

# SJF NEWS

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## ★ Citizen of the Week

★ Our citizenship award this week goes to Jacob in **Y4** who understands the importance of balancing time to work, rest and pray in line with this week's Statement of Belief. Jacob is a fantastic member of our community and is liked and respected by all because he listens, cares and puts others first. Our Statement of Belief is all about finding balance in our lives, and this is something that Jacob manages, because he is good at observing, thinking and taking note of what is going on around him. He understands that there is a time in every day for work and for play - a time for being busy and a time for being quiet; a time for talking and a time for listening, quietly. What a great example you are, Jacob, congratulations and thank you!

## Term 2 Smiley Scores

**St Andrew's House**



**1097**

**1724**

**St David's House**



**1177**

**1743**

**St Patrick's House**



**1142**

**1736**

**St George's House**



**1082**

**1703**

Congratulations to **Aureilia** and **Luke** in **Y4** for achieving 100 smilies! A wonderful achievement!

## Support for Families: 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>	<b>Y2</b>	97.2%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Y1</b>	94.8%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Y5</b>	94.7%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FS2</b>	94.0%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y6</b>	93.4%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y3</b>	93.2%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y4</b>	93.1%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 94.3%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Y2</b>	83%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>FS2</b>	80%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Y1</b>	78%
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y6</b>	75%
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y4</b>	72%
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y5</b>	62%
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y3</b>	60%
Average = 73%		



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### KS1 Nativity 2022: It's a Party!

Here is a message from Miss Brownbill, Mrs Hadfield and Mrs Sambrook.

Wow! We are such proud teachers! Every single one of our Y1/Y2 children shone this week, in our nativity. They smiled, sang beautifully, spoke confidently and acted out their parts magnificently - and - most importantly, they enjoyed themselves, making their families, and all of us, so proud! They were such a credit to our school!

Thank you for telling the most important story ever told in such a special way. Well done everyone!

Thank you, also, to Miss Brownbill, Miss D'Roza, Mrs Golland. Mrs Hadfield and Mrs Sambrook for all their hard work in preparing the children and to everyone who was able to join us.



### 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)

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 attended our Advent class liturgies. Your presence has been hugely appreciated and has supported us on our Advent journeys.



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### KS2 Annual Carol Service

We are delighted that our Key Stage 2 Carol Service, (Years 3 to 6) will return this year, for the first time since 2019. It will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022** and will start promptly at 2.00pm. Our service will be filmed and a recording will be 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, and we thank them all, again, for offering such fantastic support to our school community. If you can offer your help to them, please contact the committee directly ([ptfa@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:ptfa@st-johnfisher.org)).

As four classes are involved in the service, space in church might be tight. We therefore ask that only those families with children taking part in the service, attend. Thank you.

### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Huge thanks to Mr MacInnes and our **Y6** pupils who led this week's Liturgy of the Word. It was fantastic! Our first Liturgy of the Word of 2023, will be led by the children of **Y1** on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023** and we invite our **Y1** 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.**



### Beat Your Best Challenges

We thank Miss Barrett and all our fantastic Sports Majors for organising and leading our weekly BYB challenges this term. They will resume after the holiday, in Term 3.



### SJF Christmas Dinner 2022

The children had wonderful day on Thursday as they tucked in to their Christmas dinner, this week.

I would like to thank our colleagues from Taylor Shaw who work in the kitchen; our team of wonderful lunchtime supervisors and all members of staff who helped make sure that the children enjoyed their lunch. It was such a special day.



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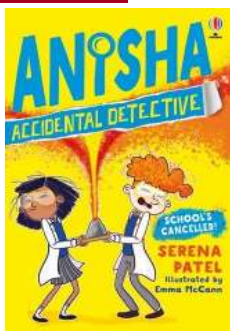


### Achievements outside of School

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 10m swimming award recently! Congratulations, superstar!
- **Kristian** in **Y3** trains with Powers Martial Arts and has just achieved the required standard to be awarded a green belt! Well done, Kristian!
- **Alana** in **Y5** has just performed in four shows over two days in the Christmas on Ice show, for the third year running. There were more than 1000 people in the audience at each show! She also trains with Castle Martial Arts and passed a module grading recently, on her journey towards her next black belt! Great achievements, Alana, congratulations!
- **Alexia** in **Y6** trains with Castle Martial Arts and passed a module grading recently, on her journey towards her next black belt! Well done, Alexia!

### Our Feature Books of the Week!



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

Our latest feature books are:

**Stella and the Seagull** by Georgina Stevens

**Anisha, Accidental Detective: School's Cancelled** by Serena Patel

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

### Last Day - Non-Uniform Day

A reminder that 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.

### SJF School Council Update



Here's a word from Renae, one of our **Y3** SJF School Councillors about what was discussed when the council met this week:

*This week the younger children worked with the **Y6** councillors to get ready for our meeting with the Road Safety Officer from Sheffield Council. We also talked about why safe and sensible parking around school is very important.*

### Golden Children

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| <b>FS2</b> | <b>Toby</b> for always taking so much care when completing our creative activities. Toby uses lots of detail and always takes his time to do his very best! Well done!                                |
| <b>Y1</b>  | <b>Vaani</b> for being kind and helpful to all her classmates! It is a pleasure to have such a lovely girl in our Y1 class!   |
| <b>Y2</b>  | <b>Dylan</b> for always being so helpful in class; for being a good team member; and for helping everybody! He is a star!   |
| <b>Y3</b>  | <b>Hector</b> for being such a superstar this term! He is always looking to learn and to help others! What a great example!   |
| <b>Y4</b>  | <b>Lillyann</b> for making a great effort in all areas of the curriculum, but especially with her reading! Please keep up the hard work, it is really starting to pay off!                            |
| <b>Y5</b>  | <b>Willow</b> for being one of our always children who just gets on with her work, helps others and always has a smile on her face. Please keep up the good work and maintain your positive attitude! |
| <b>Y6</b>  | <b>Mateusz</b> for putting a huge amount of effort into his learning this week, that has resulted in the strong progress, particularly in maths, that he has made. Well done!                         |





### Writing Champions

- FS2** **Leo** for trying really hard with his mark-making and drawing. He drew an amazing nativity picture and then wrote his name next to it, neatly. Good boy!
- Y1** **Sofia** for producing some fantastic writing about the wombat! She wrote super sentences, remembering to use adjectives! Well done, Sofia, you are a superstar!
- Y2** **Ava L** was writing champion last week for trying really hard to write beautiful sentences! Well done, Ava, we are very proud of you!  
**Libbi** for writing beautiful sentences when retelling the Christmas story. Libbi has really pushed herself to include lots of beautiful details! Well done!
- Y3** **Tilly** for a writing her own lovely version of the shepherds' story, also remembering so many key features!
- Y4** **Amelia** for trying very hard to improve the presentation of her work. It has been noticed. Keep trying hard, Amelia, your efforts are really starting to pay off!
- Y5** **Poppy** wrote an amazing opening based on Raymond Briggs' 'The Snowman': *'Into the night and out comes the morning with the white, thick snow in the way. Every minute there's a breeze in the house.'*
- Y6** **Emily** for producing an excellent piece of nativity writing from the point of view of one of the animals in the stable. It was incredible.

### 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.



### An Opportunity for Parents/Carers

Please click [here](#) to access information about a special way to get involved in school life and support our community. Thank you,

### Statement of Belief



Next week our 'statement of Belief' is '**Simple things make me happy**'

**Time to talk:** At this time of year we have been thinking about what the true meaning of Christmas is, as we have continue our Advent journeys. The children have been reflecting on those important things in their lives that money cannot buy. As we face so many challenges, it is, perhaps, an opportunity focus on the simple things that are important and forget that which is not.

List some of the important things in your lives. Why not think about some of the simple ways you can make others happy. What is it (or who is) that make your lives happy and special? Family members? Friends? Who?

### Finally...

I would like to thank my dedicated colleagues for all they do, in all their different and very important roles. I would like to thank the highly committed members of our Local Academy Committee (known formally as Governors), for the important and often unseen work they do to support our community. I would like thank our wonderful PTFA for all the fantastic things they do to bring our community together and enhance the experience of both the children and their families in school. I would like to thank Fr Bede for his dedication to us, and all our dear friends from the parish for their support and friendship. Next, I would like to thank all our families for their support and for entrusting their children in to our care. Finally, I would like to thank all our amazing children, for all they bring; for their gifts and their light. On behalf of everyone here at St John Fisher I would like to wish you all a very peaceful, safe and happy Christmas. I hope that 2023 brings you good news, good health and good fortune! We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

