

# SJF NEWS



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## ★ Citizen of the Week (02-12-22)

★ Our citizenship award for last week was given to Jack in **Y4** who can talk about how he looks after himself in line with last week's Statement of Belief. Jack is a very kind member of our community. He can be so generous to others especially if someone needs support. Jack has a great sense of humour and is good at telling jokes, which makes others happy. Jack understands that looking after ourselves is as much about our physical wellbeing as it is our mental wellbeing, which is why he understands the importance of Tell! Tell! Tell! if he is worried. He will also speak up for others who are worried too, because he notices and he cares enough to. Congratulations, Jack, we are all very proud of you!

## ★ Citizen of the Week (09-12-22)

★ This week's citizenship award was presented to Alfie in **Y5** who thinks before making decisions about his health in line with this week's Statement of Belief. Alfie is a keen sportsman and enjoys PE, extra-curricular sport and representing our school for different things. He is a great role-model, because of his positive attitude and the example he sets. He pushes himself to try harder and go further, but at the same time he is always so encouraging and supportive of others, whether he is in class or doing sports. By getting involved in school life, so enthusiastically, Alfie shows that he is making positive choices. Well done, Alfie, we are all so proud of you!

## Term 2 Smiley Scores

| St Andrew's House                                                                  | St David's House                                                                   | St Patrick's House                                                                  | St George's House                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  |  |  |  |
| 897                                                                                | 967                                                                                | 917                                                                                 | 894                                                                                  |
| 1524                                                                               | 1599                                                                               | 1511                                                                                | 1515                                                                                 |

Congratulations to **Rebecca** in **Y4** for achieving 100 smilies! A fantastic achievement!



## Healthy Minds Champions – December Newsletter

The latest newsletter is available via this [link](#). From January the newsletters will be published termly, not monthly, so there will be four more editions before the end of the school year. I would like to thank Mr Smith and the Healthy Minds Champions for all their hard work!

## Support for Families

# NeighbourGood

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**

Help and advice on money issues  
<https://go.gd/HelpMoneyAdvice>

Community support helpline  
<https://go.gd/CSHelpline>

Family Centres  
<https://go.gd/FamilyCentres>

Volunteer, community & faith venues  
<https://go.gd/CommunitySupportCentresUK>

Citizens Advice Sheffield  
<https://go.gd/CASheffield>

Cost of living guide  
<https://go.gd/CostOfLivingGuide>

Libraries  
<https://go.gd/SheffieldLibraries>

How you can help  
<https://go.gd/HowToHelp>

For urgent support call the Community Support Helpline on 0114 273 4567



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### A Helping Hand

Here is an important message from our parish St Vincent de Paul Society.

We understand, that given the current economic crises and the rise in fuel and food prices, some of our families may need some extra support.



St Vincent de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

The St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales) is part of an international Christian voluntary network dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need. Founded in Britain in 1844, they foster diverse and inclusive connections, as a Society that is welcoming of people of all faiths and none. They joyfully extend their hand in the care and personal service of individuals and families who need support.

St John Fisher School has teamed up with the St Vincent de Paul Society from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish to provide food vouchers to those in need. If you would like to access this fund, or would like some extra information, please speak to Mrs Ramsden in confidence (0114 2485009 or [enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)).

| Attendance this Week |     |                            |                                  |
|----------------------|-----|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>      | Y4  | 98.8%                      | Bobby Bear will visit next week  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>      | Y5  | 98.0%                      | Brenda Bear will visit next week |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>      | Y3  | 97.9%                      | Elvis Owl will visit next week   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>      | FS2 | 97.0%                      | Billy Bear will visit next week  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>      | Y2  | 96.6%                      |                                  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>      | Y6  | 96.3%                      |                                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>      | Y1  | 92.8%                      |                                  |
| Target = 98.0%       |     | Average Attendance = 96.8% |                                  |



| Get Set, GO!    |     |               |
|-----------------|-----|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | FS2 | 90%           |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Y4  | 82%           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Y2  | 80%           |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Y1  | 75%           |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Y3  | 70%           |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Y5  | 68%           |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Y6  | 64%           |
|                 |     | Average = 76% |

### Lyceum Panto Visit 2022

This week the whole school community travelled to watch this year's pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, at the Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield. What a special day! Everyone was excited, and the show did not disappoint! It was great fun! Events like these take lots of planning and I would like to thank my colleagues for all their support and help. Our wonderful lunchtime supervisors again volunteered to give up their own time to support the children, as did a number of students who have been training with us this year.



I would also like to pay tribute to our fantastic PTFA Committee who again funded the coaches that transported us to and from the theatre. This helped us keep the cost to a minimum for parents/carers. They also provided every child with a delicious interval snack, which was very much appreciated by the children. I would like to thank them for this and for also volunteering to join staff and other volunteers to support the children. If you can support our PTFA with ideas and offers of help, please email the committee ([ptfa@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:ptfa@st-johnfisher.org)). All ideas and offers of help are appreciated. The audience was asked to take and share photographs of the finale.



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## Our Catholic Life

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

Our Term 2 Virtues to Live By  
Our SJF virtues are **hope** and **patience**.



## Parish News

Information about parish/Diocesan life including the times of Masses and services throughout the seasons of Advent and Christmas, confession and sacramental preparation is available via this [link](#) to the parish website.

## Advent Class Liturgies

Thank you to everyone who has supported (or has booked to join) our Advent class liturgies. These simple moments of reflection, serve as an important reminder that the season of Advent is a special time for personal reflection as we prepare for Christmas. It is therefore an important part of our Catholic life here at St John Fisher. I would like to thank Mrs Barrett, my colleagues and our SJF Chaplains, for all their hard work in preparing and delivering the liturgies. The last Advent class liturgies will take place on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. Parents/carers are asked to book with the school office in advance and priority will be given to parents/carers who have not yet been able to attend one. A reminder that the liturgies 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 |

There will be no liturgies on the following days:

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December Y1 Y2 Nativity
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December Y1 Y2 Nativity

## FS2 Nativity: Wiggly Nativity

This week our amazing FS2 pupils took part in their first ever nativity play, and they were FANTASTIC! I am so proud of them all! They joined in so enthusiastically! As they re-enacted the story of the nativity, they were so clearly enjoying themselves! I was so impressed with their confidence and would like to thank Mrs Barratt, Mrs Prentice, Miss D'Roza and Mrs Walton for the time they took to support and encourage the children, and to care for them especially when they felt a little nervous and overawed. Please click [here](#) to view the photographs.

A reminder that the dress rehearsal was filmed live and professionally. A copy of the film is available to buy as a DVD. If you would like to order a copy please go directly to the 'Open House' site by clicking [here](#). You will be able to choose either a **standard** DVD for **£9.99** or **custom** DVD for **£12.99**. Order must be placed by **19<sup>th</sup> of December 2022** to ensure that you get them in time for Christmas.

## KS1 Nativity

Our two Y1 Y2 nativity performances take place on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. The dress rehearsal will be filmed on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. As with the FS2 film, orders can be placed directly with Open House Productions, and the costs will be the same. Further information about ordering the KS1 nativity DVDs will be shared. There will be a raffle, and tickets will be sold on the day at £1 per strip. Thank you.



### KS2 Annual Carol Service

Our Key Stage 2 Carol Service, (Years 3 to 6) 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. It will be filmed and a recording will be made available to watch via our website, shortly after, by clicking this [link](#). Afterwards, refreshments will be provided by our friends from the PTFA in the school hall. If you can help them, please contact the committee directly ([ptfa@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:ptfa@st-johnfisher.org)). As space in church was very limited at times in the past, when the service was open, we would be grateful if only those families with children taking part could to join us in the church.

### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Huge thanks to Miss Brownbill and our **Y2** pupils who led this week's Liturgy of the Word, so beautifully! Our final Liturgy of the Word of 2022, which will be led by the children of **Y6** is on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022** and we invite our **Y6** family/friends to join us in the school hall from 9.00am. Please click [here](#) to view all liturgies.



### Our Late December/Advent Gathering Song

When is he coming,  
When, oh when is he coming,  
the redeemer?  
When will we see him,  
When, oh when will we see him,  
the redeemer?

Come, oh come, from your kingdom up there,  
From your kingdom up there above!  
Come, oh come, to your people on earth,  
To your people on earth bring love!  
Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel!

O God,  
Forgive Us

### The Act of Contrition

During Advent we prepare for Christmas by saying sorry for our mistakes and by trying hard to make those key changes in our lives that we need to make. Our prayer is called the Act of Contrition.

### O my God

**Because You are so good –  
I am very sorry,  
That I have sinned against You,  
And by the help of Your grace,  
I will not sin again.**

### Our Feature Books of the Week!

"The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you'll go."  
-Dr. Seuss

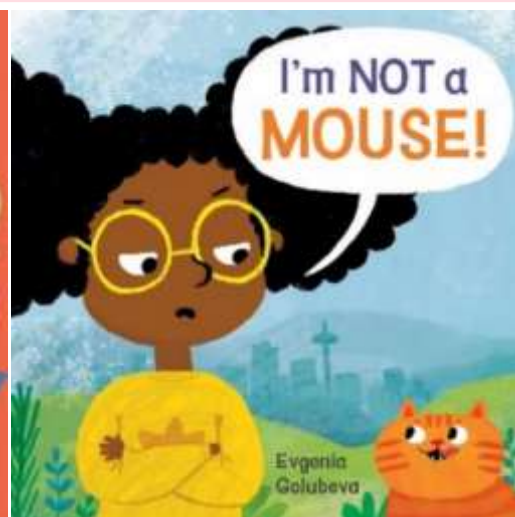
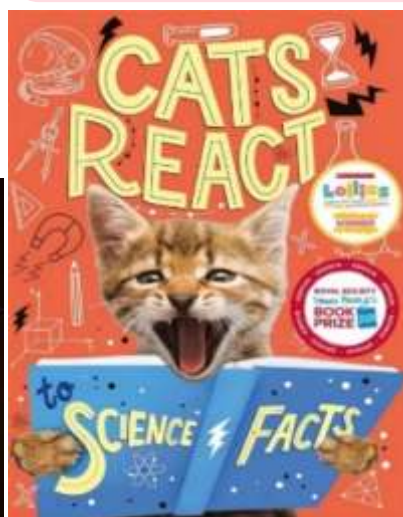
Our full 2022-2023 **SJF book list** and links can be accessed [here](#).

Our latest feature books are:

**I'm not a Mouse** by Evgenia Golubeva

**Cats React to Science Facts** by Izzi Howell

Please click [here](#) for information about this week's recommended feature books!



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### BYB Challenge

Well done - and thank you - to everyone who took part in Oscar's BYB Challenge this week! You all did fantastically well, and put in so much effort as you tried to improve your scores! Fantastic perseverance was demonstrated by you all, and it was also great to see how supportive you all were of each other! A special thanks to Oscar!

Next week's challenge comes from another of our dedicated sports majors, Katy. She has created a tennis-ball-bounce challenge which will test how many times you can bounce a tennis ball on a racket without dropping it, in 60 seconds. You can practise at home or if you would like to have a go at school, all you have to do is find Katy or Miss Barrett on the yard at playtime - and remember to tell them your scores.

Click [here](#) to watch Katy's demonstration and good luck!

### 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.

### SJF Christmas Dinner 2022

A reminder that our school Christmas dinner, is on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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!



### Last Day - Non-Uniform Day

To celebrate the end of a very long and busy term, the last day of term, **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022**, will also be a non-uniform day, as a 'thank you' to the children for all their hard work. No theme and no donation.

### SJF School Council Update



Here's a word from Cavani, Secretary of our SJF School Council, outlining current priorities:

*We're currently organising the topics and questions that we would like to discuss when we meet with the Senior Road Safety Officer at Sheffield City Council next month. We want to make sure that we gather lots of information at the meeting so that we can help to keep the roads around our school safe.*

### Important Public Health Update: Scarlet Fever and Strep A

Please click [here](#) to view the letter from the UK Health Security Agency that was shared earlier this week by Greg Fell, Director of Public Health, Sheffield and Nachi Arunachalam, who is a Consultant in Communicable Disease Control, for the Yorkshire and Humber region. Please contact us if you have any concerns or further enquiries. Thank you.



### The Sheffield Santa Dash 2022

*Here is a special message from Mrs Broadhead, our lead for PE*

Today, the whole school has taken part in the Sheffield Santa Dash & Reindeer Run brought to us by the School Games Organisers across the city. This is a national event involving schools across the country, all taking part at the same time. Sheffield had over 13,000 pupils taking part across 40 Schools today! The idea is to get as many children as possible, active throughout the day inspired by the spirit of Christmas.

Today our children were given an opportunity to take part in a Santa 'hunt' around school as they completed ten different physical activities. Everyone enjoyed the 'Santa Dash' disco! Due to the icy weather, the



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event was renamed the 'Santa Stroll'. However, even on a strolling-kind-of-day, the children took part enthusiastically and there were lots of smiles from the children.

Thank you to the Sports Majors for helping to set up the event and the Sports Leaders for supporting the younger children with the activities. Well done to the staff who ensured everyone was wrapped up warm and had a super time. Please click [here](#) to check out the photographs in the 'News' section of the website. You can also go directly to the 'Class Zone' and access the photographs copied in to the various class blogs. **A huge and well-deserved 'thank you' also to Mrs Broadhead for planning and coordinating today's event!**



### Golden Children (02-12-22)

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| <b>FS2</b> |  | <b>Esmee</b> for being a superstar every day at school! She always tries her best and was fabulous at preparing for our concert. Well done!                       |
| <b>Y1</b>  |  | <b>Pedro</b> for being sensible and for having a positive "I can do it!" attitude! He also shared his super knowledge and understanding of animals too this week! |
| <b>Y2</b>  |  | <b>Jenson</b> for making a great effort with his learning this week! What a great attitude! Well done, Jenson!                                                    |
| <b>Y3</b>  |  | <b>Jan M</b> for making the most of the challenges set in class and for trying really hard to increase the quantity of writing he is able to produce! Well done!  |
| <b>Y4</b>  |  | <b>Isabelle</b> for trying really hard with everything she does! She has an extremely positive mindset. Well done, Isabelle we are all proud of you!              |
| <b>Y5</b>  |  | <b>Diion</b> , for having a really good term. He has been working hard and trying his best in every subject. Keep this effort up!                                 |
| <b>Y6</b>  |  | <b>Lydia</b> for working incredibly hard in maths and for making brilliant progress in the last month as a result! Incredible results!                            |

### Writing Champions (02-12-22)

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| <b>FS2</b> |  | <b>Rowan</b> for fabulous independent writing in 'choosing time'! Absolutely fantastic!                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Y1</b>  |  | <b>Maya</b> for always listening carefully to the teaching in lessons and showing this by then using the taught model to help improve her work! What a star!                                             |
| <b>Y2</b>  |  | <b>Ava S</b> for working really hard in our English lessons to write beautiful sentences. Well done, Ava!                                                                                                |
| <b>Y3</b>  |  | <b>William</b> for creating a beautiful 'Christmas is Here...' poem using the lenses from our writing project!                                                                                           |
| <b>Y4</b>  |  | <b>Olivia</b> for really trying hard to improve the quality of her written work, by finding new vocabulary to use. Well done!                                                                            |
| <b>Y5</b>  |  | <b>Erin</b> for thinking carefully about the descriptive language she uses. Our favourite being; <i>'The bright, warm sun shone as we were walking all over the hot, scorching, dry, yellow desert.'</i> |
| <b>Y6</b>  |  | <b>Freddie</b> for writing such a lovely and thoughtful Advent prayer, it was wonderful!                                                                                                                 |





### Golden Children (09-12-22)

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| FS2 | <b>Aria</b> for always trying her best at school and for being such a cheerful member of the class! She really was a superstar when singing all our nativity songs! A star! |
| Y1  | <b>Maya</b> for having a fantastic 'can do' attitude! She always applies her learning and works so hard! Well done, Maya!                                                   |
| Y2  | <b>Eliel</b> for making a great effort within all of his lessons and for trying his best with his learning!                                                                 |
| Y3  | <b>James</b> for producing some wonderful maths work this week, adding 2-digit numbers without regrouping! Fantastic!                                                       |
| Y4  | <b>Marcus</b> for being an absolute superstar; for never giving up when things get difficult; and for always being ready to just have a go! Amazing!                        |
| Y5  | <b>Sam</b> for having a good week! He has been working hard in all subjects and has been trying to concentrate harder on his work! Well done!                               |
| Y6  | <b>Eleana</b> for making excellent progress in her maths recently, particularly with fractions and decimals! A fantastic effort!                                            |

### Writing Champions (09-12-22)

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| FS2 | <b>Tommy</b> for producing some really great whiteboard work during our phonics lessons. Well done, Tommy!                                                                                                                          |
| Y1  | <b>Pedro</b> for using fantastic adjectives in his writing for his work on the wombat! He also knows so much about Australian animals, well done, Pedro!                                                                            |
| Y2  | <b>Adriana</b> for writing beautiful sentences about the Christmas story. Adriana is really pushing herself with her writing, which is so great to see!                                                                             |
| Y3  | <b>Jack s</b> for producing a lovely piece of writing based on the shepherds' important role in the nativity story. Well done!                                                                                                      |
| Y4  | <b>Gabriel</b> for writing a fantastically well thought out piece of writing about the Annunciation. Well done, Gabriel!                                                                                                            |
| Y5  | <b>Bruno</b> , for thinking about word choices for his story based on 'The Journey'. I really liked; ' <i>I heard a small sound, getting louder, every step I took. It was Jerusalem! We were getting close to the star, now.</i> ' |
| Y6  | <b>Charlie</b> for producing some brilliantly descriptive writing about the birth of Jesus.                                                                                                                                         |

### Statement of Belief

Next week our 'Statement of Belief' is '**I can work, rest and pray every day**'.

**Time to talk:** Together you could think about all the things you do in a typical day from the moment you wake up in the morning to the moment you go to bed. Create your own list and see how long it is. What things do you do every day? What things do you do now and again? What do you enjoy more? What do you like less?

Using different coloured pens underline:

- in the first colour, anything to do with work or school;
- in the second colour, anything that is about 'you' time when you relax or are part of clubs
- in the third colour, highlight the times when you are still and pray (and listen) to God.

What do you notice? Is your day balanced? What do you struggle to find time for? Is it possible to plan your day differently to do more of what you want and feel you need to do?

