

SJF NEWS



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★ Citizen of the Week

★ This week's Citizen of the Week is **Jacob H** in **Y5** who understands the importance of forgiveness in line with our 'Statement of Belief', this week. Jacob appreciates that everyone makes mistakes and when they do, the gift of forgiveness can heal the hurt and rebuild bridges. Congratulations Jacob, we are all very proud of you!

Term 1 Smiley Scores



SJF Eco-Team Update



The Eco Team meet with Mrs Steenson on Wednesday mornings. Here is a word from Renae, one of the **Y4** members:

"This week, the school Eco Team got together for a really interesting meeting to set our goals for the year ahead. We are hoping to tackle a lot of the problems around paper recycling in school; working on our school pond; and raising awareness of 'eco' issues to classmates."

We are looking forward to helping our school become more environmentally friendly, and have some great fundraising ideas already."



SJF Calendar

Please check out 2023-2024 calendar and note the details of key events for your child that you will not want to miss, e.g. Masses, liturgies, plays and performances, curriculum showcases, sports day, educational visits, dress down days, PTFA events etc. The online calendar can be reached by clicking [here](#).

Automatic SJF Alerts

Don't forget to sign up for automatic alerts about news relating to your children and calendar reminders, generated by our website. You can opt in and out at any time. Thank you.



Pupil Voice: SJF Healthy Minds Champions

The presentation of badges to our new Healthy Minds Champions will now take place at the end of Celebration Assembly **next** Friday (6th October 2023) as the **Y6** children have been away on their residential this week.

Achievements outside of School

Please send us details of your children's achievements outside of school via our enquiries@st-johnfisher.org email address. Whether the achievements are big or small we will share and celebrate the good news!

- **Jai** in **Y5** played his first match for Bolsover Town FC recently and received the 'Player of the Match' award for a great performance in which he even managed to score a cracking goal. Well done, Jai!



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Our Catholic Life



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Thank you to the fantastic young people of **Y2** who led this week's beautiful liturgy. Thank you to their families for joining us to support their children. Our next liturgy will be led by the young people of **FS2** supported by their **Y4** buddies on **Thursday 5th October 2023**. We would like to invite their family and friends to join us in the school hall at 9.00am.

SJF Chaplaincy Team Update: Harvest 2023

The Chaplaincy Team met to discuss preparations for our annual Harvest Mass, which takes place **10.00am** on **Friday 20th October 2023** at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Everyone is invited to join us.

SJF Harvest Appeal 2023

As well as the Mass, our young Chaplains also discussed plans for the collection of food items for the St Wilfrid's Centre, as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations.

The St Wilfrid's Centre is a special community that cares for the most vulnerable people in our city, including homeless and socially excluded adults. It provides a safe space where they are welcomed with compassion and understanding.



There they can receive practical advice and assistance as well experiencing a sense of belonging; and the support needed to help them regain their self-esteem and sense of worth.

If you would like to support us, it is important that donated food is **non-perishable**. Items such as tins/jars of meat, fish, soup, vegetables and fruit; packets of cereals, dried 'Pot Noodle' -type products, biscuits, hot chocolate, tea and coffee, UHT milk, instant mashed potato, pasta, pasta sauce, rice and dried noodles, tea and coffee and any other nutritional items that have a long shelf life are ideal. Basically, anything tinned, dried or in jars (with long 'use-by' dates) would be perfect.

Donations can be left by children in the hall or by parents/carers in the main foyer, from **Monday 2nd October 2023** and right up to **Friday 20th October 2023**.

In these extraordinarily challenging times, characterised by drastic inflation and rises in the prices of food and fuel, it is sadly inevitable that more and more people will become vulnerable. This appeal, at this time, has never been more important or needed, so thank you in anticipation of your generous support.

Collective Worship

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



Our October Prayer

As October is the month of Mary our 'gathering' song changes to 'Ave Maria'.

Our prayer of the month also changes to 'Hail Holy Queen' which is a traditional prayer dedicated to Our Lady. As it is not said as often these days, we wanted to include it in our SJF prayer programme.

October Gathering Song

Ave Maria,	As I kneel before you
Gratia plena.	As I bow my head in prayer
Dominus, te cum –	Take this day, make it yours
Benedicta tu.	And feel me with your love.

Hail, holy Queen,
Mother of mercy,
Hail our life,
Our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
Thine eyes of mercy toward us,
And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.



Reading for Pleasure: Our Latest Feature Books of the Week

READING FOR PLEASURE

"The more you **read** the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn** the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

Please click [here](#) to view our full 2023-24 SJF Book List

- **Mother Theresa: 15 (Little People, Big Dreams)**
 - o Isabel Sanchez Vegara
 - o click [here](#)



- **Next to Alice**
 - o Anne Fine
 - o click [here](#)



Week 1 Attendance			
1 st	Y6	97.5%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	FS2	96.6%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y5	96.5%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y4	95.9%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 th	Y3	95.6%	
6 th	Y2	95.3%	
7 th	Y1	94.7%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 96.0%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y5	82%
2 nd	Y3	76%
3 rd	FS2	75%
4 th	Y4	74%
5 th	Y2	67%
6 th	Y1	65%
Y6 residential	Y6	---
		Average = 73%





Y1 Meet the South Yorkshire Fire Service

As a special 'wow' experience to start our new history topic that focuses on the Fire Service, our Y1 children were visited by our local firefighters. They were able to ask lots of questions as well as see, firsthand, what a modern appliance looks like.



The firefighters showed the children metal ladders; a winch; cutting equipment; the many lights and sirens on the engine; the pump at the back; and a huge range of equipment.

During the visit the team received a 999 call; the children heard the radio and the fast response needed to leave.

Luckily the engine was able to return to school after the call so the children could continue the visit.



Back in class they recorded their observations by labelling photos of the engine. Next lesson we will be investigating old fire engines and consider similarities and differences.

Our sincere thanks go to the crew from Birley Station for visiting and supporting our children's learning so brilliantly.



Reminder: SJF Library Days 23-24

Children in classes 1-6 will change and renew their library books once a week, during their allocated lunchtime slot. Please remind your children to bring their books to school on the correct day so they can either swap or renew their book every week. The library days are:



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5	Y1	Y2	FS2	Y6
	Y3		Y4	



Golden Children!

- FS2** **Tinashe** for being a superstar every day! He is polite, kind, helpful and a great friend. Well done!
- Y1** **Aria** for being such a great partner, she will always listen and encourage her partner to share their ideas too- well done Aria!
- Y2** **Mila** has been so supportive and encouraging to her friends this week as the children in **Y2** prepared for our liturgy.
- Y3** **Jeana** for being so determined to succeed with all our **Y3** challenges, well done!
- Y4** **Elliott** for his kindness and caring attitude towards classmates. He always thinks of others and how he can help make their days brighter!
- Y5** **Scarlett** for being a 'Fabulous Five!' She is a great role-model and always tries to do the right thing. Well done, superstar!
- Y6** **Lochlan** and **Emily** for being fabulous role-models for our younger children! They were both excellent!

Writing Champions!

- FS2** **Ava** for loving to draw and mark-make! She takes lots of care and creates lovely pictures!
- Y1** **Toby** for remembering to use full-stops at the end of sentences! He is already doing so well, considering it is still the start of **Y1**!
- Y2** **Pedro** for using a range of wonderful verbs and adjectives to describe a snowy scene!
- Y3** **Joshua** for thinking of some super rhetorical questions and including them in his writing!
- Y4** **Drew** for engaging so positively with his 'Reading Response' work. He used full sentences as he drew on evidence from the text in order to support his answers. Well done!
- Y5** **Eddie** for his fabulous writing - not just in English, but also in history, as he created an excellent fact-file about the River Nile. Great work Eddie!
- Y6** **Y6** residential this week.

Maths Champions!

- FS2** **Llorente** for his fantastic use of our maths resources and counting along our number line so confidently, recognising the different numerals.
- Y1** **Rosa** for such fantastic work with her number bonds to 10 and recording these in her work- keep it up Rosa you are brilliant!
- Y2** **Nickolas** for showing resilience and not giving up until he understood what he was doing even though he found it difficult.
- Y3** **Max** for great strategies in his explanation of addition and subtraction.
- Y4** **Jack M** who has been working exceptionally hard during maths this week, and had some great participation in the Maths Meetings.
- Y5** **Roman** for his excellent reasoning about numbers using what he already knows to try and solve problems. Well done Roman.
- Y6** **Y6** residential this week.

Y6 Hollowford Residential

The children had a wonderful time and there will be a full report in next week's newsletter.



FS2 Parent/Carer Workshop

Please note that the FS2 workshop scheduled for Monday 2nd October 2023 has been merged with the workshop scheduled for **Thursday 12th October 2023**. The workshop will focus on sharing information about:

- phonics and early reading
- mark-making and early writing
- early mathematics

It will cover how we teach and support the children. There will also be tips for supporting the children at home and an opportunity to ask questions. All parents and carers are invited for this special meeting which will take place in the Y6 classroom and begins straight after school at 3.30pm. Supervised childcare will be provided.



Beat Your Best: Our BYB Challenge

Miss Raynes and the Sports Majors have come up with a new BYB challenge for next week. The challenge involves aiming beanbags at different targets.

Please check out the video demonstration on the home page and have a go.

The Sports majors will be on the playground at morning break with Miss Raynes. Why not challenge family members at home too? Will you beat your best?

Our Statement of Belief

Next week our 'statement of Belief' continues to be about forgiveness. It is **"I know how to show I am sorry."**

Time to talk: You could think about what *being* sorry is really like. What does it actually mean - to be sorry? How *can* we show that we are sorry? How *should* we show we are sorry?

Why is it so difficult to actually say sorry sometimes?

Why does Jesus challenge us to say sorry when we have hurt others and have been unkind or unfair?

How does it feel when you pluck up the courage to say sorry - and you are then forgiven, unconditionally?

A sincere apology
has three parts:

I am sorry

It is my fault

What can I do to
make it right?

