

# SJF NEWS

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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023







## Citizen of the Week (12-05-23)

Last week's citizenship award was presented to Diion in **Y5** for understanding the importance of peace in line with our previous Statement of Belief! Diion is such a happy and positive member of our family. Though quiet by nature, he nevertheless stands out, because of his great calmness and generosity of spirit. He is popular with others because he is very kind and supportive, always choosing words to build rather than divide. Through his gentle and powerful example, Diion can bring peace to situations. Congratulations and thank you, Diion!

## Citizen of the Week (19-05-23)

This week's Citizen of the Week award was presented to Isabelle in **Y6** for understanding that it is important to keep going when things are difficult and not give up, in line with our Statement of Belief. Isabelle has really impressed us all with her attitude to learning, and especially when she encounters something that she finds challenging. She has the confidence to trust herself and use the skills and knowledge that she has worked so hard to gain, in order to have a go and to see if she can do it, herself, first. If this does not work then she trusts those who are there to support her, to do just that. She understands that having a 'can do' attitude is half the battle. Well done, Isabelle, and thank you for your great resilience and for the great example you give others.

## Term 5 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
<b>535</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>608</b>
<b>3479</b>	<b>3518</b>	<b>3432</b>	<b>3552</b>

## Smiley Awards

Well done to Ava, George, Igor, Lydia, Mila, Nadia, Sofia, Leon, Raquel and Vaani in **Y1** and Chenai, Freya and William in **Y3** who have all now earned 100 smiles!

## This Week's Attendance

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Y6</b>	<b>98.4%</b>	<b>Bobby Bear</b> will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Y3</b>	97.9%	<b>Brenda Bear</b> will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Y4</b>	97.8%	<b>Elvis Owl</b> will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y2</b>	96.0%	<b>Billy Bear</b> will visit next week
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FS2</b>	95.0%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y1</b>	89.3%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y5</b>	85.5%	
<b>Target = 98.0%</b>		<b>Average Attendance = 94.3%</b>	



## Get Set, GO!

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Y6</b>	89%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Y4</b>	82%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Y2</b>	80%
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y5</b>	78%
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FS2</b>	75%
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y1</b>	70%
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y3</b>	70%
		<b>Average = 78%</b>

## Assessment Season & Attendance

As you know, we are in the middle of the statutory assessment season – which will continue after the holiday, throughout June. School attendance every day, is therefore even more important than usual. Please ensure that your children attend school every day and avoid booking term-time breaks and holidays. Thank you.

Our attendance figures are under constant review as part of the local authority's drive to improve attendance across the city and unauthorised term-time holidays has been picked up as one of our issues here at St John Fisher. Sometimes taken with little or no notice given. We know that some absences are obviously unavoidable, but when they are not, please support us by ensuring that your children attend school. Thank you.



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### Coping with Bereavement and Loss – A Meeting for Parents and Carers

The Sheffield Healthy Minds team are running a coffee afternoon for parents and carers to explore bereavement and loss. Lots of information and support will be available, as well as people to listen. The meeting takes place on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2023** and starts at **2:15pm**. It would help to have an idea of numbers, so please email us ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) or phone (01142485009) if you are interested.

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### Our Catholic Life

#### Parish News

For information about parish and Diocesan life including; the times of Masses, services, confession; and details about sacramental preparation please click this [link](#). Thank you.

#### Our Summer RE & Catholic Life Overview

Please click [here](#). Thank you.

#### Our Term 5 Virtues to Live By

Our latest SJF virtue of focus is **kindness**.



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

### Our Prayer for May: The Angelus

#### 1. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit...

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with Thee;  
Blessed art thou among women,  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners,  
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen



#### 2. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to thy word...

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with Thee;  
Blessed art thou among women,  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners,  
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

#### 3. And the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us...

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with Thee;  
Blessed art thou among women,  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners,  
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

**Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

**LET US PRAY** Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



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### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next liturgy will take place on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023**, and will be led by the young people of **Y3**. This is the same day as our Healthy Minds coffee afternoon, which takes place later that day. A reminder that this is for anyone coping with bereavement and loss themselves, or who need advice to support their children through a difficult time.

### SJF Chaplaincy Team: The Good Shepherd Appeal

Here is an update from Ellie, one of our **Y6** Chaplains...



On 17<sup>th</sup> of May, many schools were invited to St. Marie's Cathedral, including our Y6 Chaplains. This year, for the Good Shepherd Appeal, our goal was to get enough coins to reach around the entire perimeter of our playground – a huge 33 metres. Altogether, we raised an amazing £485.55, which was a brilliant surprise!

Our children joined representatives from many other schools in the Diocese of Hallam for this special liturgy!



### SJF Drama Club

After a short break, our after-school Drama Club restarts on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023. As before the sessions will start at 3.30pm and finish at 4.30pm. The cost per session will remain at £1 and we ask that the total cost of £6.00 is paid up-front, as the last drama session of the year will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Thank you.

### Change to 2023-2024 Calendar

A reminder that next year's school calendar has changed. The February INSET day has moved to just after the autumn holiday to accommodate specialist training that staff will be receiving. This means that the INSET day set for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 has now moved to **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023**.

This means that Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 is now a staff training or INSET day, meaning that school will be closed to children. Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 is now a normal school day meaning that children will be expected to attend school as normal. Click [here](#) to view the revised 2023-2024 SJF calendar. Thank you.



### Lunchtime Hub News

Congratulations to Eliana, Amelie and Diion in **Y5** for all the hard work they did as part of our 'Know Your World' series of Hub Lectures. The theme this term was **Space**. Eliana and Amelie designed/produced a brilliant board game and Diion won the quiz! Our next Hub lecture is in Term 6 and will focus on the **Titanic**.



### Golden Children! (12-05-23)

FS2	<b>Margot</b> for being such a lovely member of our class! She is always so kind, helpful and ready to try her best every day!
Y1	<b>Pedro</b> for having such a super attitude to learning! He always wants to do his best and strive for excellence! What a star!
Y2	<b>Seren</b> for working hard this week in all of her lessons. She has been such a great role-model to all the Y2 children!
Y3	<b>Kaius</b> for trying hard to meet his targets in both English and Maths! Well done, keep it up!
Y4	<b>Charlie F</b> for trying to maintain a good focus in lessons and for giving some great explanations in our mathematics lessons, this week!
Y5	<b>Connie</b> for having another great week, showing the usual determined attitude towards her work. What a great attitude!
Y6	<b>The Y6 class</b> for the hard work, determination, resilience and positivity they have displayed in both the preparation for tests and during the assessments too. We are so very proud of them all!

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FS2	<b>Rosa</b> for being such a wonderful girl and very grown up too! She is trying so hard in her activities every day and we are so proud of her for the great strides she has made!
Y1	<b>Ry</b> for working so hard all the time and for making amazing progress in his Phonics Screen Score as a result! Wow! Ry, you are a star!
Y2	<b>Izabela</b> for being a super tidier in our classroom! She really helps to keep her table organised and everyone on track!
Y3	<b>Phelan</b> for working really hard and making great efforts and determination to improve his work. It is really paying off, so keep up the great work!
Y4	<b>Eddie</b> for trying so hard to improve his work and concentration in lessons! Well done, Eddie!
Y5	<b>Florence</b> for having such a positive attitude towards all subjects and for trying really hard in her assessments - which has been pleasing to see!
Y6	<b>Alexia</b> for her constant hard work all of year, especially in reading, writing and maths - and for the brilliant progress she has made as a result of it. Well done!

### Writing Champions! (12-05-23)

FS2	<b>Esmee</b> for trying so hard with her Coronation Day writing! It was wonderful!
Y1	<b>Vaani</b> for creating a super piece of writing about the Pentecost. She retold it from the point of view of one of Jesus' friends - and she remembered everything! Well done!
Y2	<b>Scarlett</b> for writing a beautiful letter inspired by the life and times of the famous explorer, Christopher Columbus! Scarlett tried to use and apply all the techniques she had been learning in English!
Y3	<b>Natalia</b> for writing a super comedy narrative! It was brilliant!
Y4	<b>Max</b> for coming up with some really witty writing about the BFG dream using 'gobbelfunk' words and writing - just as the BFG speaks!
Y5	<b>Jomi</b> for creating a beautiful written a piece about the fruits of the Holy Spirit. She really thought about her audience and wrote with such care and attention. Well done!
Y6	<b>Bella</b> for all the passion and skill that she displays in her writing, especially when a topic really captures her interest and imagination. Well done!



### Writing Champions! (19-05-23)

FS2	<b>Cece</b> for the great effort she showed in her writing about spiders!
Y1	<b>Imogen</b> for always trying so hard to improve her writing, taking care with the size and presentation of her letters. Well done, Imogen!
Y2	<b>Nathan</b> for trying hard to write a wonderful story this week. He should feel very proud of his achievements, because what he wrote was wonderful!
Y3	<b>Drew</b> for writing a wonderful piece linked to our science work! Well done, Drew!
Y4	<b>Sanaya</b> for always working so hard in her writing and trying to improve her word choices!
Y5	<b>Kacper</b> for showing a better understanding of the grammar, punctuation and spelling within the English curriculum. This greater understanding is now showing in the work he is producing. Well done!
Y6	<b>Daniel</b> for writing an excellent letter using formal language. Brilliant!

### Maths Champions! (12-05-23)

FS2	<b>Akira</b> for her fantastic work linked to 2D shapes! She has tried so hard!
Y1	<b>Maya</b> for producing some great work in our weight topic!
Y2	<b>Max</b> for trying to remember (and use) everything we have been learning in our mathematics lessons this year. This really showed in his work this week!
Y3	<b>Renee</b> for doing some really great work linked to our current 'fractions' unit!
Y4	<b>Amelia</b> for offering excellent explanations about decimal and fraction equivalents in our Mathematics lessons! Well done!
Y5	<b>Dominique</b> for working so hard in our work on converting units of measure over the last couple of weeks. Even though she has found it difficult at times, she has persevered and shown great resilience!
Y6	<b>Logan</b> for maintaining such a focused and hardworking attitude in lessons on maths reasoning. Well done!

### Maths Champions! (19-05-23)

FS2	<b>Toby</b> for all his excellent work identifying different 2d shapes! It has been excellent!
Y1	<b>Marianna</b> for the super effort she showed in some of the mathematics assessments we have completed this week! What a star!
Y2	<b>Adriana</b> for trying her best to always show us her learning journey in Maths lessons. She always tries hard to use and apply all the strategies that are taught, which is always brilliant to see. Well done!
Y3	<b>Matilda</b> for fabulous work on fractions. She has remembered how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator, and has been using her knowledge to find fractions of amounts! Well done!
Y4	<b>Dominic</b> for working really hard and for making excellent progress in mathematics! What a star! Keep it up!
Y5	<b>William</b> is an amazing mathematician, who quietly gets on with the work and helps others during lessons, which also deepens his learning too. What a great role-model!
Y6	<b>Evan</b> for the hard work he has put into his maths learning, especially the fantastic effort he made in preparing for the maths SATs tests. Well done, Evan!





### Our Feature Books of the Week!



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

Our latest feature books are:

**The Secret of Black Rock** by Joe Todd Stanton

**Drawn Across Borders: True Stories of Migration** by George Butlee

Click [here](#) for more information about this week's choices!

### 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)). These will then be shared in the newsletter, and celebrated. Thank you.

- **Rowan** in **FS2** passed his Stage 1 swimming! What a great achievement, well done!
- **Felicity** in **Y2** passed her grading in kickboxing recently, and received her green belt! Congratulations!
- **Tilly** in **Y3** took part today in a gymnastics competition and won gold in two of the three assessed areas as well as the overall gold medal! A great achievement, Tilly!
- **Rebecca** in **Y4** brought in her Children's University lanyard to show off her medals. She received a postgrad silver award, along with ten bronze through to platinum gold badges, with still more to gain! Fantastic achievements, Rebecca, well done!
- **Charlotte** in **Y4** has been selected to be part of the Eckington Swimming Club's synchronised swimming team! Congratulations, Charlotte!
- **Eliana** in **Y5** and **Julia** in **Y3** raised money recently, which they decided to donate to the PTFA, by setting up their own lemonade stand. They raised a marvellous £10.07! Thank you so much, Eliana and Julia!



### Our Latest Beat Your Best Challenge!

*Here is a message from Miss Barrett*

Hello everyone! I hope you all enjoyed Freddie's 'Beat your Best' challenge last week. It was fantastic to see so many of you showing off your basketball skills over the week.

Our challenge this week is from Oscar and it is a football 'rondo' challenge. All you have to do is see how long your group can maintain possession while one person stands in the middle trying to steal the ball from you. Just keep passing the ball between you, and count every successful pass.

I hope I see lots of you next week, ready and waiting to give it a go. Come and find Oscar and me, and don't forget to tell us your score, especially if you manage to beat your best! Good luck everyone! Click [here](#) to watch Oscar's demonstration

### Statement of Belief

Our 'Statement of Belief' is, **"I understand what trust means."**

**Time to talk:** What is trust? Using a dictionary look up its meaning. 'Trust' is something very special that comes from the love and respect one person has for another. It is to be treasured.

Trust is important for learning because children are challenged to trust the grown-ups in school who are there to help them learn and step out of their comfort zones, as they develop new skills. They also trust grown-ups in school if they have a worry ball and need to tell, tell, tell.

What would school be like *without* trust? Can people be *proper* friends if there is no trust? Why does Jesus call us to trust in Him, especially when we struggle and life seems hard?

**Trust is earned  
when actions  
meet words.**

Chris Butler

*John 14:1*

*Do not let your hearts be troubled.*

**TRUST IN GOD**



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