

SJF NEWS



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★ Citizen of the Week (09-06-23)

★ Last week's citizenship award went to **Esma** in **Y3** who recognises that we are all the same and we are different, in line with last week's Statement of Belief. Children like to work and play with Esme, because she can be incredibly kind and helpful! She knows that though we are all different, we are equally special, and there are also many things we share in terms of needs and hopes. Congratulations, Esme, and thank you!

★ Citizen of the Week (16-06-23)

★ This week our citizenship award goes to **Owen** in **Y6** who knows what human dignity means and how we can show respect, in line with this week's Statement of Belief! Owen approaches everything quietly and in an understated way. There is never a fuss or a drama. He trusts himself and faces challenges positively and gets on with it, knowing that there is always support to fall back on if he needs to. He listens and, importantly, shows that he is listening. He appreciates others' views and ideas, and again shows this by the way he responds. This means that children like working with him. Great in a team and increasingly confident on his own, Owen is developing in to an allrounder, and in doing so, is setting a fantastic example to others. Well done, Owen!

Term 6 Smiley Scores



Smiley Awards

A huge 'well done' to: Aria, Akira, Edwin, Ignas, Lexi and Toby in **FS2**, Archie, Caleb, Jack S and Jan M in **Y3**, Roman in **Y4**, Sam, Bruno and Kacper in **Y5** who have managed to earn 100 smilies so far this year! Also, congratulations to Aureilia in **Y4** for earning 200 smilies! We are so proud of you all!

Term 6 Attendance: Week 2

1 st	Y2	100%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	FS2	99.7%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y3	99.7%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
4 th	Y6	98.8%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
5 th	Y4	98.7%	Billy Bear will visit next week
6 th	Y5	97.1%	
7 th	Y1	96.3%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 98.6%	



Get Set, GO!

1 st	Y2	79%
2 nd	Y4	78%
3 rd	FS2	76%
4 th	Y3	75%
5 th	Y5	74%
6 th	Y6	70%
7 th	Y1	68%
Average = 78%		

Our Catholic Life



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

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.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

We pray for those being confirmed this evening and those receiving holy communion for the first time tomorrow at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. We think of their families too, as the children continue on their spiritual journeys. We thank Fr Bede and Sal Robinson for preparing and supporting the children to receive the Sacraments, and will share pictures in next week's newsletter.



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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.



Annual Feast Day Mass

Wednesday 21st June 2022 is our Mass to celebrate the feast of St John Fisher (which is on the 22nd June). It is a special day when we will come together as a community in order to mark the feast of our patron, St John Fisher. We will recall his life; his steadfast faith; his commitment to education and learning; and his example of quiet humility. We also celebrate those things that make our school such a special and unique place. We will give thanks for our amazing children, our families, our staff, Governors and dear friends from the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, including Fr Bede, our Parish Priest.

Our special Mass of Thanksgiving will be led by the children of **Y3**, starting at **10.00am** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**. All SJF children who have made their First Holy Communion during this academic year are invited, if they want, to wear the special clothes they wore when they actually received the Sacrament for the first time.

As Mass is later, our communicants should come to school wearing their school uniform, and bring their special clothes with them. They will be given private spaces and time to get changed, with staff close by to help if needed. Alternatively, one parents/carer can come in to school from 9.20am to help their child get ready. They can also come back in to school after Mass to help their children change back in to uniform and take their special clothes back with them. Everyone else is expected to look smart in their school uniform as usual.

Who was St John Fisher?

John Fisher was born in Yorkshire, in 1469, the son of a simple cloth dealer who was ambitious for him. John Fisher loved learning and when he was 14 years of age, he left home and started studying at Cambridge University. He worked hard and did well. Eventually he became a distinguished scholar!



When he was 22 (in 1491) he became a priest and carried on working at the university. He rose through the ranks to become vice-chancellor, ten years later. John Fisher did lots to improve the university, and in 1504 he became its chancellor. He was also appointed as the new Catholic Bishop of Rochester in the same year.

Many liked his ideas for improving education and were impressed by his passionate preaching. Bishop John Fisher loved reading and collected lots of books. In fact, it was said, by some at the time, that this humble son of a Yorkshire cloth dealer, had one of the finest private libraries in the whole of Europe!

Bishop Fisher was chaplain to Lady Margaret Beaufort, Henry VIII's grandmother, and was probably, for a time, one of Henry's teachers when he was a boy.

King Henry VIII had once been an enthusiastic Catholic but a while after becoming King, he fell out with the Pope over his plans to divorce Queen Catherine so that he could marry Anne Boleyn. The king therefore started to make plans to set up a Church of England, separate to the Pope, that would support his plans. This worried Bishop John Fisher who tried hard to change the king's mind. Unfortunately, the king was very determined and so the two argued. Bishop John Fisher defended the traditional Catholic teachings against Henry's new ideas and his Protestant reformers in other English universities.

Bishop Fisher was so against the King's plans to divorce Queen that he became one of Queen Catherine's most trusted friends and advisors. The things that Bishop John Fisher was saying really angered the King who never forgave him.

Bishop John Fisher spoke against the king's plans to divorce Queen Catherine; to establish a Church of England; and attack the Catholic church, in the House of Lords, which again infuriated the King.



When Pope Clement VII refused to support the King's plans to end his marriage to Queen Catherine, Henry declared himself Head of the Church of England, instead of the Pope, ending the Pope's authority in England. Now that he was in charge, the King immediately declared his marriage to Queen Catherine to be over.



When Bishop Fisher still refused to support the changes or to make a special promise to accept King Henry as the new head of the Church in England, he was arrested and sent to the Tower of London, where he remained for more than a year. The conditions were terrible, and John Fisher suffered much during his imprisonment there.

While he was in prison the new Pope in Rome decided to make Bishop Fisher a Cardinal. He hoped that King Henry would be kinder to him. Unfortunately, it had the opposite effect, making King Henry very angry.

Cardinal Fisher was put on trial for treason, found guilty and condemned to death. On June 22, 1535 was taken from his cell in the Bell Tower to be executed for treason. He was so weak that he had to be supported.

John Fisher mounted the scaffold, and spoke his last words: holding his copy of the New Testament, Fisher mounted the scaffold, and spoke his last words, still praying for his country and the king who had brought about his death...

“Christian people, I am come hither to die for the faith of Christ's Catholic Church... Wherefore I desire you to help me, and assist me with your prayers, that at the very point and instant of death's stroke, and in the very moment of my death, I then faint not in any point of the faith. And I pray, God save the king and the realm.”

It was reported that Cardinal Fisher met death calmly, with dignity and courage. Many who watched the execution were so impressed. Above is a painting of St John Fisher dressed as a cardinal. He never wore the fine red clothes of a Cardinal, because he was in a filthy, cold and damp cell, starved, ill, infested with lice and surrounded by rats.

He is a **martyr** because he died for his faith and was canonised (became a saint) quite recently, in 1935. As a community we are proud to be named in his honour and to recall, and celebrate, his example and legacy.

Our school was originally established by the Jesuits of Spinkhill in 1956, when the area was part of Derbyshire, and the foundation stone was laid. During one of the more recent refurbishments, I took the opportunity to move the stone from where it was hidden behind a cupboard, to the playground, so that it can be on full view. The school opened in September 1957 and looked quite different to how it does today. I am the fifth Headteacher, and I am grateful to my predecessors and especially our school's third Headteacher, Mr McGurrin, who was Headteacher for twenty-five years until 2007. He still offers us all such great support, for example with our music liturgy, and remains such a special friend of our school community.



Non-Uniform Day

There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 23rd June 2023**, 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.

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.



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 not take place until **Thursday 29th June 2023**, because of our Feast Day Mass next week. It will be led by the young people of **Y1** and their families and friends are all invited to join us. Previous recordings are available [here](#).

Golden Children! (09-06-23)

- FS2** **Alice** for always being so polite, kind and helpful and trying really hard on Sports Day. Well done!
- Y1** **Sofia** for trying so hard and for working so well with others! We are really proud of you, Sofia!
- Y2** **Ava S** for trying her best to listen well in class to all instructions, and for working very hard during tasks!
- Y3** **Matilda** for giving everything her best shot and for demonstrating true determination in her learning. Keep it up!
- Y4** **Louis** for making great improvements in explaining his reasoning, particularly in mathematics. Well done, Louis!
- Y5** **Poppy** for being proactive in all lessons and for showing more confidence in her own ability too. Absolutely fantastic!
- Y6** **James** for his impeccable manners, hard work, and resilience in learning. What a star you are!



Golden Children (16-06-23)

- FS2** **Tommy** he always listens carefully in our class activities, puts his hand up to offer ideas and tries his best. Good boy!
- Y1** **Imogen** for always giving 100% effort in everything she does, we are so proud of you!
- Y2** **Edwin** for trying his best in every lesson! Edwin has been working really hard this week and has used lesson time to really show his understanding.
- Y3** **Phelan** for a great week, working well in class and being a lovely support to his partner.
- Y4** **Musa** for working really hard, particularly in maths, and showing great resilience in all areas of his work.
- Y5** **Ava** for being one of our always children that works well with other in class and will always be active in every lesson.
- Y6** **Ellie** for all of her hard work and the progress that she has made as a result - not just this week, but since the beginning of the year.

Writing Champions! (09-06-23)

- FS2** **Daisy** for trying hard with her mini-beast writing! It was fantastic!
- Y1** **Ava** for reviewing and editing her writing to make it even better. We are really proud of you Ava!
- Y2** **Othniel** for making a great effort within his writing to include everything we have learnt about. Well done, Othniel!
- Y3** **Renae** for writing some fantastic sentences linked to 'The Secret of Black Rock'. Such a great use of language!
- Y4** **Jake** for his amazing writing based on The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Well done, Jake!
- Y5** **Sam** for the care and thoughtfulness he showed when creating a playscript, incorporating the conventions he has been learning, effectively, and with real purpose!
- Y6** **Lily-Mae** for the fantastic presentation of her written work this week. Fantastic!

Writing Champions! (16-06-23)

- FS2** **Toby** for working really hard on his handwriting! Keep up the good work!
- Y1** **Ry** for listening carefully to feedback, taking it on board and using it to then make changes to his work. What a star!
- Y2** **Shelby** for showing great determination and for working more independently, well done!
- Y3** **Hector** for making some fantastic word choices in his writing! You are definitely ready for Y4!
- Y4** **Lincoln** for producing some accurate speech sentences this week - remembering all the different elements and conventions. A fantastic effort, Lincoln!
- Y5** **Emily** for her careful research and note-taking as part of her writing about flooding. She is now selecting key information that will help her write a non-chronological report successfully!
- Y6** **Lena** for writing an excellent information leaflet about the Amazon ecosystem!



Maths Champions! (09-06-23)

- FS2** **Zach** for working so hard on problem-solving with numbers up to 20! Absolutely brilliant!
- Y1** **Violet** for listening really well and showing this by using what is demonstrated and explained correctly! Well done, Violet!
- Y2** **Movean** for trying hard to use and apply new learning in lessons as he works independently. He is showing us how ready he is for Y3!
- Y3** **Natalia** for trying really hard to read scales carefully and then measure accurately!
- Y4** **Florence** for improving resilience! She is increasing prepared to just have a go, even if she finds something tough. Great work!
- Y5** **Bruno** for starting to demonstrate his impressive mathematical brain in our lessons and for sharing his thoughts and strategies clearly and confidently with classmates. Well done!
- Y6** **Alexia** for being extremely motivated and hardworking in mathematics lessons this year! Well done!

Maths Champions! (16-06-23)

- FS2** **Harlow** for producing some really good work with numbers up to 20 this week! What a star!
- Y1** **Lucy** for coaching classmates and using a systematic approach to answer questions. Well done!
- Y2** **Libbi** for trying her best and for pushing herself in every maths lesson. What a great example you are! Well done, Libbi!
- Y3** **Jan Z** for trying very hard and for producing some super maths work this week!
- Y4** **Lottie** and **Charlie**: for their fantastic effort in our mathematics lessons this week. They have been on fire; working out areas and drawing rectangles accurately of given areas. Brilliant work, keep it up!
- Y5** **Aalia** for showing aptitude in our work focusing on multiplying and dividing decimals. She was even able to share her knowledge to help others! Well done!
- Y6** **Owen** for showing great determination to improve and progress in our mathematics lessons. Well done, Owen!

Our Feature Books of the Week!



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

Our latest feature books are:

When the Bees Buzzed off by Lula Bell

Bees, A Honeyed History by Piotr Socha

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



Our Latest Beat Your Best Challenge!

Here is a message from Miss Barrett.

I would like to thank Freddie for coming up with last week's challenge. Thank you, also, to everyone who came along and gave it a go!

This week's BYB challenge has been designed Katy, another of our Y6 Sports Majors. he has come up with a skipping challenge. However, instead of a normal jump, Katy wants to see how many 'hopscotch jumps' everyone can do - without stopping! If you want to give it a go then simply find Katy or me at playtime and don't forget to tell us how you get on. Please click [here](#) to view Katy's demonstration.



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.

The LINKS Colour Smash!

On Thursday ten pupils from Years 5 and 6 headed out to Don Valley Bowl to participate in the LINKS 'colour smash' along with other children from other schools. It was a fantastic morning full of fun challenges and a superb running event which left us all a little more colourful!



The event started with some short challenges in the centre before our race began. The challenges included a beanbag toss, basketball rebound, the 'head, shoulders, knees and toes' challenge and a parachute game. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The race itself was fantastic. Whilst running around the track, sports leaders from Springs Academy and Handsworth School threw powder paint at us in many different colours! By the end we were all absolutely covered from head to toe in blue, pink and green powder paint! Click [here](#) for more photographs.



Y6 Crucial Crew

This week, our Y6 children visited the Lifewise Centre in Rotherham to take part in the highly interactive 'Crucial Crew' programme, which aims to equip young people with skills and knowledge that they may need in emergency situations.

The children were guided through eight sets by emergency services personnel where they took part in interactive activities based around various situations. The staff were incredibly knowledgeable and the Y6 children conducted themselves brilliantly as they learnt about water, fire and road safety and the dangers of discrimination.



Finally, the children took part in the recreation of a trial within a Magistrate's Court, in order to learn a little about the legal process.

As well as being fantastic fun, this trip was extremely useful, as the children learnt crucial safety skills.

We would like to thank all of the brilliant staff at the Lifewise centre for such an enjoyable and informative day! Please click [here](#) for photos.

Y2 Expedition to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park

This week Our Y2 children visited the Yorkshire Wildlife Park to support learning and consolidate knowledge linked to their Kenya topic. During the visit they observed all the animals with African habitats, and paid special attention to those who lived in Kenya. The day included a great class-based session during which the children learned even more about the range of habitats that the animals rely on.



Huge thanks to Miss Brownbill for organising the visit and all the staff and volunteers who supported the children! Please click [here](#) to view more photographs.



FS2: Investigating Caterpillars!

We were very excited to welcome our very own caterpillars to class on Thursday. We found out all about the life cycle of butterflies during our mini-beast topic. We are excited to see how they will grow and change. Please click [here](#) to view more photographs.



Reminder: 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.

NEU Industrial Action

The transition team at All Saints have notified us that the third transition day, on Wednesday 5th July 2023, might be affected by recently announced NEU industrial action - meaning that all Y6 children will have to attend their primary schools on that day, as normal, if they cannot be hosted at All Saints. We are working on a detailed Plan B, just in case, and will share this with everyone, and the children next week.

Reminder: 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

Our next 'Statement of Belief' is: **"I try to forgive people when they hurt me"**

Time to talk: Together you could think about what the word *forgiveness* means.

Why is it so important? Why is it hard to forgive those who hurt us or let us down? Why does Jesus challenge us to try to forgive others when they hurt us? Can you remember a time when you showed someone forgiveness and when someone showed you forgiveness too? How does it feel after you have offered or received forgiveness? How can offering the gift of forgiveness help make our world a better place?

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered;
FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish motives;
BE KIND ANYWAY.
If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;
SUCCEED ANYWAY.
If you are honest & sincere, people may deceive you;
BE HONEST AND SINCERE ANYWAY.
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;
BUILD ANYWAY.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;
BE HAPPY ANYWAY.
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
DO GOOD ANYWAY.
Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough;
GIVE THEM YOUR BEST ANYWAY.
In the final analysis, it is between you and God;
IT NEVER WAS BETWEEN YOU AND THEM ANYWAY.
-Mother Teresa

