

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

The week's recipient is **Alfie** in **Y2** who understands that it is important to both be the giver and receiver of help when the need is there. We reflected on all the times Jesus was helped during Holy Week and learned that it is not only ok, but very important, to ask for help or to be open to help when it is offered. Alfie is a very positive member of our community. He is inquisitive and enjoys learning and playing with his friends. He is a good friend, and when others need him, he is always there. When he needs help, he is never afraid to ask. What a great example you are Alfie! Congratulations superstar, everyone is extremely proud of you!

Calendar Reminders

Our **SJF calendar** is available online on the Homepage of our website and in two formats via these links:

- <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents-and-carers-zone/calendar/>
- [http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20180713194822-9030/SJF%20CALENDAR%20%20\(2018-2019\).pdf](http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20180713194822-9030/SJF%20CALENDAR%20%20(2018-2019).pdf)

23-04-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y6 Mock SATs Week (full attendance is especially important)• Y1 Phonics Meeting for parents and carers (3.30pm, Y1 classroom)
24-04-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y5 & Y6 Cycling Workshop (for pupils on the programme)
25-04-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Liturgy of the Word (Mass tomorrow)
25-04-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Resurrection Mass (9.30am, Our Lady of Lourdes)• No Celebration Assembly
29-04-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Red Day (for pupils of St George's House only carried forward from 23-04-19)
01-05-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y6 height and weight and FS2 hearing checks (School Health Service)
02-05-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y5 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall)• FS2 Phonics and Reading Workshop (3.30pm, FS2 classroom)
03-05-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FS2 Celebration Assembly• Farewell Assembly for Mrs Battams (2.00pm, School Hall)• Farewell Tea Party for Mrs Battams (from 3.00pm, Parish Hall) – all welcome! Please pop in and say goodbye to Mrs Battams who is retiring after 28 years' service to our community
06-05-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School closed (Bank Holiday)
09-05-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y3 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall)
10-05-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y6 Celebration Assembly• PTFA Bags2School
13-05-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments (SATs) – Day 1
14-05-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments (SATs) – Day 2
15-05-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments (SATs) – Day 3• Y5 & Y6 Cycling Workshop (for pupils on the programme)• Y3 & Y4 Cricket Workshop
16-05-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments (SATs) – Day 4
17-05-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y5 Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall)• PTFA Family Night (from 7.00pm, School Hall)

Climbing Frames & Tyres



Please do **NOT** allow your children to use the climbing frame or tyres before *and* after school. Pupils using the equipment during the school day are supervised by school staff. Pupils will be reminded, but we ask that you also support us. Thank you.



Term 5 House Smiley Scores



These will be published next week.

Red Day

The Feast of St George, Patron Saint of England, is on Tuesday 23rd April 2019. We usually move the 'colour day' to the Friday closest to the feast day however because school was closed for the Good Friday holiday on 19-04-19 and it is our annual community Resurrection Mass the following Friday (26-04-19) we have 'Red Day' on **Monday 29th April 2019** instead. This means members of St George's House (only) can 'dress down' and come to school, instead, wearing something red if they have it, rather than school uniform. The children in all the other Houses must wear **full school uniform**. Thank you.



Catholic Life

Our Eastertide Prayer: 'The Sanctus'

Holy, Holy, Holy

Lord God of Hosts

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest!

Our Eastertide 'Coming In Song' Song

He is Lord,

He is Lord,

He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess –

That Jesus Christ is Lord!



Community Passion Play 2019

Congratulations to all the children who took part in this year's Passion Play. The music, singing and reading were amazing as the children retold the Passion of Our Lord right up to His death. All played their parts magnificently and I would like to thank them. I would also like to thank my colleagues for preparing and guiding the children so well – and for enabling them each to feel confident proud and happy.

I would like to thank Fr Paul for allowing us to again use our beautiful church and everyone who was able to come along in order to support the children.

Finally, a huge 'thank you' to the PTFA for laying on refreshments back at school afterwards

AS there were some necessary restrictions around the photographs (and limited opportunities for them to be taken) we will share some in the newsletter via the SJF website in due course. Thank you.

Annual Resurrection Mass 2019

We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with a special community Mass on **Friday 26th April 2019 at 9.30am** at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Please note, there will be no Celebration Assembly on that day.

The Great SJF Penny War Fundraiser in Aid of 'The Good Shepherd Appeal'

The response has been fantastic and the results are in! These will be shared with the children and then published in the newsletter. There was certainly a lot of sabotaging going on, but it is all for the benefit of the Bishop of Hallam's 2019 'Good Shepherd Appeal'!



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

As there is no liturgy this week because of our Resurrection Mass the next 'Liturgy of the Word' will therefore be on **Thursday 2nd May 2019** and will be led by **Y5**. We invite our Y5 families and friends to join us.

Celebration Assembly

As we have Mass on Friday our next Celebration Assembly will therefore be on **Friday 3rd May 2019** in the School Hall and we invite our FS2 families to join us.

Golden Children

The Golden children are chosen by teachers each week.

FS2	Eddie for listening really well to all things related to Holy Week and for doing great number work! Keep it up!
Y1	Eliana for always trying hard and for pushing herself to always give her best in all that she does! This means that she achieves well! Well done!
Y2	Charlie for making a super start to the new term with some great listening and fabulous enthusiasm leading to amazing writing! Well done!
Y3	Annabell for trying really hard to improve her knowledge and for not giving up even when things get tricky!
Y4	Phil for having a fantastic week and for working hard in all subjects! Well done!
Y5	Phoebe K for maintaining a positive and hardworking attitude in all subjects and for putting in a superb effort into our Passion Play!
Y6	George for making a superb start to the new term! Well done superstar!

SJF Spelling Bee & Times Tables Rock Stars

Don't forget to encourage your children to practise their spellings and times tables. If you need help and assistance with anything do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher via the class email. There are lots of fantastic online resources, including games, that your child will enjoy as they learn. Thank you.










Y1	x2 x5 x10
Y2	x2 x5 x10 x3 x4
Y3	x2 x5 x10 x3 x4 x6 x8
Y4	x2 x5 x10 x3 x4 x6 x8 x7 x9 x11 x12
Y5	x2 x5 x10 x3 x4 x6 x7 x8 x9 x11 x12 x100 x1000 x20 x50 x30 x40 x60 x80 x90
Y6	x2 x5 x10 x3 x4 x6 x7 x8 x9 x11 x12 x100 x1000 x20 x50 x30 x40 x60 x80 x90 x25 and using place value knowledge to multiply by decimals e.g. $5 \times 7 = 35 \rightarrow 5 \times 0.7 = 3.5$ and so on...

Extreme Reading Challenge 2019








Thank you to everyone who entered this year's competition. All the adults voted on their favourites and the winner was Louis in FS2. The runners up were Phoebe K in Y5 and Aureilia in FS2. All three received books or book tokens as prizes.

Extreme reading



Attendance in the last week of Term 4			
1 st	Y1		98.9% Bobby Bear will be visiting
2 nd	Y4		98.8% Brenda Bear will be visiting
3 rd	Y2		96.7% Elvis the Owl will be visiting
4 th	Y3		95.8%
5 th	FS2		95.6%
6 th	Y6		94.8%
7 th	Y5		94.3%
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 96.3%	



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	Y1		93%
2 nd	Y4		92%
3 rd	Y3		90%
4 th	Y2		89%
5 th	FS2		87%
5 th	Y6		87%
7 th	Y5		85%
		Average = 90%	

Achievements Outside of School

Achievements can be left in the postbox in the school foyer or emailed to us (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org).

- **Alana** in **Y1** received a special badge and certificate after achieving the 'Learn to Swim 1' standard! A fantastic achievement, well done Alana!
- **Luca** in **Y1** received a certificate of achievement from the 'Little kickers Team' for being an all-rounder! Congratulations Luca!
- **Daniel** in **Y2** achieved the standard for Level 3 in ice-skating and starts on Level 4 this week! An amazing achievement, well done Daniel!

Sports Leaders' Blog

Use the links to check out our Sports Leaders' blog in order to keep up-to-date with SJF news and what is happening with the national 'School Games' programme:

- www.yourschoolgames.com
- <https://www.yourschoolgames.com/schools/st-john-fisher-catholic-primary-school-a-voluntary-academy/>



Study Hub

The lunchtime 'Study Hub' is being relaunched this term by Mrs Pickering who will be available to KS2 children (Years 3-6) from 1.00pm-1.30pm each day. We understand that sometimes it is not easy (or even possible) for children to complete homework tasks at home and so she will supervise a quiet space where children can complete homework; use school resources for project research; read alone (or to someone); access the library and even practise things they have been learning in class.

During this time Mrs Pickering will be available primarily to provide pastoral support to any children who need to talk or who seek advice. She will be ably assisted by a small team of new 'Hub Buddies' who will be on hand to work with, read to and support other learners. All children in Years 3-6 are welcome!



Our Term 5 Learning Value

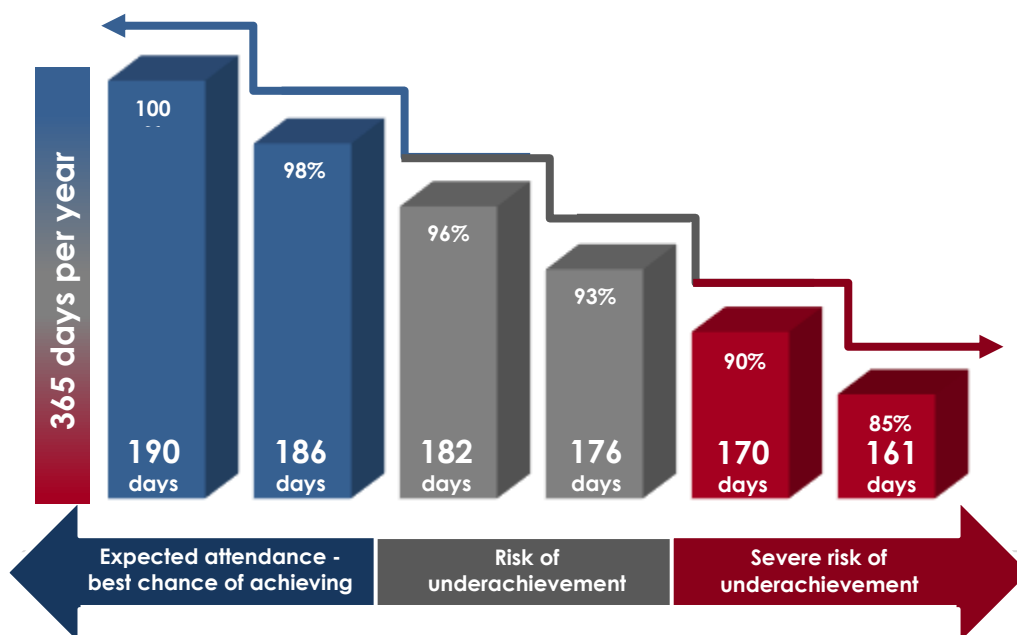
This term we focus on the value, 'Teamwork'. Our Sports leaders led a special assembly on Tuesday to explain to the children what the value is.

Teamwork is key in both learning and sport. It shows that when we pull together we are greater than if we pull apart or do our own thing. Teamwork enables us to share what we know and do well with others. It also gives us an opportunity to listen and learn from others' knowledge and experiences.

Being part of an effective team also provides its members with opportunities to learn about leadership and supporting those who lead.



Attendance Matters at SJF



- Every school day in every year group is important
- Holidays in term-time can have an impact on children and their progress
- 98%+ attendance is the target (186+ days) this year
- Try to have no more than 4 days off in a year
- There are 175 non-school days for holidays and appointments (where there is flexibility)
- Good attenders tend to feel more happy and secure in school, and achieve well

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"I know how to help others when they are in trouble."**

Time to talk: At St John Fisher we believe that it is very important to help each other. Why do you think this is? What are some of the different ways we can help each other? How can we help someone in trouble in and out of school? Perhaps we can help others by simply doing the right thing ourselves, and by setting a great example. Perhaps we can help others by talking to a grown up and sharing our concerns and worries about others? Perhaps we can make good suggestions if someone is thinking about making poor choices? Perhaps we can show someone who has made a mistake, and is sorry, that he or she is forgiven and can start again by being kind? Perhaps we can take time to listen actively to someone in trouble?



Finally

Whilst we welcome the warmer sunny weather we have to be mindful that too much sun can pose its own risks to children. On days when the weather is forecast to be hot and sunny, please apply protective sun cream at home before school. Please do not send cream in for your child or someone else to apply during the day. For exceptional cases please make an appointment with Mrs Pickering to discuss a care plan if there are compelling medical reasons why your child needs cream applied during the day. Please also send your child to school with a suitable and appropriate sun hat and water bottle. Thank you.

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

