

SJF NEWS

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Friday 25th November 2022




★ Citizen of the Week

★ This week our Citizen of the Week award was presented to **Peter** in **Y3** who tries really hard to be just and fair, in line with this week's Statement of Belief. Peter is working hard to understand the importance of sharing and taking turns. He is also very caring and likes to make sure that others are both treated fairly and are happy. Peter is increasingly open to trying new things because he trusts all those in school who care for him and are there to support him. We are all so proud of Peter! Congratulations, what a great example you set!

Term 2 Smiley Scores


St Andrew's House



571

1080

St David's House



604

1114

St Patrick's House



589

1070

St George's House



562

1063



Blue Day (The Feast of St Andrew)

A reminder that the members of St Andrew's House can mark the feast of St Andrew by coming to school dressed in something blue (rather than school uniform) on **Monday 28th November 2022**. Please note that this privilege is for the children in St Andrew's House only. Members of the other three Houses must come to school wearing full school uniform as usual. Thank you

Attendance this Week			
1 st	Y1	99.3%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
1 st	Y5	99.3%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y2	97.9%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
3 rd	Y3	97.9%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 th	Y4	96.3%	
6 th	Y6	95.9%	
7 th	FS2	95.3%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 97.4%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y4	82%
1 st	Y2	82%
3 rd	Y1	78%
4 th	Y5	76%
5 th	Y3	70%
6 th	Y6	60%
6 th	FS2	60%
Average = 73%		



Reminder: Flu Vaccinations

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

SJF Curriculum Showcase

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our latest SJF Curriculum Showcase! It was a real celebration of the children learning and achievements. On display was a varied sample of the work produced by the children since September.

Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to set up the exhibition, Thanks also to our friends from the PTFA for laying on refreshments. Finally, thank you to the children for producing such amazing work, and for acting as guides to look after our visitors! It was a fantastic occasion! Please click [here](#) to view the photographs.



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Support for Families

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Local support if you're worried about finance, energy, meals and more.

Welcome places to go

Warm friendly places to go, trusted advice and people to talk to **when you need it**.



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Community support helpline

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Advice and support for children and families



Sheffield Children's NHS
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FREE Webinar For Parents / Carers

'10 Top Tips for a Healthier Bank Balance - How to Eat Well AND Save Money'

Tuesday 8th November
9.30am – 10.30am
Via Zoom

Would you like some tips on how to eat healthier on a budget?

Want to know how to get the most out of your supermarket shop?

Want some ideas & inspiration on how to feed your family whilst not breaking the bank?

Then why not join us for our webinar:

'10 Top Tips for a Healthier Bank Balance – How to Eat Well AND Save Money'

Part of our '10 Top Tips' Webinar Series, this session includes how to be savvy at the supermarket, tips on shopping and cooking on a budget, and how to reduce food waste.

Presented via Zoom and delivered by nutrition professionals, the session will be informative but fun, with time throughout to answer any of your questions.

[Book Here!](#)

For more information, please contact:

lisa.aldwin@learnssheffield.co.uk or delya.lane@nhs.net

The East Local Area Committee Roadshow – Arboursouth

The East Local Area Committee (LAC) team have organised a roadshow of local services and organisations in Arboursouth. At the roadshow, you will be able to meet representatives from a range of council services, partner organisations, and community groups in the Arboursouth area. You can drop in at any time to ask questions and collect information.



Come along to the roadshow in Arboursouth:

Wednesday 30th November, 1-4pm

Arboursouth Social Centre (650 East Bank Road, Sheffield, S2 2AL)

If you need this information in other formats such as large print or a community language, please contact us on 0114 273 4567.

This roadshow was organised by the East Local Area Committee. Get in touch with us to share your opinion and contribute to positive changes in your community.

How you can get involved:

- Sign up for local updates at: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#)
- Contact your Chair, Vice Chair or your local Ward Councillor
- Complete our surveys
- Come along to a meeting to hear local discussions and updates in person or online
- Submit a question to: 0114 474 3621 or EastLAC@sheffield.gov.uk



Golden Children

FS2 **Zachary** for learning brilliantly in PE; for listening well; and for following instructions carefully! Well done, Zach!

Y1 **Lydia** for trying so hard and for making such a wonderful effort in class. She always wants to contribute in our lessons! Well done, Lydia!

Y2 **Othniel** for pushing himself in all our lessons this week. Everyone has been very impressed with his excellent attitude to learning!

Y3 **Matilda** for embracing all the challenges and for trying, continuously, to reach for the stars and beyond! Keep believing you can do it!

Y4 **Jenson** for the fantastic attitude he shows to his work. He is trying really hard to answer questions and have a go at everything. A brilliant effort, Jenson!

Y5 **Luca** for having such a good term so far. He has continued to work well all week and has tried, really hard, with his artwork, in particular, which he can find more challenging at times! Well done!

Y6 **Lena** for making an amazing effort during the LINKS Sports Hall Athletics festival, where she came top in her activity group, recording the fastest time!



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Writing Champions

FS2	Harlow for trying really hard with her letter formation. Keep up the good work Harlow!
Y1	Harry for trying really hard with his writing, both in school and at home. Well done, for writing a super Advent prayer Harry!
Y2	Chloe for writing a beautiful story about Rainbow Crow. She tried really hard and remembered to include all the techniques that we have been learning during our sentence stacking lessons.
Y3	Phelan for creating a wonderful verse for our 'Autumn is here' -themed poetry!
Y4	Rebecca for showing a strong determination to really improve her handwriting and presentation.
Y5	Alana for cleverly thinking about the journey that Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem from the perspective of the donkey! She also managed to use some really great imaginative language!
Y6	Logan for working really hard during our English lessons and for writing some fantastic sentences using a semicolon!



The Hub Mini Lectures

The Hub operates at lunch time for children in Years 3 to 6. It is run by Mr Smith, our Learning and Inclusion Mentor, supported by our SJF Healthy Minds Champions. Its purpose is to provide a space for children to talk, read, complete homework with or without support and to access online resources safely for projects, homework and to support learning.

Here is a message from Mr Smith:

The Hub is also launching a series of small lectures designed to give the children a chance to learn more about those things that interest them; anything from politics and popular culture, to history, science and the arts. The Hub Mini-Lectures will aim to give the children an opportunity to listen and learn, and take part in quizzes, to win prizes and create amazing work with you - their family & friends - at home. This work can then be displayed around school.

Each lecture will be presented every Tuesday and Wednesday in the Y5 classroom and will focus on different the topics. The lectures will be repeated on a weekly basis, so that the children never have to miss out!

We strongly encourage parents/carers to join in and take part. It would be wonderful if they could help their children to create pieces of work based on what the children learned from the lectures. It will be a fantastic opportunity parents/carers and their children to work together and to also maybe win prizes for their efforts!

The lectures will be advertised in school, in the newsletter and on the website. Children who would like to find out more should speak to Mr Smith. Thank you.

Our Catholic Life

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)



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 29th 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 25th November 2022**. We welcome Fr Bede and the parents/carers of our Y4 children only, as space will be very tight.



Advent Wreath Blessing Liturgy 2022

To mark the beginning of the season of Advent and our shared journey to the great feast of Christmas the young people of Y4 led our annual Advent Wreath Blessing liturgy - and it was wonderful!

Through readings and song, the true message of Advent was shared so that we can all understand more fully its significance in the Church's year.

I would like to thank Fr Bede for joining us and for blessing our wreaths. I would also like to thank Mrs Holloway, Mrs Barrett and Mrs Raynes for helping to prepare the children.

Finally, I would like to thank the young people of Y4 for leading our joyous and thought-provoking liturgy so brilliantly! What a fitting way to start the season of Advent here at St John Fisher! The liturgy will be uploaded to our SJF website shortly, and will be available to watch by clicking this [link](#).



Advent Class Liturgies

As part of our Advent journey to the great feast of Christmas, Chaplains will help organise simple Advent class liturgies that will take place at the end of the school day from Monday 28th November 2022 to Friday 16th December 2022. As places are limited - and to ensure everyone has an opportunity to join us for at least one liturgy - we invite parents and carers to book one liturgy in each class where their child is a pupil. If parents/carers wish to attend more than one liturgy we ask that they call on the day to see if there are spaces.

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 2nd December Santa in School Day
- Tuesday 6th December FS2 Nativity
- Wednesday 7th December panto day
- Tuesday 13th December Y1 Y2 Nativity
- Wednesday 14th December Y1 Y2 Nativity



What is Advent?



Advent and Lent, are seasons of penitence. On the Advent wreath, the three purple candles mark our preparations while awaiting the arrival of Christ on Earth at Christmas. Unlike Lent, Advent is a happier season. The Third Sunday of Advent, called **Gaudete Sunday**. The word 'Gaudete' is Latin for 'rejoice'. From the third Sunday of Advent we light the rose coloured candle on our wreaths. Priests also wear rose-coloured vestments at Mass on the third Sunday of Advent. Pope Francis was talking about the difference between happiness and joy when he said:

"To be happy is good, yet joy is something more. It's another thing; something which does not depend on external motivations, or on passing issues. It is more profound. It is a gift."

If joy is a gift from the Lord, then the Lord Himself is our first and greatest gift, and the only one that will never tarnish, break or fade. Gaudete Sunday reminds us that the gift has not yet arrived, but is very near...



Nativity Plays

A reminder that our **FS2** nativity plan takes place on **Tuesday 6th 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 place on **Monday 5th December 2022**.

Our **Y1** and **Y2** nativity performances takes place on **Tuesday 13th** and **Wednesday 14th December 2022**. Filming takes place on **Monday 12th 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 20th 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 is no liturgy next week. Our next Liturgy of the Word, led by the children of **Y2**, will be on **Thursday 8th 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.**

PTFA Santa in School Day 2022

A reminder that Santa is visiting us on **Friday 2nd 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). Thank you.



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Our BYB Challenge

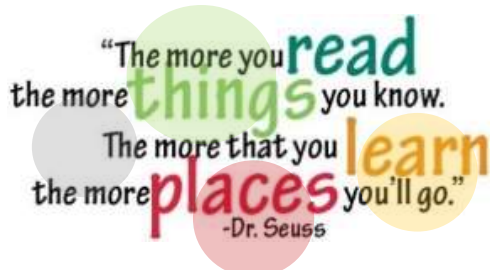
Our weekly BYB challenges will resume next week with a fresh challenge from Miss Barrett and one of our fantastic Sports majors.

SJF Christmas Dinner 2022

A reminder that our school Christmas dinner, is on **Thursday 15th December 2022**. It will be a special non-uniform day, so the children can come to school dressed up or down in whatever they like!



Our Feature Books of the Week!



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

Octopus Shocktopus (Peter Bently) (click [here](#))

Front Desk by **Kelly Yang** (click [here](#))

Octopus Shocktopus: The Waterstones Review

A brilliantly bonkers story about an octopus who lives on the roof, by two award-winning and bestselling picture book creators.

When a giant octopus arrives, the children LOVE their new friend; it makes the perfect slide and is fantastic at football! But some of the grown-ups aren't so pleased. Will they drive it away... ..or will they realise just how helpful an octopus can be?

A warm and witty rhyming story about welcoming newcomers. Sunglasses at the ready - this book has zingy fluorescent ink on the cover and inside illustrations.



Peter Bently has won the Roald Dahl Funny Prize and his book with Helen Oxenbury, King Jack and the Dragon, was named an American Library Association Notable Book of the Year.

Steven Lenton is the illustrator of the Shifty McGifty series by Tracey Corderoy, and also illustrates books by David Baddiel and Frank Cottrell-Boyce. His books have won awards such as the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award and have been selected for the WHSmith's Children's Book of the Year and Tom Fletcher Book Club.

Front Desk: The Waterstones Review

Based on Yang's own childhood experiences, *Front Desk* is an irresistibly charming novel from the author of *Parachutes* that spotlights issues key to the immigrant experience through the engaging story of Mia and her motel-based family.

Mia Tang has a lot of secrets:

1. She lives in a motel, not a big house.
2. Her parents hide immigrants.
3. She wants to be a writer.

It will take all of Mia's courage, kindness, and hard work to get through this year. Will she be able to hold on to her job, help the immigrants and guests, and go for her dreams?



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) so that they can be shared in the newsletter, and celebrated.

Pupil Voice

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

This week the Y6 councilors have been writing an agenda for the school council meetings that will take place over the next few weeks. Our big focus during our current meetings is to help improve road safety around our school.



Our Statement of Belief

Our statement next week will be '**I can tell you how I look after myself**'.

Time to talk: Together, think about all the ways we can look after ourselves. You could try hard to eat healthily and exercise more regularly.

You could try to play out in the fresh air more, rather than stay inside all the time.

You could go for walks in the woods or play in the park with your parents or grandparents.

You could talk to someone if you have a 'worry ball'.

What will you do?

What should you do if anyone or anything makes you feel uneasy or unhappy?

What should you do if you see someone who needs looking after in some way?

Who can you tell?

