

# SJF NEWS







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## Citizen of the Week

This week's citizenship award was presented to Ewan in **Y2** for understanding the importance of cooperation and teamwork in line with this week's Statement of Belief. Ewan is fantastic at working in teams and groups, in class and at play. He understands that success comes when groups cooperate and work together. Instinctively he knows that strong teams/groups are those whose members listen, share and work together – respectfully. As a result, children love working with Ewan. Well done, Ewan! What a great example you are!

## Term 4 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
169	176	188	182
2584	2551	2551	2570



## Yellow Day 2023

As the feast of St David is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023, the members of St David's House will celebrate 'Yellow Day' on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. This means that **Monday** is a non-uniform day for members of St David's House. Members are invited to dress down and wear something yellow, on **Monday**, if they have it and want to. Children in the other three houses will be expected to wear full school uniform as usual. Thank you.

## 100 Smilies

Congratulations to the following children who have earned 100 smilies.

- **Y1** Lucy
- **Y2** Dylan and Ivy
- **Y3** Drew, Jack M and Jan Z
- **Y5** Sofia

## Attendance Final Week of Term 3

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Y4</b>	<b>99.2%</b>	<b>Bobby Bear</b> will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Y3</b>	<b>99.1%</b>	<b>Brenda Bear</b> will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>FS2</b>	97.9%	<b>Elvis Owl</b> will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y2</b>	96.7%	<b>Billy Bear</b> will visit next week
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y5</b>	96.4%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y1</b>	95.4%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y6</b>	93.4%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 96.8%	



## Get Set, GO!

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Y4</b>	84%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Y5</b>	82%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Y2</b>	80%
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y1</b>	78%
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FS2</b>	70%
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y3</b>	70%
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y6</b>	67%
		Average = 76%



## Reminder: Extra Bank Holiday

The government has announced that there will be a special bank holiday, following the coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The additional holiday will fall on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**, so school will close on that day. Please click [here](#) for more information.

## Reminder: Library Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Y2</b>		<b>FS2</b>	<b>Y5</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Y3</b>		<b>Y6</b>	



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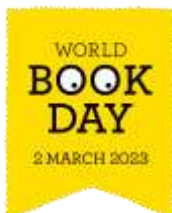


### Reminder: Parent/Carer Meetings

A reminder that arrangements for the next round of pupil review and target-setting meetings have changed. They will take place next week via Parentmail Video-Call. All **afternoon** meetings will take place on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023** and all early **evening** meetings will take place on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**.

Meeting slots must be prebooked through the school office, and are particularly important as we countdown to the forthcoming statutory assessments. Mrs Grayson and Mrs Ramsden are available to support anyone needing help. Parents/carers of children who have pre-arranged SEND reviews do not need to book a slot.

### World Book Day 2023

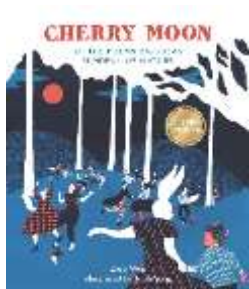


Next **Thursday 2nd of March 2023** is World Book Day! Across the UK children in schools will mark this special day in different ways. As part of our celebrations, here at St John Fisher, we will have a non-uniform day and would like to invite the children to either dress down or dress up when they come to school. The decision to leave things open and relaxed as far as dressing up or down is concerned has been a deliberate one, because we just want the children to have a happy day. We also do not want to put any of our busy parents/carers under any unnecessary pressure.

We know that some children really love to dress up, and if this is the case, they can. Homemade outfits, especially those put together by the children themselves from this and that, will *always* look fantastic. There really is no need to spend lots of money buying expensive costumes.

We also know that some children do not really enjoy dressing up, and would prefer, instead, to wear their favourite comfortable clothes on World Book Day. With this in mind, it is also worth remembering that many of the best book characters and heroes wear normal clothes too. It does not matter what children choose to wear as long as it is practical and comfortable.

### Our Feature Books of the Week!



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

Our latest feature books are:

**Cherry Moon** by Zaro Weil

**The Amazing Edie Eckhart** by Rosie Jones

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

### PTFA Rainbow Raffle & Non-Uniform Day

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023** will be a non-uniform day in support of our PTFA Rainbow Raffle. On that day the children will be able to dress down and in return the PTFA will be asking for donations of any items for their colour-themed 'Rainbow Hamper Raffle'.

Families are asked to support the PTFA by sending their children in with the following:

- **FS2** pupils are asked to donate items that are **pink**
- **Y1** pupils are asked to donate items that are **purple**
- **Y2** pupils are asked to donate items that are **orange**
- **Y3** pupils are asked to donate items that are **yellow**
- **Y4** pupils are asked to donate items that are **red**
- **Y5** pupils are asked to donate items that are **green**
- **Y6** pupils are asked to donate items that are **blue**



On the final day of term, just before Easter, **Maundy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023**, the PTFA will run a free Easter scavenger hunt with chocolate prizes! The raffle will be drawn at this event and tickets will be available to buy from next week. Thank you for your support!



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## The BYB Weekly Challenge



Here is a message from Miss Barrett:

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Hello everyone, I hope you have all had a fantastic first week back! Thanks to everyone who joined in with Freddie's tricky basketball bouncing challenge! A special shout out goes to Renae and Charlotte **Y3** and Hugo **Y5** who gave it a go every day, as well as Oscar **Y6** who managed to achieve an enormous count of 210! Well done to you all!

Our challenge this week has been set by Priscilla, another of our amazing Sports Majors. She's come up with an entire obstacle course for everyone to have a go at. How quickly can you:

- weave between the cones
- hula-hoop five times
- a frog walk
- weave between the cones again
- bounce a ball on a tennis racket ten times

...all while balancing a bean bag on your head!

This one is a real challenge, but it does sound like it will be amazing fun. I hope to see lots of you at playtime, ready to come and have a go. Just remember to let Priscilla of me know the times that you achieve, and don't worry, I'll remember the stopwatch this time! Please click [here](#) to view Priscilla's demonstration!

## Our Catholic Life

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

## Parish News

For information about parish and Diocesan life including; the times of Masses, services, confession; details about sacramental preparation; and information about what is happening during Lent and Easter please click this [link](#) to our parish website. Thank you.

## Our New Term 4 Virtues to Live By

Our new SJF virtues are **charity** and **forgiveness**.

## Our Lenten Prayer: 'The Confiteor'

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done,  
and in what I have failed to do;

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore, I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.



**FORGIVEN**

## Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next Liturgy takes place on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**, and will be led by the children of **Y3**. We welcome their family/friends to join us in the school hall from 9.00am. Click [here](#) to watch recordings of previous liturgies.

## Lent Class Liturgies

During Lent our amazing Class Chaplains will support staff with the organisation of simple daily Lenten class liturgies. These will run from **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023** until **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**. Initially, we invite parents/carers to book just one liturgy in classes where their child is a pupil. To book more liturgies please call on the day to see if there are spaces. Please arrive by 3.05pm, thank you. On the next page you will be able to see the days on which Lenten liturgies will be taking place.



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Monday  
Y1 Y5 Y6  
LENT

Tuesday  
FS2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6

Wednesday  
FS2 Y1 Y2 Y5 Y6

Thursday  
FS2 Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4

Friday  
FS2 Y2 Y3 Y4

### Golden Children!

- FS2** **Rowan** has been extremely kind to his friends this week and always encourages them to have a go when they join him at the creative table. Well done, and thank you, Rowan!
- Y1** **Igor** for trying so hard to make the right choices! We are so pleased that this is also having a real impact on his learning too. We can see how hard he is trying in his lessons! Keep it up Igor!
- Y2** **Seren** for quietly getting on with her work with no fuss. Seren tries hard in every lesson and we are all so proud of her!
- Y3** **Esma** for making a wonderful start to the term! She is making mature decisions and is striving to do well in every lesson!
- Y4** **Louis** has had a very positive attitude to learning this week and has worked really hard too! He used excellent pictorial representations in his fractions work which helped deepen his understanding!
- Y5** **Aalia** for have great attitude in all lessons and for being such a lovely role-model to other children. She is brilliant to have in class!
- Y6** **Katy** for working so hard every day and for her constant positivity and smile! Thank you, and well done!

### Writing Champions!

- FS2** **Cruz** for working really hard on his letter and number formation! What a star!
- Y1** **Ashwin** for trying so hard to sound out his words and then write independently. He is now having a go on his own! Super work, Aswin!
- Y2** **Dylan** for making a real effort within his writing and for applying himself so well in all our lessons!
- Y3** **Hector** for producing a fantastic piece of writing about Boudicca!
- Y4** **Isabelle** for coming up with some really great ideas in her writing this week! She has also been using speech punctuation really well. Keep it up Isabelle!
- Y5** **Diion** for creating good ideas within his plan, ready to write his transmission piece. It was great to see him use humour so well, to make it more real life. Well done!
- Y6** **Lily** for writing some brilliant dialogue in a reimagined chapter of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. It was fantastic!

### Maths Champions!

- FS2** **Olivia-Rose** for her fantastic number work in which she was trying really hard to make numbers to 10!
- Y1** **Jaxson** for demonstrating superb mental maths skills when working through maths problems in the whole-class teaching part of our lessons. He is so fast at working out number problems! Well done!
- Y2** **Adriana** for participating brilliantly in all our maths lessons! What a star!
- Y3** **Drew** for demonstrating fantastic maths wizardry as we explored ten times greater and ten times fewer! Brilliant!
- Y4** **Charlie** for working hard on fractions this week! His hard work is really starting to pay off because this week he was able to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers! Well done!
- Y5** **Alfie** for having a determined attitude! It is not just about completing classwork but the way he tries to also deepen his knowledge and understanding of different mathematical concepts. Well done!
- Y6** **Hannah** for working so hard to make excellent progress with her mathematical reasoning. A fantastic effort!



### 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. Thank you.

- **Esma** in **Y3** was awarded two certificates this week in gymnastics after achieving the required standard for 'Explore Core Skills' 1 and 2! Congratulations Esma! What amazing achievements!

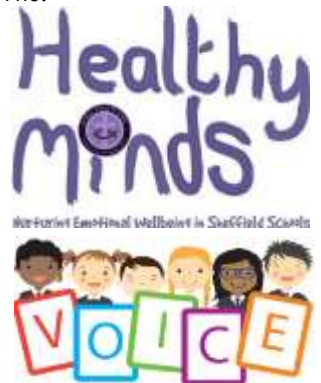
### Healthy Minds Newsletter

Please look out for the next newsletter produced by our Healthy Minds Champions.

### SJF School Council Update

Our School Councillors met this week. Here's a word from **Caleb**, one of our Y3 councillors, about what was discussed.

*We are busy organizing our road safety project. We talked about what our next goals are. The council also talked about different things we could raise money for. We had lots of ideas, especially about how we can encourage the children at our school to read more.*



### Statement of Belief

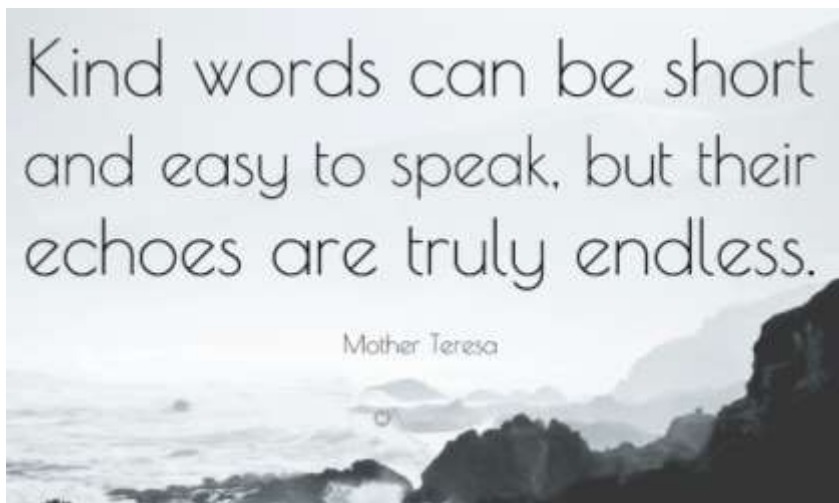
Next week our 'statement of Belief' is "**I try to use words that make the world better.**"

**Time to talk:** Why is it important to use kind words when we talk to (and about) others?

Why is it wrong to say unkind words or share lies about others? Does it help?

How does it feel when people say positive things?

How does it feel when they don't?



## A prayer of peace

Merciful God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine and their family members around the world. We ask that all those involved respond with wisdom and courage and that a peaceful resolution may be achieved. Lord, during these challenging times please lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust and lead us from hatred to love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen



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