

SJF NEWS

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Friday 3rd November 2023



★ Citizen of the Week & Weekly Awards

★ This week's Citizen of the Week award, along with all other weekly awards, will be carried over to next week as there was no Celebration Assembly because of our Community Service of Remembrance today.

Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House



212

959

St David's House



192

875

St Patrick's House



197

875

St George's House



217

871



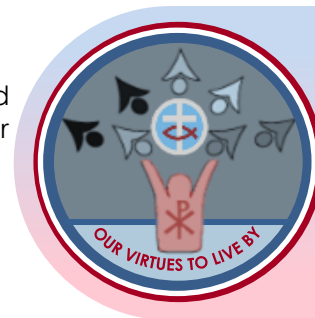
Our Catholic Life

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next liturgy will be on **Thursday 16th November 2023** and will be led by the young people of **Y2** and we invite their family and friends to join us in the school hall at 9.00am.

Our Virtues to Live By

In our Tuesday assemblies we continue to focus on the special virtue, '**hope**'.



Collective Worship

Monday

Citizenship
Statement of Belief
Assembly
(Headteacher)
&
Chaplains' Liturgies
(Years 5 and 6)

Tuesday

'Virtues to Live By'
Class Assembly
(Teachers & Chaplains)

Wednesday

Themed
Assembly
(Teacher-Led)

Thursday

Weekly Liturgy
of the Word
(Class-Led)

Friday

Celebration
Assembly
(Headteacher &
Deputy Headteacher)
Chaplains' Liturgies
(Years 1, 2, 3 and 4)
Story Liturgy
(FS2)



Remembrance 2023

During the week the children in learned about the origins of Remembrance Sunday and explored why the poppy is our national symbol of remembrance.

It is important that in their time with us, the children develop an appreciation of why this time of the year is so important in the life of our country. As part of our work and prayers, we also reflected on our shared hope for peace in the world.

Today we came together as a community for a simple act of worship and remembrance, as we do every year. Our service was led by the young people of Y6, who shared words, poems and prayers.



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Over the week, the children made their own poppies which were added to simple crosses in each class. In one special moment, during the service, representatives of each class processed slowly from the back of the church to lay their class crosses on the Sanctuary, just before 'The Last Post', was played. They also created poppies which were arranged by Mrs Steenson into a beautiful commemorative display in the playground.

We thank Fr Bede, for allowing us to use the church, as well as the family, friends, parishioners and members of our local community who were able to join us. We thank Mr MacInnes and the special young people of Y6 for leading the service; colleagues for supporting, so well, the children with their learning as well all the various remembrance activities this week, and finally the children, themselves, who have all engaged so positively over the week. The service is available to view online by clicking [here](#).



Poppy Appeal 2023

If you, or someone you know, can support the poppy appeal in our area, please click [here](#). Thank you.

November Prayer

During November we remember all those who have died and we pray for the repose of their souls.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon them,
May they rest in peace. Amen.*



Come and join
the circle!

Annual Advent Wreath Blessing Liturgy

To prepare us for the important season of Advent the young people of Y4 will lead a special Advent liturgy on **Friday 1st December 2023** at **2.00pm**. During the liturgy, Fr Bede will bless our class Advent wreaths. We invite our Y4 parents/carers to join us.

Our Late November Gathering Song

Come and join the circle, Gather round and see –
Come and take my hand. What the world can be.
Come and join the circle, Come and join the circle,
Come and be my friend. Come and share God's word with me.

Attendance: Weekly			
1 st	Y3	98.1%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
1 st	Y5	98.1%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y4	97.9%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y1	97.3%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y6	96.3%	Billy Bear will visit next week
6 th	FS2	96.1%	
7 th	Y2	96.0%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 96.7%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y5	86%
2 nd	Y6	83%
3 rd	Y3	75%
3 rd	Y2	72%
5 th	Y4	71%
6 th	Y1	67%
7 th	FS2	66%
Average = 74%		



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Reading for Pleasure: Our Latest Feature Books of the Week



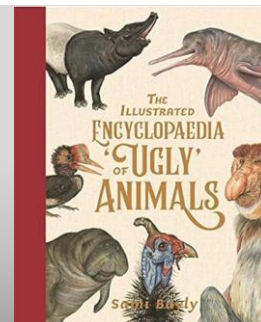
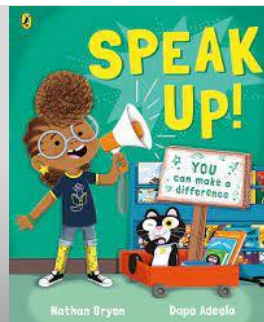
READING FOR PLEASURE

"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. These are our latest feature books:

- **Speak Up!**
o Nathan Bryon
- **The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of 'Ugly' Animals**
o Sami Bayly

Please click [here](#), to view a Waterstones synopsis of both books.



Pupil Review Meetings

A reminder that the next round of meetings take place on **Tuesday 14th** and **Wednesday 15th** November 2023. Online meetings will take place on Tuesday from 1.30pm and face-to-face meetings will be on Wednesday, from 1.00pm, with the time allowed for each meeting being doubled to ten minutes. Please remember to book an appointment through the school office, if you have not already done so.

The primary purpose of these meetings is to share (i) how happy and settled the children are and how well they are engaging with school life; and (ii) their progress and attainment along with factors potentially limiting either/both, including attendance, punctuality, behaviour or other factors. There is a lot to cover so it will support us, enormously, if everyone is punctual and understands that meetings are ten minutes.

Further meetings can be arranged to cover other issues or matters that require more time. We know how frustrating it can be when appointments do not run on time because previous meetings have overrun. So, with this in mind, all meetings - online and face-to-face - will start and finish on time.

Parents/Carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) who already have review meetings scheduled with Mrs Hadfield and class teachers, do not also need to book a pupil review Meeting as everything will be covered in their SEND review meetings. Thank you.

Spelling Bee Grand Final

Congratulations to Lucy, in **Y2**, who is our Autumn Spelling Bee Champion! We also congratulate the class champions, who joined Lucy in the Grand Final, including Luke who qualified, but was not well on the day.



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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!

- **Caleb** in **Y3** received the 'Star of the Week' award at Razzamataz for his amazing dancing, singing and acting. Congratulations, Caleb!
- **William** in **Y4** took part in the 'Sheffield Photo Marathon Challenge' recently, taking six pictures to fit specified themes. At least one photograph will be included in an exhibition in the Winter Gardens. Well done, William!

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder that the children are scheduled to receive flu vaccinations, on **Wednesday 6th December 2023**, as part of a UK-wide NHS programme. Please click [here](#), for more information and contact us if you have any questions. please follow [link](#) to find out more about the Sheffield school nursing and immunisation team. Thank you.



PTFA News

A reminder that Santa is visiting us on **Friday 8th December 2023**! As it is such a special occasion, it will be a non-uniform day. Santa is expected to land at **8.45am** and you are invited to join us in welcoming him shortly after he lands!

This is such a special event in the school calendar, and takes months to plan. I would therefore like to thank our PTFA committee and all those who support them to make this special day possible. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the PTFA (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you.



SJF Christmas Dinner 2023

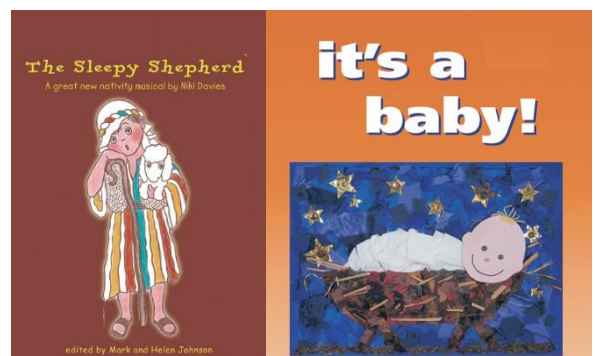
Our school Christmas dinner, this year, will take place on **Thursday 14th December 2023**, this year. As it is a special occasion, it will be a non-uniform day, so the children are invited to dress up or down.

Nativity Plays 2023

At St John Fisher the children in **FS2**, **Y1** and **Y2** do nativity plays. This year they both take place on **Tuesday 19th December 2023** which is later in the term than in recent years.

FS2 Nativity Play

For their first nativity play, our **FS2** children will perform a play called '**The Sleepy Shepherd**' starting at **9:30am**. On the day the children will be welcomed in to class, in the usual way. Whilst they are getting ready refreshments will be served to **FS2** parents/carers in the school hall. There will also be a raffle.



Y1/Y2 Nativity Play

The children will perform the nativity, '**It's a Baby**', at **2.15pm**. Doors will open at **2.00pm** and there will be the usual raffle. Information about tickets will be shared soon.

Our Statement of Belief

Our statement next week is '**I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others.**'

Time to talk: Each of us is important, and during 'Be Safe, Be Happy Week' we reflected on how special we all are. Everyone deserves to be treated with love and respect and to be accepted for being just how God made them. If someone (or something) stops any of us feeling happy, safe or loved then we know that we can speak up and 'Tell! Tell! Tell!' This should be done without hurting others.

To stand up for yourself takes strength. but to stand up for others takes courage.

- Alice Ann Jennet Lisenby



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