

# SJF NEWS

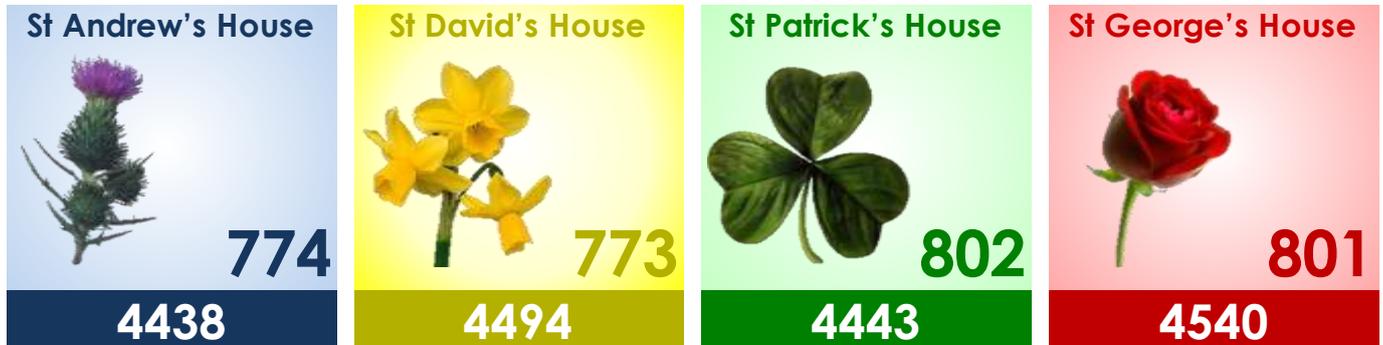


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## Citizen of the Week

Our citizenship award, this week, was presented to **Arya** in **Y2** for understanding why it important to be accepting of others in line with our Statement of Belief. Arya is a gentle and kind member of our community who is really good at looking after others. She understands that we are all special and so all deserve to be treated with respect. Congratulations, Arya, everyone is extremely proud of you!

## Term 6 Smiley Scores



## Smiley Awards

Congratulations to Chloe, Edwin, Freddie D, Libbi, Movean and Noah in **Y2** who have earned 100 smilies! Well done to you all!

## Important Update: School Meal Cost Increase



It is with sadness that I inform you of Taylor Shaw's decision to increase the cost of school meals to £2.30 from September.

Our provider has been forced to increase the cost of meals in response to sharp increases in food prices. We know that increases like this can add significant pressures to household budgets so I assure you that we have worked with our providers to absorb cost increases where possible in order to minimise the impact.

We will continue to work with the local authority and other schools across our St Clare Catholic Multi Academy Trust to find different ways, collectively, that will help minimise future increases in the cost of school meals. In the meantime, if you do have any questions and/or concerns regarding this increase, please speak to us.

You can also contact the Community Helpline which is operated by Sheffield City Council either by clicking this [link](#) any time, or by calling the team on **0114 273 4567** (Monday to Friday – 8.30am to 6.00pm). If you need help getting online, phoning or understanding the information, then please let us know and we will help you.

## The Sheffield Household Support Fund

People living in Sheffield who need help with food and home essentials can also apply to the **Household Support Fund** for a non-repayable grant. A grant is not a loan and so does not need to be paid back. This support is open to everyone in need, regardless of whether they have recourse to public funds or not. This means that if you are in real need but are not entitled to benefits because of your immigration status, for example, you can still apply without your immigration status being affected if you receive an award from the fund. To find out more about the Household Support Fund, please click [here](#). Thank you.

## 'Cost of Living Crisis: Advice, Support and Financial Help in Sheffield'

I have also attached a link to this document which is full of useful advice and links for anyone in Sheffield who is struggling now or who is worrying that they may struggle in the future. Please click [here](#). Again, if you need any help getting online or understanding the information, please speak to us. Thank you.



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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
<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 (FS2)</b>

*Reminder: Y6 Leavers' Mass*

Our annual leavers' Mass of thanksgiving takes place on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023**, starting at **7.00pm**, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Bede with the liturgy being 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. We welcome their families and friends for this very special Mass.

*End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving*

A reminder that our end of year Mass of Thanksgiving takes place on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023** at **10.00am** at our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. We will celebrate the children and give thanks for all those who support them in our community, including staff, Governors, PTFA, volunteers, our multi-agency partners and, of course, their wonderful parents and carers. We will also give thanks for Fr Bede and all our dear friends from the parish. It is a special Mass for everyone, and all are invited to join us!

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

*Our July Gathering Song*

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



*Weekly Liturgy of the Word*

Thank you to the children of **FS2** who, supported by their **Y4** buddies, led our final Liturgy of the Word for this school year. The children sang and spoke with such confidence and pride as they participated in this very special liturgy. I would like to pay tribute to the children of **Y4**, who have been magnificent in their role as buddies, initially to help the children settle and then to be a familiar and friendly face throughout the year, to guide, advise and share a positive example. Thank you to the FS2 team for all their hard work and dedication in supporting and encouraging the children throughout a big year in their lives. Recordings of all liturgies can be found by clicking [here](#).



**Term 6 Attendance**

1 <sup>st</sup>	FS2	100%	<b>Bobby Bear</b> will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y3	99.0%	<b>Brenda Bear</b> will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y1	97.7%	<b>Elvis Owl</b> will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y4	97.7%	<b>Elvis Owl</b> will visit next week
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	97.4%	<b>Billy Bear</b> will visit next week
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	96.3%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	93.4%	
<b>Target = 98.0%</b>		<b>Average Attendance = 96.9%</b>	



**Get Set, GO!**

1 <sup>st</sup>	FS2	91%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y3	89%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y1	86%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	82%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	81%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	80%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	79%
<b>Average = 84%</b>		

**Pupils' Voice: School Council Update**



This week the St. John Fisher School Council met to discuss items on the agenda. Here's a word from **Mia**, Vice-Chair of our School Council, about what was discussed.

*This week we have been putting the final touches to our road safety leaflet. The leaflet is designed to give children advice on how to stay safe around vehicles and roads. It includes lots of useful tips that will help to keep our children safe. It will also help adults to understand how parking can affect the people who live around our school.*

**Our SJF Feature Books of the Week!**



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

Our latest feature books are:

**The Pirate Mums** by Jodie Lancet-Grant

**I Lost My Granny in the Supermarket** by Joe Simmons

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

**SJF Healthy Minds Champions Newsletter**

A reminder that the latest and final edition of the Healthy Minds newsletter of the academic year is available via this [link](#). I would like to thank Mr Smith for his hard work in helping the children to put the newsletter together over the year.



**SJF Moving Up Days**

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of all my colleagues, and thank them, for supporting the children so well on their transition days.

**Industrial Action**

As you know many schools have been affected by the NEU industrial action, with lots being forced to close partially or completely as a result of the action being taken. The NEU and all education unions have come together to coordinate responses as part of their dispute with the government. As part of this they have been balloting their members about the possibility of taking further action throughout the autumn terms. We do not know the results of the ballots, but if members vote for industrial action, then it might impact on our ability to stay open as we have managed to do, so far. We will keep parents/carers informed of developments.

**SJF Open Morning**



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**

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our incredible PTFA committee and all the volunteers who supported them so generously, for organising and running last week's annual Friday Fayre! It was another incredible success because of the extraordinary efforts of everyone involved. Thankfully the weather, which had looked ominous at points, also behaved!

I would also like to thank our **Y5** children who engaged so enthusiastically in this year's PTFA-sponsored 'Enterprise Challenge'. They all worked very hard in their teams to share and then develop ideas, right through to organising roles, sourcing resources, purchasing, marketing their ideas, setting up their stalls, supporting customers and selling to them! They were fantastic!

*"What a privilege to see my class running their stalls as part of the school's Friday Fayre. I was amazed at how well they worked."*

**Mr Broadhead**



This very special event was very well attended and everyone had a great time! Thanks again to our very special PTFA Committee. For more pictures, please click [here](#).

**Getting Involved**

As we look to the new academic year, I hope more of you will consider getting involved. The PTFA is such a key part of our school life, and provides wonderful opportunity to meet new people. You might have good ideas to share; you might have useful contacts; you might have particular skills; you might want to volunteer to help at one or maybe two events, or more; or you might like to get more involved with the work of the actual committee. All help is welcomed and appreciated greatly.



To find out more you can speak to members on the playground; drop the committee an email ([ptfa@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:ptfa@st-johnfisher.org)); or join us for the annual PTFA Information evening/AGM in the autumn. Thank you.



### Golden Children!

- FS2** **Leo** for trying really hard during the first transition days at the beginning of the week!
- Y1** **Jaxson** for demonstrating resilience, respect, teamwork and friendship during the transition days to Y2!
- Y2** **Arya** for demonstrating the learning behaviours that show she is ready for Year 3! She has pushed herself and adapted to each and every challenge she has faced. Well done!
- Y3** **Chennai** for making such an amazing first impression by stepping out of her comfort zone. She was also welcoming to new staff, making them feel very loved and appreciated!
- Y4** **Roman** for having a fantastic attitude throughout the transition days!
- Y5** **Preston** for showing resilience and a positive attitude throughout the week!
- Y6** **Lily** for displaying excellent manners and for the positivity and friendship that she has brought to the Y6 classroom this year!

### Writing Champions!

- FS2** **Akira** – Impressing her new teachers with her sounding out to try to write things that she likes
- Y1** **Lydia** for writing brilliantly and impressing her new teacher, Miss Lockham!
- Y2** **Ava L** for writing a wonderful story around the idea, *if I could paint the world*. She managed to use lots of impressive adjectives too. Well done!
- Y3** **Kyrel** for putting lots of effort into writing a wonderful recount, and showing some great promise for Y4 already!
- Y4** **Kayl** for his thoughtful, heartfelt and well written RE work. It was wonderful!
- Y5** **Bella** for producing a wonderful piece of writing in history this week. It was fantastic!
- Y6** **Natalia** for working hard this year to include more high-quality description into her writing. Well done!

### Maths Champions!

- FS2** **George** for fantastic counting to 20 and back again! He then wrote these number in his new Y1 maths book! Well done!
- Y1** **Harley** for demonstrating her fantastic knowledge about shapes!
- Y2** **Dylan** for working really well with his partner in order to solve the calculation journey and find the missing number! What a star!
- Y3** **Gabriella** for trying really hard in maths and with her Get Set, Go! tasks. She is not giving up, and should be very proud of everything she achieved with the Y4 work, because it was wonderful!
- Y4** **Lottie** for her excellent work on angles! She has also been doing extra maths work in her own time too! Well done!
- Y5** **Dominique** for working very hard to understand long division. Such determination!
- Y6** **Freddie** for continuing to work so hard, even after SATs, to improve his mathematical understanding. What a star!

### Reminder: SJF Curriculum Showcase

A reminder that our final Curriculum Showcase of the year takes place on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023** in the school hall from **8.50am to 9.45am** and **3.30pm to 4.15pm**. You are all invited to come and view a sample of the children's work completed over Terms 5 and 6.



**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.

- **Henry** in **Y1** received the "Student of the week" Kickboxing trophy, again, for the second time, for "moving forward with his Kickboxing skills and for putting continued focus and persistence in his performance". His parents are very proud, as are we. Well done, Henry!
- **Isabelle** in **Y6** competed in the end of season competition in Kingston Upon Hull this weekend for Eckington Swimming Club and won a bronze medal in 50m breaststroke, setting a new personal best! Congratulations, Isabelle, a fantastic achievement!



**Our Latest Beat Your Best Challenge!**

*Here is a message from Miss Barrett.*

Hello St John Fisher! I have another beat your best challenge for you to try!

Firstly, huge thanks to Freddie for creating his 'rugby pass' challenge that so many of you attempted last week. There were some fantastic skills on show, well done to you all!

This week, I have come up with a little throwing challenge! All you have to do is throw the ball over your head and catch it with two hands behind your back, then just bring the ball back round to your front and try again. Keep going until you drop the ball and see how many catches you can make. Come and see the Sports Majors or me on the playground if you want to try, and don't forget to keep a record of your scores. Can you beat your best? Good luck everyone!

**Statement of Belief**

Our next 'Statement of Belief' is **"I try to accept the forgiveness of others"**

**Time to talk:** To be forgiven is a gift.

Sometimes it is a gift that is difficult to accept because we feel too ashamed of the choices we have made. Though it can be hard to accept the forgiveness of others, God asks to try.

He reminds us that His only son, Jesus, died on a cross so that we can receive forgiveness from those we hurt. We are called to stop being afraid and to just trust in Him by accepting the forgiveness of others.

It is important to remember that *forgiveness* is an act of love and God is love. By accepting forgiveness, we are accepting God, and we are choosing freedom.

Can you think of a time when you found it hard to accept forgiveness?

There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love.



**Relax. Don't be so hard on yourself. You are living and learning. Forgive yourself and grow from the experience.**



# ADHD Parent and Carer Information Café Drop-In Evening

Help  
Support  
Advice  
Information

Come along to this informal evening session to have a coffee and chat with other parents and meet staff from Sheffield Family Hubs, Parenting, SENDIASS and the Parent Carer Forum



Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
4:30pm - 7pm

Diagnosis not needed



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