

# SJF NEWS



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## **Citizen of the Week** (10-03-23)

Last week's citizenship award was presented to Willow in **Y5** for appreciating the beauty of the world and her surroundings in line with our previous Statement of Belief! Willow is not only respectful of grown-ups and other children, but she is also respectful of her surroundings too – our school buildings and outdoor environment. She is also very kind, and always tries hard in class. By doing all these things, Willow sets a fantastic example to others. Well done, Willow, for this well-deserved award, and thank you for being a great role-model!

## **Citizen of the Week** (17-03-23)

The Citizen of the Week award was presented to Briola in **Y1** for understanding that it is ok to make mistakes in line with this week's Statement of Belief. Briola is fascinated about the world and why things are the way they are. She asks lots of great questions. She can also be courageous and resilient in her learning, unafraid to have go at something new. If she makes a mistake, she can take it in her stride and then have another go. What a wonderful example you share, Briola, we are also very proud of you!

## **Questionnaire for SJF Parents & Carers**

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our online questionnaire. Its purpose is to help us gather feedback and ideas, as part of the wider and ongoing reflective work we do around school evaluation and improvement. If you would like to help us, please complete one questionnaire per family.

The most helpful feedback is obviously that which is constructive and it is for this reason that the questionnaire has been opened up so that responders can add comments along with further information and even ideas. All responses will be reviewed and followed up, where necessary, including any concerns that are shared.

A reminder that you can meet with your children's teachers, Mrs Barrett or me if you need to talk anything, including your feedback/responses to this questionnaire, at any time. We will also support anyone who needs help to access/complete the questionnaire, e.g. access to Wi-Fi. Just talk to us in confidence. Thanks to those who have already completed the questionnaire, we have had thirty-nine responses so far. There is still time to respond if you would like to. The link will be re-sent, for anyone needing it again. Once we have been through all the completed questionnaires, a report outlining our responses to whole-school issues raised, will be shared. Parents/carers raising specific points to do with their own children, will be contacted directly. Thank you.

## **Term 4 Smiley Scores**

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
529	566	566	556
2944	2941	2885	2944

### **Red Day 2023**

The members of St Patrick's House certainly enjoyed Green Day, today, and dressing down and wearing something green to mark the feast of St Patrick. Our next 'House' day will be **Red Day** on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023**. We are giving early notice because it is also the first day back after the Easter holiday, and therefore an easy one to forget. On the first day of Term 5, we invite members of St George's House to dress down and wear something red if they want to. As usual, children in the other three houses will be expected to wear full school uniform. Thank you.

### **100 Smilies**

Congratulations to the following **Y4** children who recently earned 100 smilies:

- Jai
- Lincoln
- Olivia!



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**Library Days**

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

**Y6 Mock SATs Week**

Next week our Y6 children will experience a mock SATs week to help them prepare for the real thing in May. It has three purposes:

- i. to reassure the children so they know what to expect and can experience all the support available
- ii. to test school's plans to make sure they work
- iii. to identify the children's strengths and needs so that the right support is targeted appropriately

Attendance in all year groups is always important, but even more so, next week, for Y6 pupils. Thank you.

**The Comic Relief 2023 Appeal**

We are sometimes get asked why we do not do more to support the Comic Relief and Sport Relief appeals, so I thought I would take this opportunity to explain. Firstly, it is important to say that we all acknowledge and appreciate the fantastic work by these two great appeals in support of different initiatives, projects and charities that help to change the lives, for the better, for so many people across the UK and Africa.



In the past there were issues around some of the projects funded by the appeals. It was felt that they conflicted with aspects of Catholic doctrine. In recent years, however, this issue has been addressed by the Comic Relief and Sport Relief appeals who now offer Catholic schools a guarantee that any money raised by them will be used only in support of projects that do not conflict with Catholic teaching and beliefs.

Hallam Catholic schools welcome this assurance, but are also mindful of our bishop's sincere hope that we will also do all we can to support the vital and ongoing work of the smaller and lesser-known Catholic charities, services and projects, that exist under the umbrella of the 'Diocese of Hallam Caring Services'. These charities help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our city and surrounding areas, the old, the young and families, day in and day out. We are therefore proud to do all we can to support our Bishop's wishes and his appeal.

**Our Charities**

A reminder that school supports three fixed charities and one annual charity. Our chosen charities help people locally and abroad. We also support the BBC 'Children in Need' appeal and we think that on the whole, this is an appropriate balance.



**PTFA Rainbow Raffle & Non-Uniform Day**

Please support the PTFA rainbow raffles! A reminder that **Friday 24th March 2023** will be a non-uniform day. In return for being able to dress down, our PTFA asks that children bring in items to stock colour-themed hampers that will be raffled off. A reminder that children in different classes are invited to donate the following colours:

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



On the final day of Term 4, **Maundy Thursday** (6th April 2023), the PTFA will organise a free Easter scavenger hunt and draw the raffle at the same time. Tickets are on sale, and we thank you for your support!



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Weekly Attendance			
1 <sup>st</sup>	FS2	100%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5	99.6%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y3	97.8%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	97.5%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	96.3%	Billy Bear will visit next week
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	96.1%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	93.0%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 97.1%	



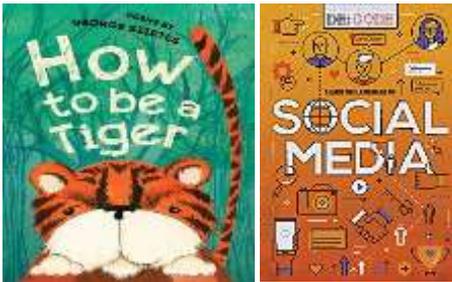
Get Set, GO!		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y4	86%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y1	84%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5	82%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	80%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	80%
6 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	75%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	64%
Average = 79%		



A reminder that 'Wake Up! Shake Up!' takes place at 8.40am, every day, on the playground or in the hall if the weather is bad. Every child who joins in receives a sticker and a smiley. This is followed by 'Get Set, GO!' sessions in each class which are designed to stimulate the children's thinking and help them to settle and prepare for the day. A count is made of the children present and ready in each class at the start of this session, at 8.50am, and this is the Get Set, GO figure that is reported in the newsletter (above). Obviously, those arriving after 'Get Set, GO!' starts are also welcomed and join in with the activity, but they are not counted.



### Our Feature Books of the Week!



Click [here](#) for our full 2022-2023 SJF Book List.

Our latest feature books are:

**How to be a Tiger** by George Szirtes

**Social Media (De:Code)** by Kirsty Holmes

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



### The BYB Weekly Challenge

*Here is a message from Miss Barrett*

Hello everyone, let me introduce you all to our new **Beat your Best** challenge!

Thanks to all of you who had a go this week's BYB Challenge during playtime. This week's challenge was designed our Sports Major, Katy, and I know that it will be one that so many of you are going to enjoy.

Katy wants to see how long you can skip for, without stopping. You can try any style, including, speed bounce, double bounce or crossing the rope - just make sure that you don't stop! Come and find Katy or me on the playground at lunchtime if you want to have a go, and don't forget to tell us your scores. Good luck everyone!

### 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)



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### 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](#). Thank you.

### Our New Term 4 Virtues to Live By

Our current SJF virtues of focus 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.



### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Thank you to our amazing **Y1** children for leading a beautiful liturgy this week. Our next Liturgy is on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**, and it will be led by the children of **FS2** and we invite their family/friends to join us. Click [here](#) to view recordings of previous liturgies.



### Reminder: Lenten Class Liturgies

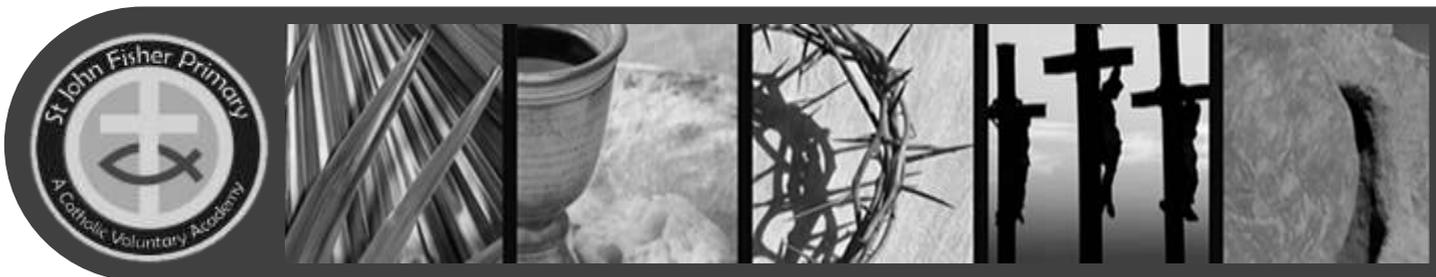
Our Class Chaplains are supporting staff during Lent with the organisation of simple daily class liturgies, which will run until **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**. Liturgies will take place on the following days:

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

If you would like to attend any of them, please book through the school office. Thank you, for all your support.

### Our KS2 Passion Liturgy 2023

As in previous years, our Passion liturgy will be led by the young people in Years 3-5 and take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. The liturgy will take place on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023** and start at **2.15pm**. As space is limited, we are only able to invite the family and friends of the children actually involved in the liturgy. It will be filmed though, and available to view on our SJF website.



### SJF Curriculum Showcase

Our next curriculum showcase is on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. You will be able to view a sample of the children's work produced over Terms 3 and 4 in the school hall from **8.45am until 9.45am** and again from **3.30pm until 4.15pm**. Children from each class take turns acting as guides during the morning session, talking to visitors about their learning, work and curriculum and answering any questions our visitors might have. Please email the PTFA ([ptfa@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:ptfa@st-johnfisher.org)) if you can help with refreshments. Please remember that the children will have cold dinners on that day because the school hall will be out of action on that day. Thank you.



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**Golden Children! (10-03-23)**

- FS2** **Ignas** for always being well-behaved and for tying his best in all our activities. He has also worked very hard during our RWInc. phonics lessons!
- Y1** **Marianna** for being on task and for always getting on with her work so well! She is amazing and we can always rely on her to set a good example for her classmates to follow!
- Y2** **Clayton** for doing some great work with Miss D'Roza this week! Clayton has worked very hard and we are all very pleased with him!
- Y3** **Tilly** for always working well with others and for being a super role-model to those around her. What a lovely friend she is to all the other children!
- Y4** **Olivia** for always giving 100% effort in all lessons. This is now really starting to pay off, as she is making some really good progress!
- Y5** **Bella** for working hard in lessons and demonstrating her positive attitude by putting her hand up more, having a go, and asking for help when she has needed to. remaining positive and happy all week!
- Y6** **Freddie** for approaching every day and every lesson positively and with a big smile!

**Golden Children! (17-03-23)**

- FS2** **Marnell** for trying his best in class and for always being kind, helpful and happy to just have a go at all our activities and challenges. What a star!
- Y1** **Briola** for working so hard! She is developing real focus and concentration and shows that she always wants to do her very best by the way she puts so much effort into everything! Well done Briola!
- Y2** **Ewan** for working hard each day and for setting such a great example everyone else in Y2! We are so proud of him!
- Y3** **William** for making mature decisions with his learning this week. Well done, superstar!
- Y4** **Ameilia** for working hard in class and for remaining positive and trying even when she has not understood something straightaway! What a star!
- Y5** **Katie** has shown real determination this week, especially in English which she found challenging. She focused and worked very hard to produce a fantastic poem based on the Highwayman! Well done!
- Y6** **Bronte** for the hard work and determination that she displays towards learning every day, which is resulting in some good focus. Well done!

**Writing Champions! (10-03-23)**

- FS2** **Toby** for trying hard to spell brilliantly and write beautifully in our phonics lessons!
- Y1** **Ry** for making fantastic progress in such a short time! He only started at St John Fisher a few weeks ago and now writing in sentences, sounding out and using full stops too!
- Y2** **Jenson** for writing a great diary entry this week! Jenson put his best effort into his work and it was wonderful to read!
- Y3** **Peter** for writing a wonderful story about Sam and the magic paintbrush! It was fantastic!
- Y4** **Marcus** has been trying hard with his writing. He is editing it well and listening to our advice on how to make improvements.
- Y5** **Willow** for working hard to learn about the different features of poems in preparation for writing her own. She thought of some fantastic similes to use and offered help to others by sharing her ideas!
- Y6** **Aleks** for working very hard to make his writing more descriptive. Absolutely fantastic!

**Writing Champions!** (17-03-23)

- FS2** **Macarius** for producing some amazing writing in our phonics lessons! What a star!
- Y1** **Lucy** for working so hard to achieve her own writing targets and for producing some excellent pieces of writing in the process! We are all so proud of her and pleased with what she can do!
- Y2** **Dylan** for trying his best to include in his writing everything that we have been learning in our grammar, punctuations and spelling lessons. Keep up the great work, Dylan!
- Y3** **Matilda** for creating some wonderful personification phrases about mother earth. Well done!
- Y4** **Forence** for coming up with some great ideas for her Lenten writing, and for trying hard to to edit her work too! Brilliant!
- Y5** **Jacob** for trying really hard to produce an amazing poem, based on The Highwayman, on his own, remembering to using lots of grammatical features such as a similes, rhyming, repetition! Well done!
- Y6** **Eleana** for the hard work and effort that she has put into editing her writing this week - which has produced an excellent piece!

**Maths Champions!** (10-03-23)

- FS2** **Esmae** for trying really hard and producing great number-bond work! Brilliant!
- Y1** **Nadia** for her fantastic reasoning and explanations in her maths lesson! A super effort!
- Y2** **Chloe** for working really hard to learn about equivalent fractions this week! What a star!
- Y3** **Phelan** for his hard work and effort to understand the grid method! Absolutely fantastic!
- Y4** **Aureilia** for working hard in maths this week and just having a go, without over worrying about getting it right! What a star!
- Y5** **Sofia** for showing great determination, for having a go, for seeking help when she needs to and for doing her very best! Well done!
- Y6** **Ellie** for the huge amount of work that she has put into her maths learning recently! Outstanding!

**Maths Champions!** (17-03-23)

- FS2** **Alice** for trying so hard on our numicon activities! Well done!
- Y1** **Vaani** for working so hard both in our maths lessons and at home too! Well done, you are a superstar!
- Y2** **Seren** for trying really hard in our lessons on data and graphs. Her contributions in class discussion this week have been so great!
- Y3** **James** for amazing time-telling! What a star!
- Y4** **Max** for working so hard this week and for having a great attitude to learning! Max showed a greater willingness to get involved and answer questions. Fantastic effort, keep it up Max!
- Y5** **Amelie** for working really hard and for showing greater self-belief! She has been putting her hand up to answer questions and had made sure that the presentation of her work is as good as it can be!
- Y6** **Natalia** for the hard work she has put into her maths learning, both at school and at home, it really is paying off!



**SJF School Council Update**



This week the Y6 SJF Councillors met to discuss items on the agenda. Here's a word from Owen, our Treasurer this year, on what was discussed.

*The school council have been looking at the different ways we can show the people who drive past our school that the children at St John Fisher want safe roads, with sensible drivers and fair parking for everybody. We've got some really good ideas that we'll be sharing in the next few weeks.*

**SJF Reading Volunteers**

If you would like to be one of our special Reading Volunteers, please email us ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) or speak to one of my colleagues in the school office. You will be subject to formal safeguarding checks. Thank you.



**Achievements outside of School**

Please remember to 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)). They will then be shared in the newsletter, and celebrated. Thank you.

**Statement of Belief**

Next week our 'Statement of Belief' is '**I can learn from my mistakes and failures**'

**Time to talk:** We know that mistakes help us to learn, and to be better, if we focus on the positives and take the learning points on board.

We also need to have the self-belief, drive and determination to keep trying, again and again, until we achieve what we want to achieve.

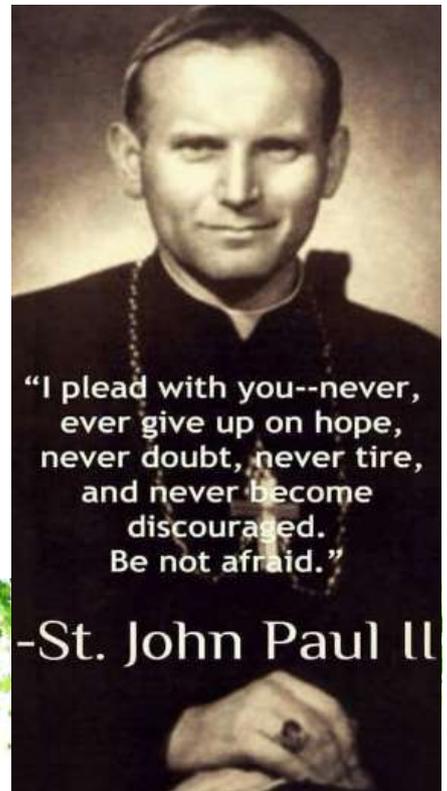
It is so important to trust ourselves and others too. We know that everyone at SJF and at home wants us to succeed and will help us.

What is the big target that you are working on?

Who is supporting you?

How is it going?

What lessons are you learning along the way?



-St. John Paul II

**The Irish Blessing**

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

The rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again -

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

