

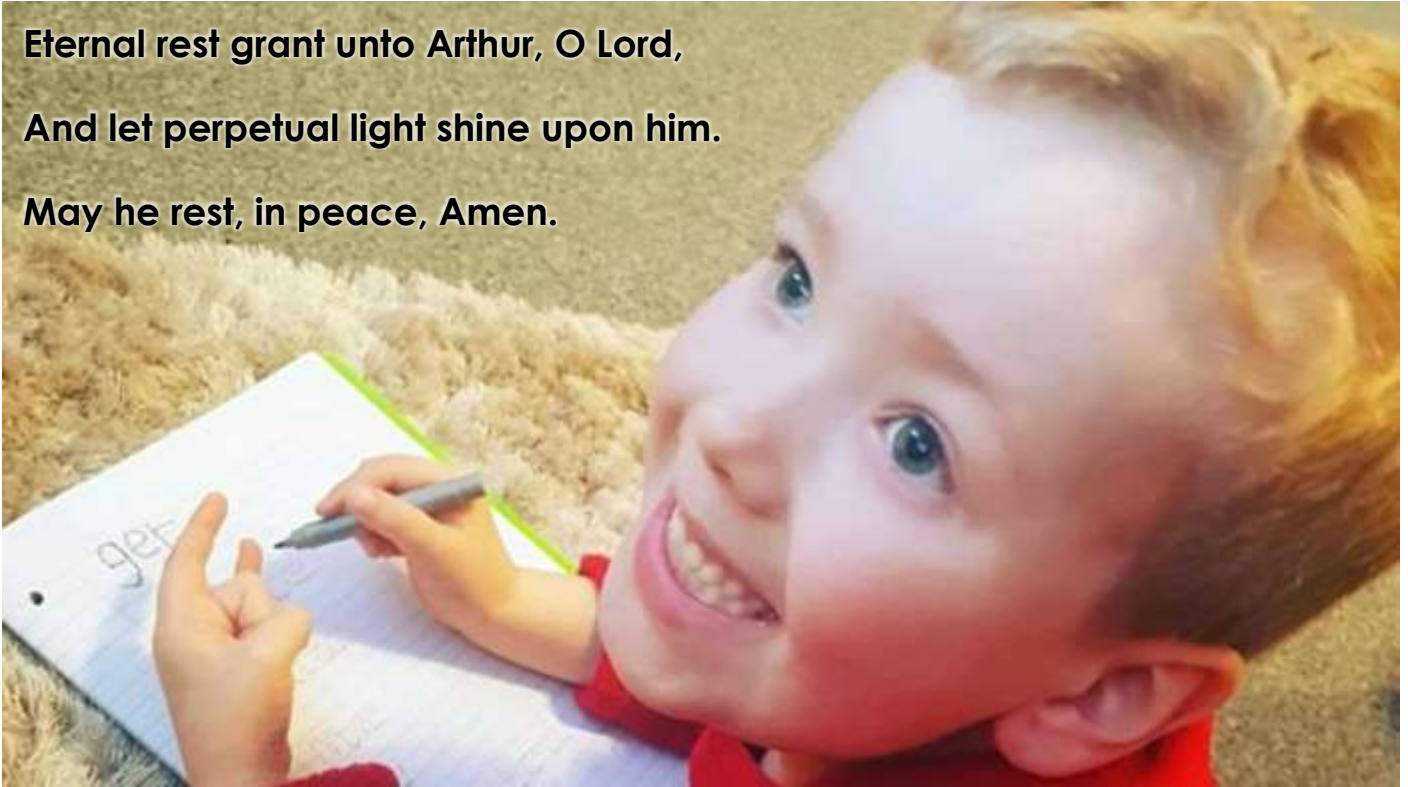
SJF NEWS

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Eternal rest grant unto Arthur, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest, in peace, Amen.



Arthur Labinjo-Hughes

As a community we are deeply shocked by the terrible news of the awful suffering endured by this beautiful and innocent child and his tragic death. We continue to hold him in our prayers. Rest in peace Arthur. x

★ Citizen of the Week

★ As it is Santa in School Day there was no Celebration Assembly meaning that there is no Citizen of the Week. We will, instead, have two awards next time.

Term 2 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  565	St David's House  619	St Patrick's House  609	St George's House  573
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Christmas Dinner

A reminder that our Christmas dinner this year will be on **Wednesday 15th December 2021**. As it is a special day we are inviting the children to come to school wearing party clothes if they choose, rather than the school uniform.

If your child would like a meal then please remember to book as soon as possible and by midnight on **Thursday 9th December 2021** at the very latest. Thank you.



Santa in School 2021



Today we were visited by Santa! Everyone looked brilliant, dressed in their favourite Christmas clothes! The day began with Santa and his elves greeting our children as they arrived for the start of the day! The children were so excited to visit Santa in his grotto and spend time at the Christmas fayre. Our friends from the PTFA had done a magnificent job transforming the parish centre in to a winter wonderland for everyone to enjoy!

I would like to thank Santa and our *incredible* PTFA for all their tremendous hard work in organising this special flagship event - which has been almost a year in the planning. I would like to thank them for all they have done to make everything feel as normal as possible in spite of the restrictions that are in place. It has been an incredible feat, and one that is very much appreciated by us all! Please check out the website for more photographs.

Special events like this, which contribute so richly to our children's experience of school, do not happen by magic. They take planning and teamwork. If you would like to get involved and help our PTFA to continue to make a real difference to every child in our school **please** get in touch. All offers of help are appreciated greatly.

New members and their fundraising ideas are always welcome! If you want to find out more please email Catherine Cooper, the Chair, and the PTFA committee (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you.





SJF Autumn Curriculum Showcase

In place of the planned curriculum exhibition that we would usually have in the school hall each class has produced its own virtual presentation which can be accessed via this [LINK](#).

My sincere thanks to everyone involved in the production of these wonderful presentations as well as all those who have supported teaching and learning over Terms 1 and 2 so far.

SJF Calendar of Events

Please click [here](#) in order to see the weekly update on our home page or hit [LINK](#) for the 2021-22 calendar.

Weekly Attendance			
1 st	FS2	97.7%	Bobby & Brenda will visit next week
2 nd	Y6	95.6%	Bobby & Brenda will visit next week
3 rd	Y2	95.5%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y5	95.0%	
5 th	Y3	94.7%	
6 th	Y4	92.7%	
7 th	Y1	92.3%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y2	89%
2 nd	FS2	87%
3 rd	Y1	83%
4 th	Y5	77%
5 th	Y3	72%
6 th	Y4	70%
7 th	Y6	70%

Achievements outside of School

Please email us details of the children's achievements out of school (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) so that we can include them in our weekly newsletter and celebrate them! This week we have two wonderful achievements to share.

- **Niamh** in **Y2** received her yellow belt in Karate recently! Congratulations Niamh, what an incredible achievement!
- **Charlie F** in **Y3** has achieved the required standard in order to receive his yellow belt in Karate. He achieved a magnificent score of 48/50. Well done Charlie! What an amazing achievement.

Pupil Voice

No meetings this week because of Santa in School Day. Updates will follow next weeks from all the SJF School Council, SJF Chaplaincy Team, SJF Eco Team and SJF Healthy Minds Champions.



Our Catholic Life

Collective Worship Overview

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Statement of Belief Citizen Assembly (Headteacher)	SJF Virtues Assembly (Class-Based)	Themed Assembly (Staff-Led)	Weekly Liturgy of the Word (Class-Led)	Celebration Assembly (All Staff)

Parish News

Information about parish and Diocesan life including times for Mass, Confession and sacramental preparation is available via this [link](#).





Our Term 2 Virtues to Live By

A reminder that in Term 2 we are focusing on the virtues of **hope** and **patience**.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next Liturgy of the Word will be on **Thursday 16th December 2021** and will be led by the young people of **Y5**. A recording will be available to watch by clicking [here](#). Thank you.



Class Advent Liturgies

Our daily Advent class liturgies continue each afternoon for all children except those who have PE, Music or French in the last period. Our chaplains are supporting staff to prepare the liturgies for their classmates. Sadly we cannot be able to invite family and friends to join us as we normally do. Hopefully next year we will be able to.

KS2 Annual Carol Service

We have decided to record this years' Service in each KS2 class, so the children do not miss out. The recording will be shared via our website so that family and friends can watch.



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.**



REMINDER: All Saints Y6 Monthly Maths Challenge!

Here is a message from our friends from All Saints Catholic High School

To aid transition from Primary to Secondary school, our Maths department have decided to issue a monthly newsletter to our **Y5** and **Y6** feeder school students. Each month, there will be an opportunity to get to know the maths teachers here at All Saints, to develop mathematical language with a Maths 'Word of the Month' and to attempt mathematical puzzles and problems. Students will have the opportunity to contact the maths department with their solutions by using the QR code on each newsletter and feedback will be given in the following newsletter. Please click [here](#) to access the worksheet.

Reading for Pleasure

Our 21-22 SJF Booklist

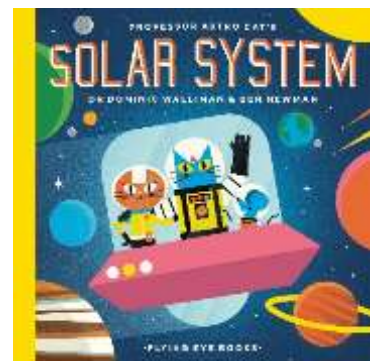
To see our 2021-22 booklist please click [here](#).

This Week's Feature Books

For our younger children our feature book is: **Professor Astro Cat's Solar System** by **Dominic Walliman**.

The Waterstones Review

Welcome planet explorers! Did you know that Venus is covered in volcanoes? Have you ever wondered why Mars is red? Well, you're in luck! Professor Astro Cat and the gang are about to set off on a journey around



our solar system. So buckle up, join the tour, and get your learn on! To find out more about this book or purchase it, please click [here](#). Thank you.

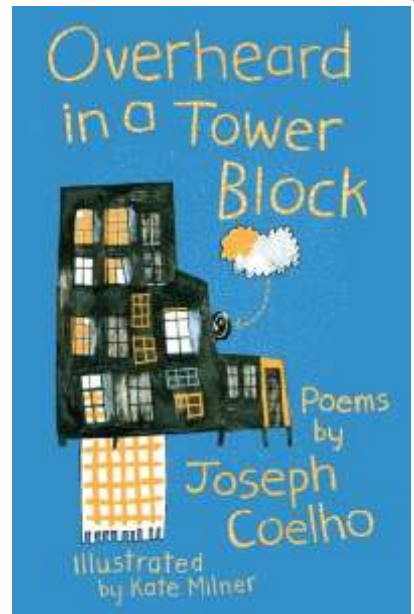
For our older children our feature book is: **Overheard in a Tower Block** by **Joseph Coelho**.

The Book Trust Review

Recounting the childhood of a child living in a city tower block, many of these poems are sad or angry and bristle with an edginess that older children may find refreshing when compared to other poetry aimed at them.

Unlike Coelho's previous work which was focused at primary school children, this collection deals with a variety of difficult issues around parental absence, growing up, bullying, but also less everyday concepts like mythology and nature.

There's a real spread of form and content so children will be able to pick out pieces that particularly resonate.



Please click the [LINK](#) for more information about this book and click [here](#) for our 2021-22 SJF Book List.

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. Why not make a 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? What do you like less?

Using different coloured pens highlight/underline:

- in the first colour, anything to do with work or school;
- in the second colour, anything you do that is about 'you' time - relaxing and rest; and
- in the third colour, the moments when you pray (and listen) to God.

What do you notice? Is your day balanced? What do you struggle to find time for? How could you plan your days differently?

