

# SJF NEWS



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## ★ Citizen of the Week

★ There was no Celebration Assembly this morning because we welcomed Santa. Updates will be shared in the next newsletter.

**St Andrew's House**



**555**

**1192**

**St David's House**



**530**

**1128**

**St Patrick's House**



**550**

**1137**

**St George's House**



**549**

**1092**



## Santa in School Day 2023

Today we were visited by Santa! The day began with Santa waving to everyone from the roof shortly after landing! Everyone was so excited! All the children were able to meet two of his reindeers and learn about their lives. They all visited the Christmas fayre with buddies which was full of stalls and things to buy! They then visited Santa in his grotto.



It was such a special day because of the hard work and planning of our great friends from the PTFA and all the volunteer elves who supported them so brilliantly, including parents and carers and a number of our fantastic former pupils who were given permission by All Saints Catholic High School to support this special event!



I would like to thank Santa, our fantastic PTFA committee and all the volunteers for their hard work in organising and running this very special event. Please click [here](#) to check out the photos and follow this [link](#) to the class pages for even more photographs from the special day.



Special events like this, take planning and teamwork. If you would like to get involved and help our PTFA continue making such a positive difference, please click [here](#) to get in touch with Catherine Cooper and Jess Pattison, Co-Chairs of this year's PTFA committee. All ideas and offers of help are welcomed and appreciated greatly. Thank you.



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| Weekly Attendance |     |                            |                                  |
|-------------------|-----|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>   | Y6  | 98.1%                      | Bobby Bear will visit next week  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | FS2 | 95.0%                      | Brenda Bear will visit next week |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Y1  | 94.7%                      | Elvis Owl will visit next week   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>   | Y3  | 94.4%                      | Billy Bear will visit next week  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Y5  | 92.8%                      |                                  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Y4  | 92.1%                      |                                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>   | Y2  | 85.7%                      |                                  |
| Target = 98.0%    |     | Average Attendance = 93.3% |                                  |



| Get Set, GO!    |    |     |
|-----------------|----|-----|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Y6 | 85% |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Y5 | 84% |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Y1 | 83% |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Y3 | 78% |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Y3 | 78% |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Y4 | 71% |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Y2 | 58% |
| Average = 66%   |    |     |

### Countdown to Christmas Reminders

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Beauty and the Beast at the Lyceum Theatre
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November Christmas dinner (a non-uniform, dress down/up day)
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November a non-uniform, dress down/up day for the St Wilfrid's Centre
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 FS2 Nativity Play (9.30am) & Y1/Y2 Nativity Play (2.30pm)
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Times Tables Rock Stars Grand Final
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 Key Stage 2 Carol Concert (2.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes)
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 the last day of Term 2 (a non-uniform, dress down/up day)
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 School reopens for the start of Term 3

### Pupil Voice



#### SJF Healthy Minds Champions – Update Here is a word from Mr Murphy

This week the Healthy Minds champions have been very busy helping children in the playground and in the classroom during wet break - which we know is something that some children may need support to do.

The Champions have also been helping Mr Murphy with the 3 W's boxes that are available around school for children to post their Whys, Worries and Wishes and Mr Murphy and his Healthy Minds team work throughout the week to help support children who have posted in the boxes.

We are excited to announce that there will soon be a 'Healthy Minds' podcast coming soon that will be available to download off the school website each half term. Healthy Minds Champions will be taking it in turns in groups to host the podcast.



#### SJF Eco Team Update Here is a word from Mrs Steenson

This week, our Y6 Eco Team members met to discuss ideas for fulfilling our pledge to increase eco awareness across the wider school.

At the start of the year, we started an SJF Eco scrapbook, as a way of members keeping their classmates up-to-date with the amazing things they get up to, in a bid to raise greater awareness. Here is a word from Alfie, one of our Y6 members:

*"The Eco Team has been working on sharing our projects with the rest of the school through our scrapbook of news. We hope this will inspire and encourage others to follow in our footsteps and be more eco-friendly themselves."*

The SJF Eco Team scrapbook is available to look through in the Marie Kerley Library.



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### Our Catholic Life

#### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next liturgy will be on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 important and special virtues, **hope** and **patience**.



### Collective Worship

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

### Gathering Song

O Come, O Come,  
**EMMANUEL**

When is he coming,  
When, oh when is he coming...  
The Redeemer?  
When will we see him,  
When, oh when will we see him,  
The Redeemer?

Come, oh come,  
From your kingdom up there,  
From your kingdom up there above!  
Come, oh come, to your people on earth,  
To your people on earth bring love!  
Emmanuel! Emmanuel!



### Advent Class Reflections

As part of our Advent journey to the great feast of Christmas, our Chaplains will help to organise simple Advent class reflections at the end of the day up to **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.

To ensure that everyone has an opportunity to attend at least one reflection, we invite parents/carers to book one liturgy for each class where their child is a pupil. Parents/carers wishing to attend more than one reflection can call the office on the day to check for spaces. The reflection are on the following days:

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

O God,  
Forgive Us

**The Act of Contrition**  
During Advent we prepare for Christmas by saying sorry for our mistakes and by trying hard to make those key changes in our lives that we need to make. Our prayer is called the Act of Contrition.

**O my God**  
**Because You are so good – I am very sorry,**  
**That I have sinned against You,**  
**And by the help of Your grace,**  
**I will not sin again.**

### SJF Chaplaincy Team Update

Here is a word from Tilly, one of our Y4 Chaplains

This week, we have begun our Advent reflections. It has given us time to create space and time for God and has given us time to reflect on our week.'



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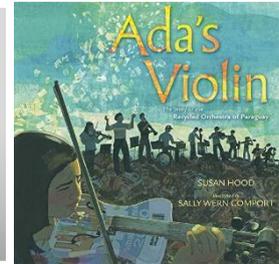
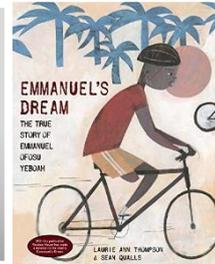
**Reading for Pleasure: Our Latest Feature Books of the Week**



Please click [here](#) to view our full 2023-24 SJF Book List. These are our latest feature books:

- **Emmanuel's dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofose**  
o Laurie Ann Thompson
- **Ada's Violin**  
o Susan Hood

Please click [here](#) to link to the Waterstones reviews



**Reminder: SJF Christmas Dinner 2023**

Our school Christmas dinner, this year, will take place on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Non-Uniform Day**

There is an additional non-uniform day on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**, the day of the Santa Dash in school. We would appreciate a £1+ voluntary contribution per child, if possible, to support the vital work of the amazing team at the St Wilfrid's Centre who will be supporting some of the vulnerable people of our city during the Christmas period.



**Reminder: Nativity Plays 2023**

The **FS2** and the **Y1 / Y2** nativity plays take place on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023**. Information about tickets will be shared this week by our school office team. Unfortunately, the video production company had to pull out and we did not have enough time to secure a replacement. We are aware that an automatically-generated notice was sent out.

A reminder that there will be a raffle at both the morning and afternoon performances which we hope will be well supported.

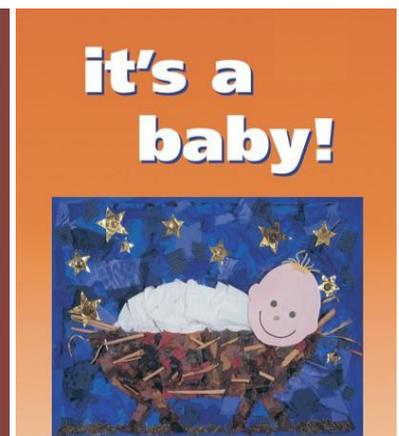
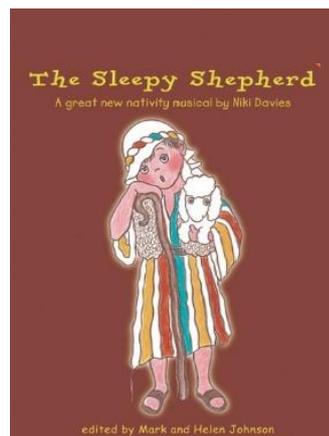
**FS2 Nativity Play**

For their first nativity play, our **FS2** children are performing **'The Sleepy Shepherd'** and this will start at **9:30am**.

On the day the children will go to class, in the usual way and whilst they are getting ready, refreshments will be served to the **FS2** parents/carers whilst they wait in the school hall.

**Y1/Y2 Nativity Play**

The children will perform the nativity, **'It's a Baby'**, at **2.15pm**. Doors will open at **2.00pm**.





### Beat Your Best: Our BYB Challenge

Here is a message from Miss Raynes:

With the weather being a bit wetter and indoor play likely, the Sports Majors have decided to challenge you with some activities you can do in the classroom.

#### (1) Rising Squat

Start with you feet at shoulder width apart, bend your legs and circle your arms around your shoulders as you rise.

#### (2) The Lunge

Bend your front leg whilst keeping your back legs straight and then switch legs.

#### (3) Burpees

Get low to the floor, bring your hands and feet together, straighten your legs behind you and then jump up.

How many of these activities can you do in one minute? Click [here](#) to watch a demonstration. Good luck!

### Achievements outside of School

Please send us details of your children's achievements outside of school via our [enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) email address. Whether the achievements are big or small we will share and celebrate the good news! Here are this week's special mentions:

- **Ivy** in **Y3** took part in her first gymnastics competition recently, winning four medals, a gold; two silver and a bronze! What a fantastic achievement, congratulations!

### Statement of Belief

Next week our 'Statement of Belief' is '**I can work, rest and pray every day**'.

**Time to talk:** Together you could think about all the things you do in a typical day from the moment you wake up in the morning to the moment you go to bed. Create your own list and see how long it is. What things do you do every day? What things do you do now and again? What do you enjoy more? What do you like less?

Using different coloured pens underline:

- in the first colour, anything to do with work or school;
- in the second colour, anything that is about 'you' time when you relax or are part of clubs
- in the third colour, highlight the times when you are still and pray (and listen) to God.

What do you notice? Is your day balanced? What do you struggle to find time for? Is it possible to plan your day differently to do more of what you want and feel you need to do?



*A healthy family life requires frequent use of three phrases: "May I? Thank you, and I'm sorry" and "never, never, never end the day without making peace."*

Pope Francis

