



St John Fisher News

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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Ben Forgo** (Y5) who understands why it is important to laugh and have fun every day. Ben tries hard to see the good in everything and everyone and impresses everyone with his thoughtfulness. He does so many good things quietly, without seeking recognition or reward. He is such a fantastic example to others and we could not be more proud of him. Congratulations Ben!

SJF Open Morning 2016

Last Saturday we held a successful Open Morning. I would like to thank everyone who ensured that school was ready. I would also like to thank my colleagues, Governors, KIDZONE and PTFA members for their support on the day. Finally I would like to thank Imogen Cranston, Kayleigh Collins, Emma Watters, Ellie Cheetham, William Ludlam and Alex Ludlam who were magnificent at showing our visitors around, telling the story of our school and answering their questions. I was so proud of them. Each received a special certificate during today's Celebration Assembly.



Forthcoming Events

Our School Calendar is available on the website or via: www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/school-dates/.

01-11-16	• School Photos
07-11-16	• Review & Target-Setting Meetings (2.00pm-5.00pm)
08-11-16	• Review & Target-Setting Meetings (5.00pm-7.00pm)
11-11-16	• Community Service of Remembrance (10.30am) – Our Lady of Lourdes

Achievements Outside of School

- **Eleanor Checkley** in Y2 took part in a timed 2.5k junior run at Endcliffe Park on 9th October 2016! She had lots of fun and did really well to receive special a finishers' medal. Well done Eleanor!

Term 1 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  552	St David's House  466	St Patrick's House  463	St George's House  577
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Well done to all the children for trying so hard for your Houses this term. Congratulations to the members of St George's House who are our Term 1 Champions! Mr Hawley will arrange your Golden Time reward for the beginning of Term 2, well done!

The Catholic Life of the School

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Thank you to Mrs Sambrook, Mrs Bishop and the children of Y1 for leading yesterday's beautiful liturgy. On Thursday 3rd November our liturgy will be led by our FS2 children. It will also be their formal 'Welcome Assembly'. We welcome the family/friends of our FS2 children to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am.

Weekly Celebration Assembly

On Friday 4th November we invite the family and friends of our Y6 children to join us in the hall at 2.55pm for our Celebration Assembly.

Golden Children

FS2	Cavani Alvaranga for being amazing all the time. He is such a well-behaved, caring and thoughtful boy and a pleasure to teach!
Year 1	Azaan Javid for always trying his best. He always concentrates in when he is learning and tries hard to set a good example. He thinks carefully and is an intelligent young man!
Year 2	Mia Whitehead for making amazing Shabat bread as part of our focus on Judaism this week! Great work! Our very own Star Baker!
Year 3	Daisy Parkin for always being cheerful and for always trying her best! Well done!
Year 4	All the class for being fantastic at Kingswood!
Year 5	Kayla Appau for being so hardworking and always ready to learn! Kayla also tidies the classroom without having to be asked first – which is typically thoughtful. Well done!
Year 6	Jensen Gough for showing a great attitude and understanding in Mathematics lessons this week! A fantastic example to all, well done!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Priscilla Asumadu	Ruby Adelanwa	Daisy Green	Jia Robinson	On residential	Poppy Walton	Jenson Pugh

Attendance This Week

FS2	97.2%	
Year 1	98.5%	
Year 2	96.9%	Golden Time
Year 3	99.4%	Golden Time
Year 4	98.1%	
Year 5	94.7%	
Year 6	99.4%	
Weekly Target	97%	This week's Average Attendance 97.8%

Another fantastic week for attendance with almost all classes beating the 97% target.

Thank you for your support!

Attendance This Term

FS2	98.3%	
Year 1	97.6%	
Year 2	98.8%	
Year 3	98.8%	
Year 4	98.3%	
Year 5	97.8%	
Year 6	98.5%	
Termly Target	97%	This term's Average Attendance 98.3%

A great start to the year with all classes averaging above the 97% target in Term 1.

Years 2 and 3 have earned Golden Time which will be arranged by their teachers at the beginning of Term 2! Congratulations!

Mission Together

Please do not forget to collect your loose change over the holiday in order to help us support the Diocesan Mission Together children's charity. We will contact you after the holiday with the date for bringing the boxes in. Every penny really does count and everything raised will be put to good use. Thank you.



Workshops at St Marie's Cathedral

Here is a message from the Cathedral:



The beautiful, but seriously damaged, Victorian wall tiles that decorate St Marie's Cathedral will be restored to their former glory in the next few weeks as part of our Heritage Project.

Join the conservator, Katie Langridge, and her team for this exciting and hands-on Family Fun Workshop. You will find out more about St Marie's amazing tiles and how they have been conserved, and even restore your own tile! Not to be missed!

Join us for an exciting and hands-on workshop on Wednesday 26th October, 10.30am-12.30pm, to find out more about these amazing tiles and how they have been conserved, and even paint and restore your own tile!

Activities are suitable for children 3+ who must be accompanied. The workshops are free, but you will need to book as places are limited. If you want to book places please follow this link:

<http://stmariecathedral.org/events/conservation-in-action-family-fun-workshop/>

Remembrance



Our annual Community Service of Remembrance takes place on Armistice Day, 11th November 2016, starting at 10.30am at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Our Service during a week when all the children explore the origins of Remembrance Day and are encouraged to reflect on those who died or who were injured in the First World War (1914-1918) and in all armed conflicts since. We will also think about their families and all civilian casualties of war, particularly children. If you or someone you know have served in our armed forces and would be prepared to be part of our service or come into school and talk to the children please contact us on enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk. Also if you know ex-service personnel young and old and/or members of their

families who are in our parish and local communities please invite them to join us for our Service so that it is a real community event. Thank you.

Christmas Craft Club!

Here is a message from Mrs Asquith:

Yes it is that time of year again and our Christmas Craft club will be starting again after half term. If we have any parents or grandparents who could spare an hour on a Thursday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm to help our younger children with cutting and sticking please speak to me. Thank you.



Supporting our Pupils with Nut Allergies

Some of our children have significant nut allergies which are potentially life threatening. As a community we are working with their families to manage the risks which are posed to them. In line with advice from 'Allergy UK' we would be extremely grateful if parents/carers would remember that some of our children live with severe allergies when making choices about what to include in children's packed lunches for school/visits. Further information is available from Mrs Pickering or from the following websites:

- www.allergyuk.org
- <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/food-allergy/Pages/Intro1.aspx>

Thank you for your support.

Y6 Residential

Here is a short recount of last week's Y6 residential to Castleton by Abigail and Lucille Owens. Check out the blog for more pictures!



Hollowford was amazing challenging and fun. We did all sorts of amazing activities like: archery, abseiling, caving, orienteering, canoeing, a hill walk and Problem solving. We had a great time exploring Hollowford. We discovered that in our groups it is not hard to work as a team and Hollowford helped us get over some

of our fears and helped us learn more about other people's personalities. We wouldn't have had this amazing opportunity if it wasn't for the adults who came with us: Mrs Watters, Mr Andrews and our teacher Mr Smith who organised the trip. Y6 had a great experience and we all want to go again!



Y4 Residential

I know the children in Y4 had a fantastic trip to the Kingswood Dearne Valley Centre this week and there will be a report in the next newsletter.

Jewish Visitor in Y5



This week the children of Y5 welcomed a special visitor called Clara, who is Mrs Holloway's friend. She is Jewish and came to talk to the children about her faith. The children have been learning about the Jewish celebration of Passover and she was able to tell them all about her own experiences of the special celebration and even describe what horseradish really tastes like!

God's Unique Angels Chaplaincy Team Start up Day

On Monday, the Hallam Diocese 'In-Reality Youth Ministry Team' visited us to help set up our new Chaplaincy Team. They chose to be called: God's Unique Angels! The children and youth workers spent the time getting to know each other; learning different ways to pray and preparing a wonderful liturgy for the whole school at the end of the day! Look out for the work of 'The God's Unique Angels Chaplaincy Team' in the future! I would like to thank 'In Reality' and Mrs Holloway for arranging this fantastic opportunity for our young people!





Statement to Live By

When return our statement to live by will be: "I know what to do if I see someone being hurt."

Time to talk: Why is it important to look out for each other? How many different ways can we look after each other? What are the different ways someone can be hurt? What should we do if we see someone being hurt? What can we do to help sensibly and safely? Why do we want our school to be a place where children look after each other and the grown-ups are all there to help?

Finally

Thank you for all your support during what has been a very busy first Term.

I would like to thank my fantastic colleagues for their dedication to our children and community. I would also like to thank the members of the Governing Body and PTFA (including all the new members) for all your help this Term.

Finally I would like to thank all the children for their hard work and for making St John Fisher such a special place.

I wish you all a very safe, happy and relaxing holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 31st October 2016.

F Barratt
Headteacher

The beauty of life
does not depend
on how happy you
are, but how happy
others can be
because of you.

TODAY
WILL NEVER COME AGAIN.
Be a blessing.
Be a friend.
Encourage someone.
Take Time To Care.
Let your words heal,
and not wound.

**Happiness... consists in giving,
and in serving others.**

Henry Drummond

