

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

The week's recipient is **Rowan** in **Y6** who knows how to help others when they are in need or in trouble. Rowan is an extremely kind and thoughtful member of our community. He cares about others and shows this in both his words and actions. He is always willing to help anyone and shows genuine concern for the welfare of others in school. His manners and behaviour are exemplary too, and in so many ways Rowan is a fantastic example and role-model. Congratulations superstar, we are all very proud of you!

A Very Special Invitation

Invitations have been sent out to every family inviting you all to join us for a special tea party to mark the retirement of Mrs Battams after 28 years' service to our community.

Over those years Mrs Battams has seen many children come and go, including her own three, Lindsay, Carly and Paul, as well as a number of children whose parents also attended during her time with us. Over the years Mrs Battams has done so much to support the children, staff – including three Headteachers – and families. I am in a privileged position in that I see how hard Mrs Battams works behind the scenes, and how committed she is to our community. So many of the important things that she does for people are often done quietly and in confidence – and therefore go unseen.

On Friday 3rd May 2019 her long service to our community will finally come to an end as she leaves us to embark on the next phase of her life, and what will be, God willing, a long, happy and healthy retirement.

We are marking this important time in three ways:

- a special assembly – [a farewell from the children](#)
- a meal – [a farewell from colleagues](#)
- a traditional tea party – [a farewell from the parents and carers](#)

It would be great if as many current (and former) parents and carers as possible could join us in the Parish Centre from **3.00pm** on **Friday 3rd May 2019** to say goodbye to her. Please spread the word! All are invited!

The PTFA will be contacting parents and carers directly about the tea party in due course. If you would like to help them make it really special for Mrs Battams please get in touch: ptfa@st-johnfisher.org. Thank you.

Term 5 House Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House



140

St David's House



104

St Patrick's House



120

St George's House



93

Red Day

On **Monday**, the members of St George's House can 'dress down' and wear something red if they have it, rather than school uniform. Members of the other Houses **must** wear full school uniform though. Thank you.

Achievements Outside of School

Achievements can be left in the postbox in the school foyer or emailed to us (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) and can be *anything* that is important to your child – big or small we will publish it and celebrate it!

- **Luca** in **Y1** took home the Mega Kickers 'Star of the Week' trophy last week **and** the all-rounder certificate! He also received the Goldfish 1 and 2 series certificates in swimming! Well done Luca!



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)

29-04-19	• Red Day (for pupils of St George's House only carried forward from 23-04-19)
01-05-19	• Y6 height and weight and FS2 hearing checks (School Health Service)
02-05-19	• Y5 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall) • FS2 Phonics and Reading Workshop (3.30pm, FS2 classroom)
03-05-19	• 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	• School closed (Bank Holiday)
09-05-19	• Y3 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall)
10-05-19	• Y6 Celebration Assembly • PTFA Bags2School
13-05-19	• End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments (SATs) – Day 1
14-05-19	• End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments (SATs) – Day 2
15-05-19	• 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	• End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments (SATs) – Day 4
17-05-19	• Y5 Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall) • PTFA Family Night (from 7.00pm, School Hall)

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!*

Annual Resurrection Mass 2019

Last week the children of Years 3, 4 and 5 retold the Passion of Our Lord right up to His crucifixion and death. Today, at our Resurrection Mass, we picked up from where they left off as we celebrated, together, Jesus' resurrection. I would like to thank Fr Paul and everyone involved in preparing and leading the liturgy and music, especially the young people of Y4, who were fantastic! I would also like to thank the family and friends who were able to join us in order to support the children and share in this wonderful celebration!

The Great SJF Penny War Totals

Copper Coins Collected													
FS2	£13.42	Y1	£6.38	Y2	£12.88	Y3	£21.32	Y4	£4.87	Y5	£18.90	Y6	£7.74
Silver Coins Collected													
FS2	£15.15	Y1	£9.30	Y2	£12.30	Y3	£25.10	Y4	£33.90	Y5	£17.60	Y6	£18.10
Class Totals													
FS2	-£1.73	Y1	-£2.92	Y2	53p	Y3	-£3.78	Y4	-£29.03	Y5	£1.30	Y6	-£13.36
School Totals													
Copper Coins			£85.51	Silver Coins			£131.45	Combined Total		£216.96			



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next 'Liturgy of the Word' is on **Thursday 2nd May 2019** and will be led by **Y5** and will start at approximately 9.05am. We therefore invite our Y5 families and friends to join us in the School Hall.

Celebration Assembly

Our next Celebration Assembly will be on **Friday 3rd May 2019**, Mrs Battams' last day. It will be in the School Hall and start just after 9.00am. This time we invite our FS2 families to join us.

Golden Children

The Golden children are chosen by teachers each week.

FS2	Max for an excellent understanding of time. Max shows great knowledge and explains himself clearly. Well done superstar!
Y1	Noah for trying so hard at listening- it is really making a difference. Well done!
Y2	Lydia for trying incredibly hard with all areas of her work this week- super! Well done!
Y3	Finlay for trying really hard and being an absolute star. Fantastic!
Y4	Oscar for showing excellent resilience in all subjects this week. Keep up the great work. Well done!
Y5	Oscar for making a big effort to stay in his seat and not shout out. Well done Oscar!
Y6	Max for showing great resilience and making great effort in all his tests this week. Brilliant effort Max!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Florence	Gabriel	Edie-Mae	Filip	Mia	Scarlet	Millie Tu Odette

SJF Spelling Bee & Times Tables Rock Stars

Please encourage your children to practise their spellings and times tables every day.

If you need help with anything please contact your child's teacher via the appropriate year-group email address.



There are lots and lots of fantastic online resources, including some excellent games, that your child(ren) will really enjoy playing 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	All above plus multiplying decimals using place value knowledge e.g. $5 \times 7 = 35 \rightarrow 5 \times 0.7 = 3.5$ etc.



Attendance this Week			
1 st	Y4	100%	Bobby Bear will be visiting
2 nd	Y3	99.0%	Brenda Bear will be visiting
3 rd	Y1	98.9%	Elvis the Owl will be visiting
4 th	Y6	97.9%	
5 th	FS2	97.8%	
5 th	Y5	97.8%	
6 th	Y2	95.6%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 98.1%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y2	90%
2 nd	Y1	88%
3 rd	FS2	87%
4 th	Y4	82.5%
5 th	Y6	83%
6 th	Y5	81%
7 th	Y3	72%
Average = 83%		

SJF ports Update

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/>



Our Term 4 Learning Value Winners

Last term we focused on our 'Self-Belief' Learning Value but did not publish the winning class or the names of the winners in the newsletter.

The winning overall class was **Y5!** Well done children! The following children tried really hard to demonstrate greater self-belief in their attitudes to all learning and sport, and we are very proud of them all! Congratulations everyone!



Year Group Winners

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Charley	D'mari	Bronte	Riley	Philemon	Jia	Millie T

Term 5: Activities & Sports in School

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 8.40am	Wake Up & Shake Up! Playground	Wake Up & Shake Up! Playground	Wake Up & Shake Up! Playground	Wake Up & Shake Up! Playground	Wake Up & Shake Up! Playground
Lunch Time		Lunchtime Disco Playground	Mr Cross' 'Get Active' Club Playground	'Change for Life' Club Playground	Lunchtime Disco Playground
After School 3.30pm	KS2 Dance (Stepz) Parish Centre	KS1 Taekwondo (LINKS) School Hall	KS2 Athletics (LINKS) Playground	SJF Family Fit Club (Mr Cross) Parish Centre	KS2 Boys' Football Club School Field
		KS2 Girls' Football Club School Field			



Uniform

Girls have the option of wearing the light blue and fully gingham-checked uniform summer dresses in Terms 5 and 6, though they can still opt to wear full school uniform if they choose, particularly as it can still be cold.

FS2

Even though we have recently had some warm weather please ensure your child still brings a jumper or cardigan and a waterproof coat as if it is cold or raining lightly we will still take them outside. Many thanks.

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"I can recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings."**

Time to talk: At St John Fisher we know that we each have the right to feel happy, safe and loved, in and out of school, **every** day.

We know the things in our lives that make us feel safe and comfortable and we know when something or someone does not make us feel safe or comfortable.

If anything (or anyone) ever makes us feel uncomfortable or unsafe then we know that we can tell, tell, tell!

If we are brave enough to take that first step and share a worry then we will always be listened to; our worry will always be taken seriously; and the grown-ups in school will always work hard to ensure that we receive the help and support that we need.

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

**BE STRONG ENOUGH
TO STAND ALONE,
SMART ENOUGH TO
KNOW WHEN YOU
NEED HELP, AND
BRAVE ENOUGH TO
ASK FOR IT.**

