

SJF NEWS

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Friday 26th May 2023



Citizen of the Week

This week our citizenship award goes to Natalia in **Y3** who understands what trust is, in line with our Statement of Belief! Natalia can be such a positive role-model to others. She is focused, determined and no nonsense. She faces challenges positively because she trusts those in school who are there to teach and support her, and, most importantly, she also trusts herself to have a go. Natalia understands that productive struggle and making mistakes are the important stepping stones of learning and so should not be feared. What a hugely positive example you are, Natalia! We are all extremely proud of you for receiving this well-deserved award!

Term 5 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
720	780	756	795
3664	3721	3641	3739

Term 5 House Champions!

Congratulations to all the members of St George's House, our Term 5 champions!

Smiley Awards

A huge 'well done' to Lexi, Hattie, Esmee and Bobby in **FS2** and Zayd and Florence in **Y5** who have managed to earn 100 smilies so far this year! Also, congratulations to Diion, Katie and Luca in **Y5** for earning 200 smilies! We are so proud of you all!

Y6 Visit to London

For a report and more photographs, please click [here](#). Thank you.



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Attendance: Term 5 - Final Week

1 st	Y3	97.6%	Bobby Bear	will visit next week
2 nd	Y6	97.2%	Brenda Bear	will visit next week
3 rd	Y5	96.8%	Elvis Owl	will visit next week
4 th	Y4	96.1%	Billy Bear	will visit next week
5 th	Y1	95.3%		
6 th	Y2	94.3%		
7 th	FS2	93.0%		

Target = 98.0% Average Attendance = 95.8%



Get Set, GO!

1 st	Y2	84%
2 nd	Y4	84%
3 rd	Y5	82%
4 th	FS2	80%
5 th	Y6	74%
6 th	Y1	67%
7 th	Y3	65%

Average = 78%

Attendance: Term 5 - Overall

1 st	Y6	98.4%
2 nd	Y3	98.3%
3 rd	Y5	96.8%
4 th	Y4	96.6%
5 th	Y2	96.1%
6 th	FS2	95.6%
7 th	Y1	92.3%

Target = 98.0% Average Attendance = 96.3%



Attendance: 2022-2023 - Year to Date

1 st	Y3	97.7%
2 nd	Y5	96.9%
3 rd	Y2	96.6%
4 th	Y4	95.9%
5 th	FS2	95.5%
6 th	Y6	93.7%
7 th	Y1	92.7%

Target = 98.0% Average Attendance = 95.6%



Our Term 6 Learning Value

Next term our Learning Value will be passion.

Passion is very important because it is what motivates us and drives us on more than anything else - even when we find something tough to do or understand. It enables us to be resilient and to keep pushing on to go further and further.

Passion comes from deep within us and we show that we have passion when we are extremely committed to something and really care about it. Our passion can be demonstrated in both obvious and quiet ways. It enables us to be focused, determined and fearless when learning and confronting challenges.



Having passion can drive a person to achieve much more than they ever thought possible; overcoming all sorts of barriers and challenges along the way! It can make learning, and life generally, more exciting too!

Passionate people inspire others to also be passionate and strong too. Being passionate encourages us to believe in ourselves and to be more confident and resilient – all important for learning and wellbeing.

The world needs passionate people because even just one passionate person can change it for the better!



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Our Catholic Life



Parishes of St Theresa and Our Lady of Lourdes with St Anthony

Our Summer RE & Catholic Life Overview

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

Our Virtues to Live By

Our current SJF virtue of focus is **kindness**. In Term 6 the children will reflect on the virtues of **honesty** and **service** in class assemblies and broader learning.

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.



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

Our June Prayer: 'The Gloria'

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will

We praise you,
We bless you,
We adore you,
We glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
Have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father.

Amen.



This prayer recalls the time when angels appeared to shepherds and shared the good news of Jesus' birth. In Luke's Gospel, shepherds are the first to hear about the birth of Jesus. At that time, being a shepherd was not considered to be a privileged position in society. Jewish leaders often criticised shepherds as the nature of their work meant they could not always keep to religious rules e.g. around the Sabbath. This act shows that the message of Jesus was for everyone, even those considered to be insignificant or marginalised.

As they watched their flocks an angel appeared and said, *"This very day in David's town your saviour was born, Christ the Lord!"* Suddenly, many angels appeared, singing praises to God *"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!"* This exclamation is now known as 'The Gloria'.



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Our Trinity Song

We believe in God the Father

We believe in God the Son

We believe in God the Spirit

God is three (clap, clap, clap, clap)

... and God is one

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next Liturgy of the Word will take place on **Thursday 15th June 2023**, and will be led by the young people of **Y6**. The FS2/Y4 liturgy originally scheduled to take place on Tuesday 6th June has been postponed until Thursday 6th July 2023. Please note that there is no Liturgy of the Word in the first week back because of our SJF Sports Day, which, this year, takes place in the first week of Term 6, on **Thursday 8th June 2023**.

Annual Feast Day Mass

The feast of St John Fisher, our school's patron is on Thursday 22nd June. We like to think of this as our school's official birthday, and so each year we celebrate our patron's feast day with a special Mass. We remember and give thanks for St John Fisher's example, which he expressed through his faith and mission, his humility, teachings and ultimately, his martyrdom.

We will also give thanks for everyone who helps makes our community special, including our amazing children, their families; our wonderful staff; our dedicated Governors and fantastic PTFA; our dear friends from the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, including Fr Bede, our Parish Priest; and our Bishop, Ralph, and all who work for the diocese. We will remember former pupils, families and members of staff, including Miss Kerley, whose generous gift enabled us to improve the school site so much, this year.



This year Fr Bede will celebrate our feast day Mass on **Wednesday 21st June 2022**. This special Mass of Thanksgiving will be led, as it always is, by the young people of **Y3**. It will start at **10.00am** and all are invited!

Any SJF children who have made their First Holy Communion this academic year can wear their special First Holy Communion clothes to Mass, if they wish. The First Holy communicants should come to school wearing their school uniform and bring their special clothes with them. They will have private spaces to get ready and will be supervised as they get changed, either on their own or with the help of their parents and carers.

Parents/carers wishing to get their children ready can come in to school from 9.20am. They can also come back in to school after Mass to help their children to get changed back in to their school uniform.

Everyone else is expected to look smart in their SJF school uniform for this very special day in our school year.

Non-Uniform Day

There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 23rd June 2022**, in the week of our patron's feast day, as a special thank you to the children for all they do to make our school the special and welcoming place that it is.

SJF Drama Club

Our after-school Drama Club restarts on Wednesday 7th June 2023. As before the sessions start at 3.30pm and will finish at 4.30pm. The cost remains at £1 per session and we ask that the total cost of £6.00 is paid up-front.



The last session of the year will take place on Wednesday 19th July 2023 shortly before the end of the school year. Thank you.



Golden Children!

FS2	Cruz for thinking hard in our RE topic and for demonstrating and understanding of what honesty means. Well done!
Y1	Kali for trying so hard with her reading, she was even seen reading a book and sounding out words during her choosing time!
Y2	Gabby for continuing to make a concerted effort to make the right choices in class! Well done!
Y3	Lotanna for having an improved attitude, generally, and for learning from mistakes. Well done!
Y4	Max for the hard work that he has putting into his learning and for the great questions he is asking! He is showing a real interest in everything!
Y5	Zayd for having a great week in which he has shown kindness and demonstrated generosity by helping and supporting his class partner with their work whilst also working hard on his own tasks!
Y6	Owen for the positivity and sense of humour that he brings to Y6!

Writing Champions!

FS2	George for trying very hard with both his reading and writing in phonics! What a star!
Y1	Abigail for trying so hard to write neatly! She demonstrated this so well when she wrote a super postcard this week!
Y2	Eliel for trying his best to join up his letters and include lots of descriptive language in his writing! A fantastic effort!
Y3	Kristian for making a lovely start to his non- chronological report on seed dispersal!
Y4	Jai for his great work on understanding expanded noun phrases! Well done!
Y5	D'Mari for making a great start with the play script he is writing about crime and punishment in the Tudor period. He is using the correct devices to aid his writing!
Y6	Katy for the brilliant progress that she has made with her grammar, punctuation and spelling recently!

Maths Champions!

FS2	Hattie for her excellent work on number bonds and 3D shapes! Brilliant!
Y1	Mila for doing so well in her tens and ones work this week, super maths star!
Y2	Ivy for trying hard this week to use and apply all her learning about time to work out some tricky word problems!
Y3	Kyrel for superb maths work-based around angles and quadrilaterals!
Y4	Lincoln for asking excellent questions to extend his own mathematical understanding. Well done!
Y5	Hugo for starting to show what a great mathematician he is! This is exemplified by his recent assessments and classwork! Keep it up!
Y6	Pricilla for working hard consistently in every maths lessons this year!



Healthy Minds

Coping with Bereavement and Loss: A Meeting for Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for this special and important meeting. It has highlighted the fact that these sorts of meetings are needed. We will therefore continue to work with our partners from the Healthy Minds Team to provide more opportunities for our parents and carers to come together in the future for support and information linked to bereavement and loss as well as other issues that challenge us all. We thank Mrs Hadfield and Mr Smith for arranging everything, and Lynette from the Healthy Minds team for leading the meeting

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

- **Chloe** in **Y2** has been very busy recently, taking part in her first U11s cricket match and performing in Matilda the Musical as part of a Junior Razzamatazz Presentation. Well done, Chloe, we are all so proud!
- **Ellie** in **Y6** achieved her Level 2 badge in trampolining! Congratulations, Ellie, an amazing achievement!

Our Feature Books of the Week!



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

Our latest feature books are:

Ned and the Great Garden Hamster Race by Kim Hillyard

The Accidental Diary of B.U.G. by Jen Carney

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

SJF Sports Day 2022

A reminder that our Sports Day is earlier than usual this year and takes place in the first week of Term6 on **Thursday 8th June 2023**. All children are asked to come to school wearing their **PE uniform** on that day.



Morning Activities & Lunch

In the morning our whole-school **Festival of Sport** will take place with the children working in teams as they participate in a circuit of different and exciting sporting challenges. Friends and family are not invited to this part of the day. As it is a special day, the children will eat either cold school sandwich lunch or they can bring in their own packed lunch from home if they prefer.

Afternoon Events for Younger Children

Parents/Carers with children in **FS2**, **Y1** and **Y2** only are invited in from **12.45pm**, and asked to queue outside school whilst they are waiting to be let in. Once in school, you are asked to remain on the field and not to enter school. If you need anything, please go to the school office only. There will be no entry directly in to school from the field, in line with our safeguarding risk assessment, so please do not try.

The events for children in **FS2**, **Y1** and **Y2** will take place between **1.00pm** and **2.00pm**. When all the events for our younger children are finished, they will be taken back in to class. Parents/carers will then have the option to either stay until the end of the afternoon to watch their older children race or - if they have do **not** have older children taking part in the Y3-Y6 races, they can take their young children straight home. They should go directly to the School Office to collect them, if this is what they want to do.

Important

Younger children can only be collected after their races if they are going straight home. They **cannot** be collected early from the School Office and taken back to watch the rest of Sports Day.



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Afternoon Events for Older Children

Parents/Carers with children in **Y3**, **Y4**, **Y5** and **Y6** are invited in from **1.45pm**, and are also asked to queue outside school in the usual way until they are admitted. The events for older children will take place between **2.00pm** and **3.00pm**. Younger siblings who have not been taken straight home will be supervised in class.

When they have finished their races, the older children will also be taken back in to class to gather their things, before being released on to the playground with the younger children. Everything is scheduled to finish at approximately 3.00pm and parents and carers are asked to wait on the playground for the children to be released at the end of the day. Please do **not** try to access the school building.

Social Media and Sports Day

We will allow parents/carers to photograph/video their children from their places but we ask that any images captured are **not** then uploaded to social media, if the pictures include any images of other children - even images of children captured in the background. The parents/carers of a number of our children have requested that their children's images are not made publicly available online, whether it be on the school website or on other parent's social media platforms. We thank you for your cooperation and support with this.

Staff will be taking photographs of all the races (and of children who can be photographed), and these will be available to view and download via our SJF website.



Our Latest Beat Your Best Challenge!

Here is a message from Miss Barrett

Hello everyone, ready for another challenge? First, special thanks to Oscar for creating his one-touch rondo challenge in the last week of term. Everyone loved it! I have set this week's challenge as our Y6 Sports Majors were all out of school, visiting London.

The challenge this week is a simple throwing one. How well can you throw a bean bag whilst stood still? See if you can beat your score every time. This one should be quite challenging and make you want to work really hard to beat your best score! Why not come and find me at playtime and don't forget to tell me your score?

Moving Up Days

A reminder that the children will have three 'moving up' days this year, to coincide with the Y6 to Y7 transition days organised by All Saints Catholic High School for the **Y6** children transferring there. The transition days take place on **Monday 3rd July**, **Tuesday 4th July** and **Wednesday 5th July 2023**.

Y6 pupils *not* transferring to All Saints Catholic High School must come to school as usual and will do a range of academic and pastoral transition work that will help and support them with transitions to their new schools.

There will be a huge focus on preparing and supporting all the children and especially those who struggle most with change. As part of this the children will have short visits leading up to the transition days. All the children will be shown where to go on the first transition day, so they are clear.

After 'Wake Up Shake Up' on the first transition day (03-07-23), the children will be guided by staff on the playground to go straight to their new classrooms where they will be based. Staff will be available to help anyone who has forgotten where to go, or who might require a little extra support and encouragement.

Please note that times for lunch and the end of the day will be the same as the children's current classes. PE days will also be the same as the children's current classes:

- Monday 3rd July 2023 **FS2** children who are moving to **Y1** in September 2023
- Tuesday 4th July 2023 **Y1** and **Y2** children who will be moving to **Y2** and **Y3** in September 2023
- Wednesday 5th July 2023 **Y3** and **Y4** children who will be moving to **Y4** and **Y5** in September 2023



New FS2 Children

The brand new FS2 children joining us in September 2023 will also have taster sessions on Tuesday 4th July 2023 and Wednesday 5th 2023. Their transition will also be supported with visits to nurseries and other pre-school setting, home visits and a meeting to welcome their parents and carers, here at school on **Monday 12th June 2023** starting at **6.00pm**. It will be a formal welcome to our school and an opportunity for them to meet the key staff they will come across, as well as Governors and PTFA representatives. They will find out about our school and routines, how to order lunches, uniform and pay for things etc.

Staff News

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Anna Hambleton has been appointed and will join the team in September as our new **Y4** class teacher. We are hoping that she will be available to meet the children who will be in her new class on at least one, if not all, of the three taster days. We are recruiting currently for a **Y2** teacher, and hope to make the appointment so that the new teacher will also be able to meet the children on the taster days.

Provisional Classes for 2023-2024

A reminder that the 2022-2023 classes are as follows:

- **FS2** - Mrs V Barratt
- **Y1** - Mrs S Sambrook & Mrs I Hadfield
- **Y2** - a recruitment process is underway
- **Y3** - Mrs A Broadhead
- **Y4** - Mrs A Hambleton
- **Y5** - Mrs MM Barrett & Mrs N Holloway
- **Y6** - Mr R MacInness

SJF Curriculum Showcase

An early reminder that our next Curriculum Showcase takes place on **Thursday 13th July 2023** in the school hall. There will be an opportunity to view the children's work from Terms 5 and 6, and to talk to some of them about their curriculum and what they have been learning. There will also be refreshments available. Please note that the children will have a cold lunch/grab bags on the day as the hall will be out of action. The times are **8.50am to 9.45am** and **3.30pm to 4.15pm**.



Statement of Belief

At the start of Term 6 our 'Statement of Belief' will be **"I notice we are the same and are different"**

Time to think: Our community is a rich and diverse community made up of different peoples from different backgrounds. It is what makes our SJF family such a special one. We celebrate our diversity and give thanks for the way it enriches our school, our lives and our experiences. We know that we are all children of God, and so it is important to always show respect to one another.

In our world there is still so much division and mistrust, so it is important, especially at this time of war in Ukraine, to focus on the things that we share in common, remembering that these things will always be greater, in the end, than that which separates and divides us. Why do you think some worry about difference or fear it?



We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now.
(Martin Luther King, Jr.)

