

# SJF NEWS



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## Citizen of the Week

★ Congratulations to Jan Z in **Y4** who received our citizenship award for understanding that he belongs to a community, that includes our school. Jan is such a friendly and caring member of our SJF family, supporting, encouraging and including other children in both learning activities and play. He is well liked by other children because of his warmth and authenticity, and because, in so many ways, he demonstrates the SJF values that we hold most dear. Congratulations, Jan, everyone is thrilled that you have received this deserved award!

## Term 3 Smiley Scores



## Attendance

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Y4</b>	<b>99.4%</b>	<b>Bobby Bear will visit next week</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Y3</b>	<b>97.5%</b>	<b>Bobby Bear will visit next week</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Y5</b>	96.6%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y6</b>	96.3%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y1</b>	92.3%	Billy Bear will visit next week
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y2</b>	91.3%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FS2</b>	87.6%	

**Target = 98.0%    Average Attendance = 94.7%**



## Get Set, GO!

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Y5</b>	78%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Y4</b>	76%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Y1</b>	73%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Y6</b>	73%
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FS2</b>	68%
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y2</b>	67%
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y3</b>	65%

**Average = 71%**

## Assessment Point 2

Next week is our second formal assessment point as we reach the midpoint of the school year. It is therefore even more important that the children attend school every day. The assessments are always delivered gently with additional support being provided for children who need it.

## Our Catholic Life

### *Weekly Celebration of the Word*

Thank you to the staff and children of **FS2** and **Y4** for leading this week's Celebration of the Word. We also thank everyone who joined us. A film of the celebration will be available to view via this [link](#) after it has been uploaded.

The next Celebration of the Word will not take place until **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024**, because next week it is Assessment Point 2; the week after we have our SJF Curriculum Showcase; and the week after that is the holiday.



The Celebration of the Word on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 will be led by the young people of **Y4** and we, of course, invite their family and friends to join us in the hall at 9.00am.



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*Our Virtues to Live By*

In our Tuesday assemblies, the children are reflecting on the important virtue, **simplicity**, and its importance in helping us stay close to God by prioritising what is truly important, in our busy lives.

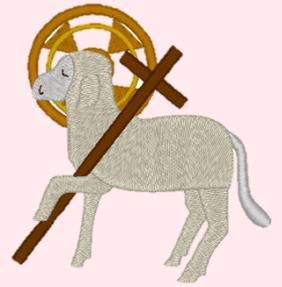
*Collective Worship*

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

*Our January Prayer*

Our January prayer is the Agnus Dei or '**The Lamb of God**'. The prayer is said during Mass, and recalls *The Last Supper* of Jesus and His apostles during which the bread and wine were transformed in to the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ and shared for the very first time. It is therefore a very special prayer.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.



*January Gathering Song*

Children of God, in one family  
Loved by God, in one family –  
And no matter what you do...  
God loves me, and God loves you



**SJF Curriculum Showcase**

A reminder that our next Curriculum Showcase takes place on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023** in the school hall. We warmly welcome parents, carers, family and friends to join us from **8.45am** until **9.45am** and again from **3.30pm** until **4.15pm** to view a sample of the children's work from the first three terms. During the morning session a few children will be on hand at each display to share their learning and talk about their curriculum and experiences. A reminder that hot dinner options are not available because the hall is out of action all day.

**SJF Healthy Minds Champions**

*HMC Podcast*

Episode 1 of our Healthy Minds Podcast is available by clicking this [LINK](#).

*SJF Healthy Minds Champions Presentation*

Thank you to our Healthy Minds Champions, who, supported by Mr Murphy and Mrs Manning (from the Sheffield Healthy Minds Team), planned and delivered a presentation to a few family members.

Their presentation will be repeated on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024** at **2.30pm** so that all the HM Champions' families can learn more about their project to develop films to support children to manage their feelings and encourage them to reach out for help.



**Golden Children!**

- FS2** **Pat** for always being so friendly and welcoming to everyone she meets! She has been trying very hard in class generally, and especially when listening. Good girl!
- Y1** **Toby** for always being such a fantastic role-model to his classmates. He works so hard to do his best work, and listens so well to adults. You are a star, Toby!
- Y2** **Harry** for working so well with a new group and for being such a great team player!
- Y3** **Dylan** for being such a superstar by supporting his table with their learning so brilliantly!
- Y4** **James** for his superstar-attitude this week, especially during our swimming lesson. He has challenged himself a lot this week, and we are all really proud of him for it!
- Y5** **Charly** for showing such determination and enthusiasm, even when he finds things more difficult. Keep up the hard work, Charly!
- Y6** **Alana** for showing such fantastic positivity and resilience this week. A fantastic example!

**Writing Champions!**

- FS2** **Thadeus** for trying really hard with hi letter formation in phonics this week! Well done!
- Y1** **Alice** for trying so hard in her writing and now independently writing sentences using finger spaces, well done Alice!
- Y2** **George** for applying himself so well and for striving to improve his writing. This week he has shown a mature and determined attitude when 'upscaling' his writing!
- Y3** **Adriana** for creating a 'super soldier' non-chronological report with beautiful presentation. Well done!
- Y4** **Charlotte** for producing some gorgeous writing this week! The formal letter she wrote included some very interesting ideas, well done!
- Y5** **Lincoln** for trying so hard to include rich vocabulary in his writing. Very impressive!
- Y6** **Katie** for constantly ensuring that her work is presented beautifully, in *all* areas of the curriculum. Well done!

**Maths Champions!**

- FS2** **Hasset** for trying very hard in our number lessons and being willing to have a go at different activities all by herself! Well done!
- Y1** **Esmae** for having such a wonderful 'can do' attitude with all her mathematics work. She has tried to apply what she has learned to solve problems with her newly acquired knowledge. Well done, Esmae!
- Y2** **Ashwin** for taking responsibility for his learning and striving to work independently! Well done!
- Y3** **Joshua** for trying so hard to produce some great perimeter work!
- Y4** **Tilly** for trying hard to go even further in our Mathematics lessons, by working hard to challenge herself this week, in our division lessons. She has produced some great work this week as a result!
- Y5** **Jake** for trying really hard to reason in his fractions work this week, trying hard to use and apply his mathematical knowledge to explain his work logically. Well done!
- Y6** **Sam** for making excellent progress in Mathematics since September, both in his use of arithmetic methods and with solving reasoning problems.



# THE NATIONAL HOLOCAUST CENTRE AND MUSEUM

**Beth Shalom**

*Here is an update from Mr MacInness*

As we approach Holocaust Memorial Day on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of January, the young people of **Y6** were fortunate this week to visit the National Holocaust Museum, in Ollerton, Nottinghamshire.

This visit, which all of the children found fascinating, builds on our developing knowledge of the Second World War, currently being studied within this term's history unit. In addition to this, our tour of the museum equipped us with key learning on such concepts as discrimination, prejudice, propaganda and the varied forms of antisemitism promoted by Adolf Hitler's Nazi party in the Germany of the 1930s and early 1940s.

We all learned a great deal during our fantastic visit to Beth Shalom in Ollerton.

We would like to thank the team at the National Holocaust Museum for making our day so informative and interesting.

Click [here](#) to view more photos from our special day.



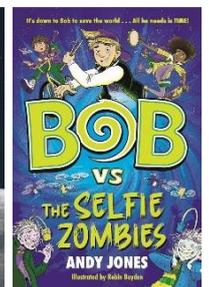
## Reading for Pleasure: Our Latest Feature Books of the Week



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

- **The Darkest Dark**
  - Chris Hadfield
- **Bob vs the Selfie Zombies: A Time-Travel Comedy Adventure!**
  - Andy Jones

Please follow this [link](#) to the Waterstones reviews on our website.



## Beat Your Best: Our BYB Challenge

*Here is a message from Miss Raynes:*

This week's Beat Your Best will be familiar to our **Y2** as it is all about skipping! With the help of the Sports Majors and big skipping ropes, the challenge is to see how many times you can jump over the rope in a row.

If you find that too easy, try seeing if you can run and jump in when the rope is already going, or see if you can run and jump through the rope whilst it's going without stopping the rope. Come find us in the playground to see if it's your year group. Good luck!



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**New SJF Gallery**

Thank you for the picture frames that were passed on to us this week. We would still welcome donations of any unwanted picture frames – any style or size - so that we can develop our new gallery. Please leave your unwanted frames with colleagues in the School Office. Thank you.

**Achievements outside of School**

Please do not forget to share details of your children's achievements outside of school with us via our [enquiries@st-ohnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-ohnfisher.org) email address. Regardless of whether the achievements are big or small, we would be delighted to both share and celebrate your child's good news!

- Violet in Y2 had a successful audition to become part of the Steel City Choristers! Congratulations, Violet!
- Ava in Y3 passed her Stage 3 swimming assessment recently! Fantastic news, well done, Ava!



**Yorkshire Farming Museum**

- Please click [here](#) to view photos from the incredible Y3 Roman adventure!
- Please click [here](#) to view photos from the great Y4 Viking adventure!

**ROMANS**



**VIKINGS**



**Our Statement of Belief**

Next week our 'statement of Belief' is "**We are happiest when we are united.**"

**Time to talk:** Together you could think about what the word 'united' means.

Can you find the word using a dictionary?

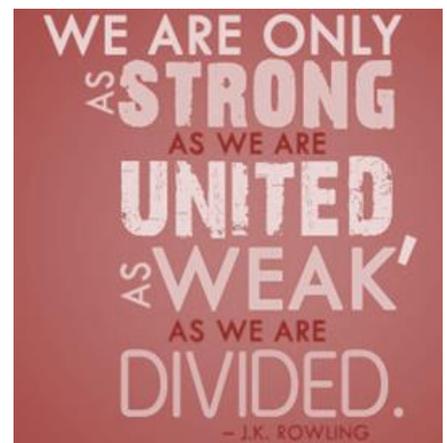
Why do some football teams have the word 'united' in their names?

How many can you think of?

What is the opposite of united?

Why do you think we are happier when we are united?

List some of the things that strong teams and communities do to stay united?



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