

SJF NEWS



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Citizen of the Week

This week's citizenship award was presented to **Eleanor** in **Y6** for understanding why it is important to stand up for others in line with this week's Statement of Belief. Eleanor has really settled in well since joining us, and has formed some strong friendships. She has shown that she can be trusted and relied upon and has a great capacity for kindness. Her manners are wonderful and she will help others, including speaking up for them. She is also wonderful at supporting the younger children. Congratulations, Eleanor, we are very proud of you!

Term 6 Smiley Scores



Smiley Awards

Congratulations to Harlow, Hugo, Margot, Macarius, Oliwia and Eliana-Joyce in **FS2** who has now earned 100 smilies so far this year as well as Dominique and Emily in **Y5** who earned 200 smilies. Well done to you all!

Term 6 Attendance

1 st	Y5	99.4%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
1 st	Y1	97.0%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y3	94.8%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
4 th	Y2	92.3%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
5 th	FS2	92.0%	Billy Bear will visit next week
6 th	Y4	91.6%	
7 th	Y6	91.3%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 94.0%	



Get Set, GO!

1 st	Y5	85%
2 nd	Y2	80%
2 nd	Y4	80%
4 th	FS2	76%
5 th	Y6	72%
6 th	Y1	72%
7 th	Y3	70%
Average = 76%		

Staff News

Year 2 (2023-24)

Miss Phoebe Lockham has been appointed as our new teacher in **Y2**. Miss Lockham is an experienced Y2 teacher and we look forward to welcoming her to our community. She has been released by her current school so that she can join us on Tuesday and Wednesday next week in order to meet the children in her new class. Mrs Hambleton, who is our new **Y4** teacher, will be with us for all three transition days.

Mr Smith

Sadly, Mr Smith will leave us at the end of the academic year following his appointment to a senior strategic safeguarding role at Acres Hill School (and the Multi-Academy Trust that the school is part of). It is a fantastic opportunity for Mr Smith and so we are all absolutely delighted for him, though we will miss him greatly. Since joining us two years ago, Mr Smith has completed a comprehensive Trauma-Informed UK Diploma, and has played a key role supporting vulnerable children and families across school. He has re-established 'The Hub' at lunchtimes as a space for children to meet and talk and has worked closely with our friends from the Sheffield Healthy Minds Team to help establish, train and coordinate our team of Healthy Minds Champions. He has also supported teaching and learning across school and particularly in Y6 this year. He has also found time to run a popular drama club as well as coordinating the SJF Healthy Minds Newsletter. He really has established himself as both a highly effective and respected member of the team and will, of course, leave with all our best wishes, thanks and prayers for his exciting new beginning. We are now in the process of recruiting a successor and hope to have someone suitable in post for the start of the new academic year.



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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.

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)

Leavers' Mass

A reminder that our annual Mass of thanksgiving for the children of Y6 will take place on **Monday 17th July 2023**, starting at **7.00pm**, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Bede and the liturgy will be led by our Y6 leavers. We would appreciate it if the children could arrive by 6.30pm, dressed smartly in school uniform, and wait in the Parish Centre on arrival. The children are already preparing for this very special Mass and we invite their families and friends to join us in order to be part of this special celebration of their time with us here at St John Fisher, as they prepare to move on to the next stages of their lives.

End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving

A reminder that our end of year Mass of Thanksgiving takes place on **Wednesday 19th July 2023** at **10.00am** at our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. In this Mass we celebrate all the children and give thanks for the hard work and dedication of all the staff, Governors, PTFA members, volunteers and all other partners who support our community, in different and special ways, including Fr Bede and all our dear friends from the parish. We also give thanks for our wonderful parents and carers. It really is a special Mass for everyone, and all are welcome to join us and be part of it! We will offer special prayers for the children and staff leaving us this summer and as well for those preparing to join us in the autumn too.

Our Virtues to Live By

Our current SJF virtue of focus is **service** in class assemblies and broader learning across the curriculum and in our lives.

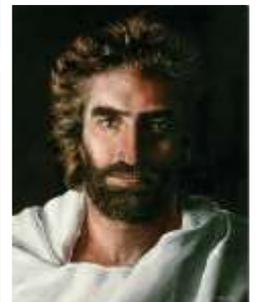


Our July Prayer: 'The Lord's Prayer'

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,	Thy will be done – On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, Our daily bread,	As we forgive those trespass against us - And lead us not in to temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen
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Our July Gathering Song

Majesty, worship His Majesty! Unto Jesus, be glory, honour and praise! Majesty, kingdom authority, Jesus who died, now glorified – King of all kings...	So, exalt, lift up on high, the name of Jesus! Magnify! Come glorify, Jesus the King! Majesty, worship His majesty- Jesus who died, now glorified – King of all kings!
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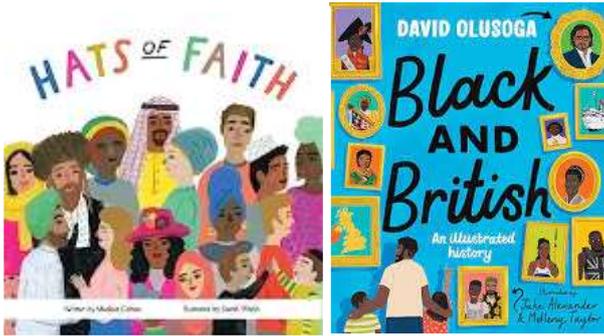


Weekly Liturgy of the Word

A huge thank you to the children of **Y1** for leading this week's Liturgy of the Word so beautifully!

Our next Liturgy of the Word takes place on **Thursday 6th July 2023**, and will be led by the young people of **FS2** who will be supported by their **Y4** buddies. We welcome the families and friends of children in both classes to come and join us. Recordings of all liturgies can be found by clicking [here](#).

Our SJF Feature Books of the Week!



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

Our latest feature books are:

Hats of Faith by Medeia Cohan-Petrolino

Black and British: An Illustrated History by David Olusoga

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

Healthy Minds Champions - Update:

The Healthy Minds Champions met with our new Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP), Angela Manning, last week to discuss new ideas and plans, including for our stall to promote their **Wellbeing Day**. The Champions want to take this opportunity to welcome Angela to our school, and to also say goodbye and 'thank you' to our previous EMHP, Jacqui Wright. The final SJF Healthy Minds newsletter will be shared soon.



SJF Moving Up Days

Our three 'moving up' days this year take place next week on **Monday 3rd July, Tuesday 4th July and Wednesday 5th July 2023.**

NEU industrial action means that **Y6** pupils transferring to All Saints Catholic High School in September will now have two, instead of three, transition days, and will attend our school, as normal, on Wednesday 5th July 2023. **Y6** pupils not transferring to All Saints Catholic High School in September will also come to school as normal next week, unless they are attending transition days/events in their new schools.

Today, all children visited their new classrooms, in preparation, and in the days and weeks leading up to the first transition day, vulnerable pupils have been visiting new rooms and meeting new staff, as often as has possible, so they feel more reassured and prepared. Obviously, Miss Lockham and Mrs Hambleton have not yet had the opportunity to meet any children yet, but they will make time to get to know all the children, including those who might feel more anxious about changing year-groups, next week.

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



SJf Open Morning 2023-24

Please note that we are planning to have an Open Morning from 10.00am to 12.00pm on **Saturday 23rd September 2023**. It will be a great opportunity to have a look around and meet some of our children, staff, Governors and other parents in order learn more about our special community. All are welcome!



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PTFA Friday Fayre

A huge thanks to the PTFA Committee for organising today's incredible Friday Fayre, all the volunteers who supported them, Mr Broadhead and all the **Y5** children who participated in this year's PTFA-sponsored Enterprise Challenge and all who came along to support this very special event. There will be a full report and photos in next week's newsletter. Thank you, everyone.

Golden Children!

- FS2** **Ceci** for trying very hard to be independent in all her work and also for being really helpful around the classroom! Well done, Ceci!
- Y1** **Raquel** for being such a superstar over the last few weeks! She is trying so hard and it is really showing in all her work! Well done, Raquel!
- Y2** **Movean** for always using good manners and for showing great respect to the teachers and other children in Y2! Thank you, Movean!
- Y3** **Freya** for growing in confidence with all her work and for answering questions so positively!
- Y4** **Charlotte, Charlie, Jacob H** and **Hyrum** for working so well as a team in order to recreate their own drama based on the "Bold Beggar" story as part of our Hinduism topic! Well done, children!
- Y5** **Dion** for continuing to be one of our *always* children and for demonstrating such great team-working skills in hi enterprise group! What a great example you are!
- Y6** **Lena** for demonstrating such resilience and positivity, so visibly, all week! What a star!

Writing Champions!

- FS2** **Edwin** for using his phonics knowledge in his independent writing so fantastically! Incredible work!
- Y1** **Harley** for writing beautifully to describe her thoughts about our new book, Jack and The Beanstalk. great work Harley!
- Y2** **Josh** for showing great determination recently to improve his writing. A Brilliant effort!
- Y3** **Charlotte** for super Science work on lifecycles.
- Y4** **Louis** for trying very hard to add more detail to his diary entry about Narnia. He was writing as if he was Lucy, and he did brilliantly!
- Y5** **Noah**, he has thought wisely about the vocabulary and sentence structures needed within his letter linked to our Friday Fair Enterprise Stalls
- Y6** **Bronte** for including some excellent similes in her most recent piece of writing. Well done!

Maths Champions!

- FS2** **Rosa** for doing such great work with addition this week! What a star!
- Y1** **Nickolas** for always working hard in our maths lessons and for showing that he listens well and has a great understanding of what we cover in our lesson. Well done, what a star!
- Y2** **Freddie D** for doing such great work with patterns this week! He has applied himself brilliantly in his Maths lessons all about pattern and shape! Well done, Freddie!
- Y3** **Kaius** for his speedy solving of maths problems. Great work, Kaius!
- Y4** **Olivia** for being patient and resilient and for trying really hard to work out how to convert measurements! A brilliant effort, well done!
- Y5** **Katie** for carefully thinking mathematically about the enterprise stall and how her team can maximise profits! Well done!
- Y6** **Oscar** for working hard to revise his mathematics reasoning objectives!



Reminder: SJF Curriculum Showcase

A reminder that our final Curriculum Showcase of the year takes place on **Thursday 13th July 2023** in the school hall. There will be an opportunity to again view the children's work, this time from Terms 5 and 6, and to talk to some of the children about their curriculum and what they have been learning. There will 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, so please do not forget to order. The times are **8.50am to 9.45am** and **3.30pm to 4.15pm**.

Food Technology Bid

Mrs Sambrook was successful in a bid to Eat Smart Sheffield for funds to buy new chopping boards, children's knives, graters, peelers and juicers, which the children of Years 1 and 2 were able to use to support the learning and practising of key skills like safe cutting, as part of their current Food Technology topics. We thank Mrs Sambrook for making the successful bid. Please click [here](#) for the **Y1** update and [here](#) for the **Y2** update.



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.

- **Imogen** in **Y1** has passed her 10m front crawl swimming assessment and has also achieved Level 1 in ice-skating! What fantastic achievements, well done, Imogen!
- **Luca** in **Y5** has completed the Swim Stars 7 series and is now moving up to Junior Lifeguarding. He also took part in the Dinnington Town Football tournament with his Eckington Boys U11s (Blue) team and finished in third place overall losing only one of their five matches! Congratulations, Luca, fantastic achievements!



Our Latest Beat Your Best Challenge!

Here is a message from Miss Barrett.

I'm back with another BYB challenge, this week created by Freddie, one of our dedicated Y6 Sports Majors. Firstly though, a special thank you to Oscar for creating the last week's BYB Challenge which so many attempted and enjoyed!

This week's challenge is a rugby speed throw. Just like last week, participants have three options; easy, medium and hard, with the number of points earned increasing with the level of difficulty. Choose your level of difficulty and throw the ball at Freddie as many times as you can in 30 seconds, to earn the points. Come and find Freddie or me at playtime if you want to have a go, and don't forget to tell us your scores. Can you beat your best? Good luck! Please click [here](#) to watch Freddie's video demonstration.



Statement of Belief

Our next 'Statement of Belief' is **"I try to be accepting of others"**

Time to talk: Why is it important to be accepting of others? How do we show that we are accepting? How does it feel to be accepted by others? How does it feel not to be accepted? If you are not being accepted, what can you do? Why do you think some people struggle to be accepting of others and what can we do to help them so they can understand what is right?