- **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** (panto day)
- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** (Y1 Y2 Nativity)
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** (Y1 Y2 Nativity)

## Nativity Plays

A reminder that our **FS2** nativity plan takes place on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. As places are limited, we will again be having the children's performance filmed professionally, so that the picture and sound quality is good, and it can be a special keepsake. The film will be available in time for Christmas. The filming of the FS2 nativity play takes on place on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022**.

Our **Y1** and **Y2** nativity performances takes place on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. Filming takes place on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**, and the films will be available before the end of term, in time for Christmas. Details of costs etc. will be shared shortly.



Neither film will be uploaded to our website, and we ask that they are not uploaded to social media after they are distributed. Whilst a number of parents/carers are happy for their children to be filmed they do not want their children's images to appear on other people's social media. Thank you for your support.

Photographs of children will be shared on our website. These will be of children whose parents/carers have given consent for us to do this. A reminder that parents/carers can give or withdraw consent at any time, and if you wish to change your preferences you should speak to Mrs Ramsden or Mrs Grayson in the School Office.

### KS2 Annual Carol Service

A reminder that our Key Stage 2 Carol Service, involving the children in Years 3 to 6, returns and will take place on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022** at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. The service will start promptly at 2.00pm and we ask that parents/carers arrive in good time. The service will be filmed and a recording will be made available to watch via our website, shortly after, by clicking this [link](#). We are also hoping to offer refreshments in the school hall, afterwards, as we always did in pre-pandemic times.



### Our Late November Gathering Song

Come and join the circle, Gather round and see –  
Come and take my hand. What the world can be.  
Come and join the circle, Come and join the circle,  
Come and be my friend. Come and share God's word with me.

### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

There will be no liturgy next week because of our Curriculum Showcase. In fact our next Liturgy of the Word, led by the children of **Y2**, will be on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022** and we invite our Y2 family and friends to join them in the school hall from 9.00am. Recordings of all liturgies are available to view via this [link](#). Thank you.

### November Prayer

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



### Our BYB Challenge

Well done to everyone who attempted Fred's challenge last week! You were amazing! This week our fun challenge has been set by Priscilla another of our Sports Majors. Please click [here](#) to watch her video demonstration in which she challenges everyone to see how many times they can 'hula hoop' in a row. If you find the challenge easy why not try with 2 hula hoops? Three?

You can try at playtime and at home. Why not get your family members involved and see if you can beat your best! Look out for Priscilla or Miss Barrett at playtime, and have a go!

### PTFA News

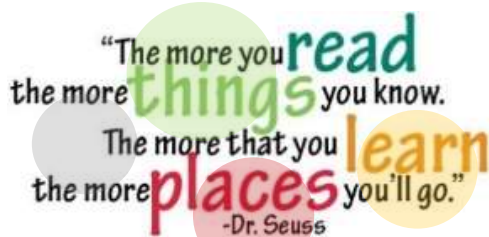
A reminder that Santa is visiting us on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022**! As it is such a special occasion, it will be a non-uniform day. Santa is expected to land at **8.45am** and you are invited to join us in welcoming him shortly after he lands!

This is a key event in the school calendar, and takes months to plan. I would therefore like to thank our PTFA committee and all those who have supported them to prepare for this special day. If you would like to get involved in the PTFA, please contact them ([ptfa@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:ptfa@st-johnfisher.org)). Thank you.





### Our Feature Books of the Week!



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

**101 Bums** by Sam Harper & Chris Jevons (click [here](#))

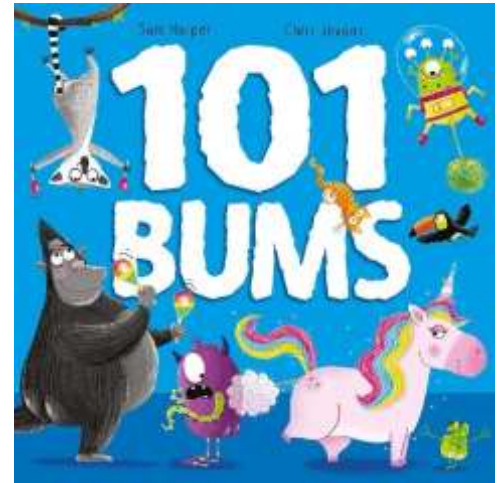
**Bumble and Snug and the Angry Pirates** by Mark Bradley (click [here](#))

#### **101 Bums: The Waterstones Review**

A hilariously silly rhyming picture book, featuring 101 different animal bums! Bums in the jungle, bums in the town. Bums in the treetops, hanging upside down. Bums in the farmyard, bums in the park. Lots of teeny-tiny bums, glowing in the dark!

Featuring an array of animal bums - from little to large, and everything in between - this brilliantly silly picture book is sure to get children giggling. Just follow the bouncy read-aloud rhyme, then get ready to join in with the jiggle wiggly dance finale!

Ideal for fans of *Dog Man* and *Bunny vs Monkey*, Bradley's freewheeling, superbly silly graphic novel also teaches young readers important lessons about friendship and controlling your frustrations, all wrapped up in a story of two loveable Bugbops attempting to evade a horde of mad marauders.



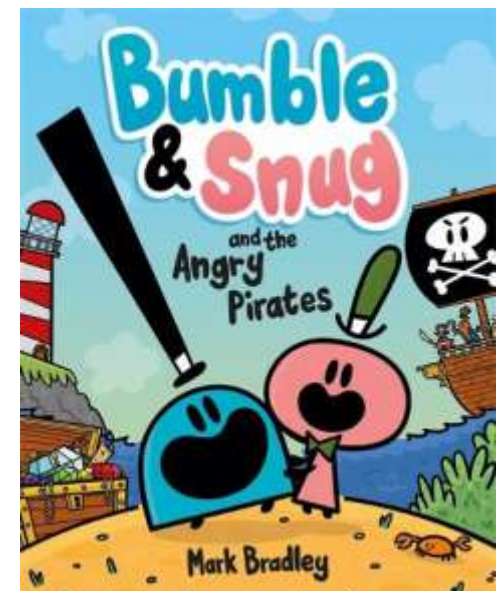
#### **Bumble and Snug and the Angry Pirates: The Waterstones Review**

Best friends Bumble and Snug are Bugbops - little monsters filled with BIG feelings! In this full-colour graphic novel, join them on a funny, imaginative adventure with some VERY angry pirates, learning about the world outside and inside along the way.

Bumble and Snug are going on a big adventure to... have a picnic! But when they accidentally get lost, they're both cross - is their adventure ruined? Working together to find their way home, Bumble and Snug come across a pirate treasure horde. But taking treasure that isn't yours is a good way to get into trouble, and sure enough some VERY angry pirates aren't far behind.

Bumble and Snug are certain they can replace the treasure, and fix things to make everybody happy. But there is a further monstrous obstacle in store - and this one has TENTACLES.

*Bumble and Snug and the Angry Pirates* is a story about being cross and how to listen, friendship and sandcastles, and one GIANT octopus!



#### **Achievements outside of School**

Please email us details of your children's achievements outside of school via our main email address ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) so that they can be shared in the newsletter, and celebrated.

- Marnell in **FS2** achieved his five-metre swimming award recently, and was also chosen as the 'Player of the Week' for his football team! What great achievements! Well done, Marnell!



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### Pupil Voice



Our Y6 Senior School Councillors met this week to discuss the current agenda. Here's a word from Alexia, our Chair about what was discussed...

*This week the Y6 councilors have been thinking of different questions that we would like to ask for our upcoming meeting with the Senior Road Safety officer at Sheffield City Council.*

*We want to find out different ways that we can make the streets around our school safer for the children of St. John Fisher.*

### Our Statement of Belief

Our statement next week is 'I try to be just and fair.'

**Time to talk:** Together think about what the word 'just' means.

Why is it important to be treated **fairly**?

What does it feel like to be treated **unfairly**?

If you know someone is being treated unjustly and unfairly what should you do? Who can you tell?

Are you being **just** and **fair** if you judge others and look down on them?

Remember we all have a responsibility to help others to feel happy, safe and loved every day.

There is no true peace  
without fairness, truth,  
justice and solidarity .

Pope John Paul II

