

SJF NEWS



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★ Farewell Y6 – The Class of '21!

★ Today we say goodbye to the young people of Y6! These are a very special group of young people who have contributed so positively to school life throughout their time with us – and especially in this final challenging school year!

We thank each of them for all they have brought to our community and we pray for them and their intentions as they embark on the next exciting phase of their individual journeys.

Our Y6 pupils will leave with all our love and best wishes for the very happy, successful and healthy futures they each deserve. So farewell to:

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| • Philemon | • Marisa | • Kaydi-Leigh | • Fred | • Eleanor |
| • Leon | • William | • Oscar | • Lottie | • Jacob G |
| • Jason | • Caitlin | • Sophie | • Daniel | • Matty |
| • Harley | • Jack | • Summer | • Rosie | • Tiarnan |
| • Mike | • Jacob N | • Emilia | • Alana | • Faith |
| • Alex | • Ethan U | • Mia | • Olivia | Ethan Y |

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TIME TO SHINE





Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure!

It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.

We ask ourselves;
"who am I to be brilliant, talented, gorgeous and fabulous?"

Actually, who are you not to be?

You are a child of God.
You playing small does not serve the world.

There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that others won't feel insecure around you.
We were all born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.

It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone!

And as we let our own lights shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.
As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

Marianne Williamson

Our Leavers' Families



We also pray for the families of our Y6 children, a number of whom will also be leaving us after long associations with our school community. We thank you for entrusting your children into our care and for being our partners over the years.

We thank you for the parts you have each played in our journey as a school; for the ways in which you have supported us and helped shape our community.

We wish you all good health and happiness in the future.

Plans for September

Whilst we share everyone's excitement at the prospect of restrictions being eased or even lifted, and life hopefully returning to more normal routines, it is important that we remain vigilant and alert to the fact that the situation is still fast-moving and can change very quickly.

Of course we hope that we will be able to return to familiar ways of operating from September, however with infection rates as they are it would be sensible for us to wait – as we did last year – until the end of the summer holiday before publishing our plans. This will enable the plan to take full account of the most up-to-date government policy, local public health guidance and the citywide COVID risk assessment.

Information will be published on our website so please keep checking and make sure you sign up for automatic alerts. Information will also be shared via email so please ensure that we have your correct details. The image shows where to register for updates. You can email us (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) at any time if you need to update your personal information and our admin team will pick it up. Thank you.

The screenshot shows the St John Fisher Primary website. At the top is the school logo and name. Below is a navigation menu with links like 'Home', 'Our SJF', 'HSPAT', 'SJF Calendar', 'New P2 Starters (2021-22)', 'Information for Parents & Carers', 'SJF Newsletter', 'SJF Curriculum', 'Classes', 'SJF Policies', 'Fantastic Books to Read!', 'School Information', 'Home Learning', 'Internal Safety', 'Safeguarding', 'Contact Us', 'Lunches, Snacks & Masses', and 'RSE @ SJF'. A banner image shows two children holding a book titled 'ELMER' by David McKee. Below the banner are three sections: 'SJF House Teams' with a table of scores, 'SJF COVID-19 Updates' with a video player for 'Coronavirus - Shell...', and 'SJF Calendar of Events' with a list of dates and events. At the bottom, there is a 'Welcome to our School' message, a 'Subscribe for Updates' form with social media icons, and an email subscription form.



Attendance: Final Week			
1 st	Y1	A virtual visit from Bobby Bear	100%
2 nd	Y6	A virtual visit from Brenda Bear	98.0%
3 rd	FS2	A virtual visit from Elvis the Owl	97.8%
4 th	Y5		96.2%
5 th	Y3		96.1%
6 th	Y1		95.3%
7 th	FS2		93.4%
Average Attendance = 96.7% (Target = 98%)			



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y2	92%
1 st	Y4	92%
3 rd	FS2	90%
4 th	Y6	89%
4 th	Y1	86%
6 th	Y3	81%
7 th	Y5	71%
Average = 86%		

Attendance: Term 6			
1 st	Y1		98.9%
2 nd	Y4		98.0%
3 rd	Y2		97.6%
4 th	Y3		96.7%
5 th	Y5		96.7%
6 th	FS2		96.0%
7 th	Y6		94.9%
Average Attendance = 97.0% (Target = 98%)			

Attendance: 2021-2022 Academic Year			
1 st	Y1		98.7%
2 nd	Y2		97.4%
3 rd	Y4		96.7%
4 th	Y5		95.6%
5 th	Y6		95.5%
6 th	Y3		95.4%
7 th	FS2		94.3%
Average Attendance = 96.2% (Target = 98%)			

PTFA News

I would like to thank our fantastic PTFA Committee for organising today's **Friday Fayre**. There were different stalls and even a bouncy castle! The children had a fantastic time!



PTFA Thank You

I would like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA committee and those who have supported them during this tough year. Your determination to do as much as you can to make this year as special for the children (and staff) as it was possible to be is to be applauded as is your fantastic commitment to supporting our community.

I would like to thank Mrs Prestidge, Mrs Beatson, Mrs Ball, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Pattison and Mrs Stanton for all their hard work this year as our PTFA committee this year.

The PTFA is so important to our school. It brings parents and carers together who share a passion for our community and want to do something positive to support us so that our children have the best possible opportunities and as many of those special 'extras' that we would struggle to provide as a school.

The PTFA arranges fantastic events like Santa in School Day; they pay for coaches for the annual pantomime visit and raise money to pay for other extras for the children in school like presents for parents/carers and support for Children in Need and World Book Day. In pre-COVID times they arranged many discos, fayres and social events for families or parents and carers only.

The organising team is very small but has always punched well above its weight in terms of its ambition and what they have been able to achieve. However they are now looking desperately for more people to get involved. It is obvious that the more people who do get involved, the less there will be for everyone to do.

It certainly would be a huge shame if some of the things that are loved by the children have to be cut back or dropped altogether because there are not enough people able to get involved with the work of the PTFA. The committee is always looking for new ideas for events and for ways of generating funds for our children.

Your contribution can be as big or small as you can manage, and whatever you do will be appreciated hugely. Being part of the PTFA is also a great way of getting to know more people – and I think this will become more and more important as we build back and look to a time beyond the COVID pandemic.

Please think seriously about volunteering and supporting us, your children's school, in a very special and important way. We really do need you!

For more information please email the committee on ptfa@st-johnfisher.org. Thank you.

SJF Calendar

Our 2021-2022 calendar has been finalised and will be uploaded to the website in due course. Please note that Wednesday 1st September, Thursday 2nd September and Friday 3rd September are staff training (INSET) days and so the school will be closed to children. The first day of the new academic year will therefore be **Monday 6th September** for children who will be in Years 1-6 in September 2021.

The arrangements for the new starters joining **FS2** are as follows:

- **07-09-21** FS2 AM only (8.45am – 11.00am)
- **08-09-21** FS2 AM only (8.45am – 11.00am)
- **09-09-21** FS2 AM + lunch (8.45am – 1.30pm)
- **10-09-21** FS2 full day (8.45am – 3.20pm)

I have authorised the booking of educational visits including residential visits subject to adequate insurance and protections being in place in the event of late cancellations due to COVID-19. Some details will be included in the initial calendar and some will be added later, once arrangements are finalised.

Please note that changes to arrangements including the cancellation of events/visits remains a possibility for the time being. We therefore ask you to be supportive of any changes that we are required or instructed to make because of the rules at the time or because of a specific public health instruction.

The SJF calendar can be accessed by clicking [here](#). Thank you.



Holiday Clubs & Wraparound Care



Our partners from JPAC are providing wraparound care throughout the summer holiday at Charnock Hall Academy. There are also some fully-funded sporting opportunities offered as part of a government scheme. Please contact Ryan Robertson ([07971 957839](tel:07971957839)) for more information. For more information about JPAC please click [here](#). Thank you.



Other opportunities are available through the Sheffield Children's University 'Festival of Fun' are available by clicking [here](#). Thank you,

SJF School Council News



This week each class from FS2 to Y4 has elected two new school councillors for the next academic year (2021-2022).

All of the new councillors are very excited to represent their classes next year, and we look forward to welcoming our new Y6 councillors when we elect them in September as part of a special general election. This is because the Y6 Councillors have special jobs to do. There are no FS2 councillors, so next year's elected councillors are:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Dylan Scarlett	Jacob Tilly	Charlotte Jenson	Eliana Preston	Edie Emily

My sincere thanks go to Mr MacInnes, our School Council Coordinator for all his hard work in supporting the councillors in their various and important roles.

Staff News

Inclusion & Learning Mentor

In September we will welcome Mr Smith who will join the team as our new Inclusion and Learning Mentor. Mr Smith brings with him extensive teaching and non-teaching (mentoring) experience gained whilst working with young people in both primary and secondary schools over many years. Working closely with Mrs Hadfield, our lead for Inclusion, Smith will work mostly with our most vulnerable children, both in and out of class, in order to help them overcome barriers to greater inclusion. As part of his role, he will also work closely with families.

FS2

During Term 1 Mrs Darken will be working from Tuesday to Friday. Mrs Darken will be covered on Mondays by Mrs Morris who returns to our school. Mrs Morris is a highly experienced teacher and an Early Years/Key Stage 1 specialist who has worked with us many times before. She knows Mrs Darken and the school very well.

Mrs Holloway

We look forward to welcoming back Mrs Holloway in December after her current maternity leave ends. She will join Mrs Barrett and cover the latter half of the week in Y5 once she returns.

Miss Heath

We bid a final farewell to Miss Heath who has been with us all year working predominantly in Years 5 and 6. We thank her for all her hard work and we wish her every happiness and success with her future career!

Trainees

We also said goodbye to Mr Wallace after his placement with us came to an end. We thank him, and all the trainees who have been on placement with us during the course of the year, for their hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank colleagues who have been mentors and I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Darken has been nominated for Sheffield Hallam University's prestigious 'Mentor of the Year' award.



School Uniform

Our uniform is important and pupils are expected to wear it and look smart every day. Our uniform is key to our identity and reflects our ethos, standards and high expectations. We are grateful to parents and carers for supporting us.



Official Uniform Suppliers

We have two official suppliers and items with the official logo can be bought from either 'Logo Leisurewear' or 'School Trends'. No one else, including the market at Crystal Peaks, has permission to sell uniform with the SJF official logo.



Here are the links to the SJF pages on the websites of our two official suppliers:

- for **Logo Leisurewear** SJF uniform please click [HERE](#)
- for **School Trends** please click [HERE](#)

Parents and carers can also purchase uniform items in the correct colours without a logo from other sources. Please note that our official suppliers are the only organisations permitted to sell SJF uniform with a logo.



SJF Blazer
(Optional)



Dark grey cardigan or jumper

SJF Book Bag
(for younger children,
stores more easily than a rucksack)



SJF Tie
(Elastic, clip-on
or normal)



Light blue shirt
(Short-sleeved avoids
awkward cuff buttons)



SJF Coat
(Optional)



Dark grey trousers, mid-length shorts, pinafore dress or skirt
(To be worn with dark grey socks or tights)



SJF scrunch
(Optional)



Light blue
gingham dress
(Optional in Terms 1, 5 and 6 only
and to be worn with [white](#) socks)

PE Uniform

Please note that children are expected to come to school wearing their PE uniform on PE days. The official items can be purchased, with logos, from either supplier. If parents/carers opt to source items from elsewhere they must be absolutely plain with no logos, slogans or other embellishments. **No designer labels e.g. Nike, Puma or Adidas etc.** The sweatshirt must be plain maroon/burgundy and the bottoms must be **plain light** grey joggers. **No leggings.**

PE Days 2021-2022 (from 07-09-21)

- **Mondays** FS2*
- **Tuesdays** Years 1 and 2
- **Wednesdays** Years 3 and 4
- **Thursdays** Years 5 and 6



*FS2 will not wear PE uniform on 13-09-21 as it is their first day. They will come to school wearing it for the first time on 20-09-21 instead.



Earrings and Jewellery

A reminder that children are **not** permitted to wear earrings/studs or any kind of jewellery at school. The wearing of sensible watches is encouraged.

School Shoes

Whilst trainers/high boots **can** be worn to/from school e.g. in bad weather or to play football **at break-times**, pupils are expected to wear proper school shoes in school i.e. **NO** high boots or trainers (even all black ones).



(except on PE days and for break-times)

Reminders

- no leggings at any time
- no open necked shirts/blouses
- no blue polo shirts
- only mid-length shorts
- black school shoes not trainers (trainers can be worn on PE days or at break-times to save school shoes)
- white socks with summer dresses

Mini Mermaids

Here is a message from Mrs Broadhead, our Lead for PE and Sport

Congratulations to all the Y6 girls who participated in this year's 'Mini Mermaid' project in partnership with LINKS our School Sports Partnership.

You have all shown great resilience and determination in order to complete the programme successfully and create lots of positive vibes.

Kim from LINKS loved working with you and learned so much from you all.

We are all so proud of you! You are amazing! We wish you all the best in your next chapter. Keep shining like the stars you are!



Achievements outside of School

As was mentioned in last week's newsletter, there will be no achievements mentioned in this week's newsletter. Please email them in for inclusion in the first newsletter in September. Thank you.

Children's Medication

Parents and carers with children who have medication in school are reminded that it is your responsibility to ensure that there are sufficient supplies in school and that it is in date. With everything that has been going we understand that it is quite possible that it might well have slipped your minds during periods of lockdown and some items may have an expiry date during the summer months. Many thanks.



Summer Holiday Reading Challenge 2021

This year we are challenging all our children and families to again take part in the Summer Reading Challenge along with all the other Sheffield primary schools!

We want to continue encouraging our children to read for pleasure!

The summer holiday is a fantastic opportunity to spend some time to relax with a good book; to enjoy reading; to discover new authors, genres and exciting new worlds of fiction and non-fiction.

We know reading for pleasure is really important for developing key reading skills which can impact so positively on children's learning, development, progress and achievement throughout their lives.



So the challenge is for every member of our SJF family (children, parents and carers), to read at least three new books this summer - of any sort - so that by the time September comes around you are able to answer the following questions:

1. **What is your favourite genre of book? - adventure, mystery, funny, poetry, historical etc**
2. **What is your favourite sort of book to read? - fiction, non-fiction, picture book, comic/graphic novel**
3. **Who is one of your favourite authors?**
4. **What is the title of one of your favourite books?**
5. **Which book would you recommend to a friend? Why?**

To help you begin this challenge we would encourage you to sign up to your local library if you haven't already as reading as a hobby can be expensive! Please click [here](#).

You can also sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge to help you, which you can sign up to in your local library or online <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> where you can earn badges, play games and get a certificate at the end of the summer.

So enjoy reading this summer and we look forward to talking about the reading you enjoyed and sharing child and adult book recommendations in September. Happy reading!

Message for the New Y1 Children

Here is a message from Mrs Sambrook to the parents/carers of children who will be in Y1 in September 2021.

Please purchase the SJF book 'book bags' rather than the huge rucksack as space is limited and the smaller book bags protect the children's books more and are easier for the children to manage. During the first week of school for the children (w/c 06-09-21) the children only need to bring their book bag in on **Thursday**. From the second week the Y1 children will need their book bag every **Monday** and **Thursday**. Thank you.

Our Catholic Life

End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving

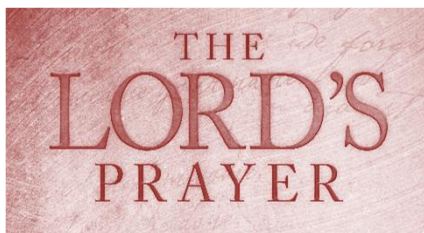
Please click [here](#) to see our wonderful Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Fr Bede and led so beautifully by our Y6 leavers.

Leavers' Memories

Please click [here](#).



Our July Prayer: **'The Lord's Prayer'**



Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name -
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On Earth as is in Heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses -
As we forgive those -
who trespass against us,
And lead us not in to temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen

Our July Song: **'This Little Light of Mine'**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!



Sacramental Preparation in the Parish

Here is an important message from Sal Robinson-Oates, the Parish Catechist.

First Holy Communion

We are inviting registration for children who will be in **Y3** in September 2021 for the preparation programme where they will make their First Holy Communion in Summer 2022.

Forms will be available to collect in both churches from the weekend 17/18 July, and need to be returned by 12 September 2021.

Alternatively, please request one from the parish office by emailing lol.church@btinternet.com.

Confirmation

Information about registration for the Confirmation preparation programme for children who will be going into **Y6** will be shared in September 2021.

Thank you

I would like to thank you all for your constant support and encouragement, especially over the past sixteen months or so.

I would like to thank all my fantastic colleagues for their steadfastness, dedication and tremendous hard work.

I would like to thank our Governors, whose vital work supporting the strategic vision of the school often goes unseen – Mrs Ludlam (Chair), Mr Ball (Vice-Chair), Mr Beever, Mrs Beatson, Mr Drummond, Mrs Prestidge and Mrs Barrett.

I would like to thank our PTFA and encourage you to join their ranks and support their great work in 2021-2022.

I would like to thank the local authority and the Sheffield Public Health team for their support throughout this pandemic.

I would like to thank Fr Bede and our dear friends from Our Lady of Lourdes and St Anthony's for their partnership and for their support of our Catholic life.

I would like to thank Diane Stokes and our Friends from Learn Sheffield for their tremendous support this year.

I would like to thank to our CEO, Chris Manze and our CFO, Leanne Noone for their incredible support of our Multi-Academy Trust since the Diocese appointed them in March 2021.

Finally, I would like to thank our amazing children, every single one of them, from our very youngest to the young people leaving us to start Y7 in September. You have all been incredible!





An Irish Blessing for you All

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

