

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

Our Citizen of the Week is **Matilda** in **Y2** who understands the importance of being able to say positive things about herself in line with this week's 'Statement of Belief'. Matilda understands that it is as vital to be kind to ourselves as it is to be kind to others. Every day she, very quietly, treats others as she would like to be treated by them, and in doing so, sets a wonderful example to others. She is so kind and thoughtful. What a great friend and classmate you are, Matilda! We are all very proud of you!

Term 1 Smiley Scores


St Andrew's House



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St David's House



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St Patrick's House



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St George's House



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SJF Calendar

You can keep on top of what is going on in school by checking out our new 2022-2023 calendar via this [link](#).

Confirmation of our Final INSET Day

The staff training (INSET) day planned originally Monday 20th February 2023 has been cancelled and moved to **Monday 9th January 2023**. This means that the Term 3 will now start on Tuesday 10th January 2023 and Term 4 will start on Monday 20th February 2023.

Pupil Voice at SJF



SJF School Council Update

The 2021-22 St John Fisher School Council met this week to discuss items on the agenda. Here's a word from **Owen Y6** our recently elected Treasurer.



This week the council met for the second time. We talked about our ideas for how to fundraise for the council. We all came up with an idea and then we called a vote and decided on two different ideas. We are now going to discuss both of them with adults at school before we decide on one.

Our Catholic Life

Our Virtues to Live By

This term we focus on **respect** and **courtesy** during our Tuesday assemblies.



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Thank you to the young people of **Y3** for leading this week's Liturgy of the Word so brilliantly. Thank you to the staff who prepared them; and thanks also, to the family and friends who joined us to support their children. A recording can be viewed on our SJF website, by clicking this [link](#).

Our next Liturgy of the Word will be on **Thursday 29th September 2022** and it will be a special one. It will be led by the young people of **Y4** who will also be supporting their new **FS2** buddies, as they are welcomed, formally, in to our community. We also welcome the family and friends of both year groups of children, to join us in the hall at 9.00am.



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Collective Worship

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Citizenship Statement of Belief Assembly (Headteacher) & Chaplain's Liturgy (Years 1, 5 and 6)	'Virtues to Live By' Class Assembly (Teachers & Chaplains)	Themed Assembly (Teacher-Led)	Weekly Liturgy of the Word (Class-Led)	Celebration Assembly (Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher) & Chaplain's Liturgy (FS2 & Years 2, 3 and 4)



September Prayer

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee
Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus
Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Our Gathering Song

Love, love, Jesus is love.
God's greatest gift, is the gift of love!
All creation, come together,
Praising God for Love.

Golden Children

FS2	Lexi for being a superstar; for always trying her best; and for being a great listener, especially to instructions! She is a fantastic helper! Well done, Lexi!
Y1	Harley for being a shining star in Y1 this year! She is an amazing example to all her classmates, because she always chooses to do the right thing. Well done, Harley!
Y2	Heidi for being such a helpful superstar in class this week. She is always keen to lend a helping hand! A wonderful example!
Y3	Freya for having such a super week. She has tried, really hard, to push herself right out of her comfort zone as she has tried to complete more challenges!
Y4	Jacob W for trying very hard to show that he is geared up and ready to learn. He is working hard in ALL lessons! What a great example! Thank you - and keep smiling!
Y5	Alfie for working hard and for asking lots of great questions because he is so engaged in every lesson! Well done and keep up the hard work!
Y6	Natalia for making such a brilliant start to her time at St John Fisher! She has made many new friends and is working very hard during her lessons too!

Writing Champions

FS2	Hugo for trying so hard with his pencil grip for forming letters. Well done, Hugo!
Y1	Henry for producing a super piece of writing about an old toy in history. Henry used capital letters, full stops and finger spaces, everything we asked for!
Y2	Freddie for really pushing himself with his writing this week. He worked extremely hard on his presentation as well as the content of his story, which was all about the troll!
Y3	Kaius for writing a lovely set of 'ingredients' for making an ideal family!
Y4	Lillyann for trying really hard with both her sentences and the presentation of her history work! Well done!
Y5	Dominique for hitting the ground running in Y5! She is remembering to use, this year, everything she learned last year to improve her writing and we are all super-pleased with her!
Y6	Mia for working very hard this week to identify the different word classes within sentences.



Week 1 Attendance			
1 st	Y3	98.8%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y2	98.3%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y5	96.9%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	FS2	95.7%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 th	Y6	94.6%	
6 th	Y4	94.2%	
7 th	Y1	93.5%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 96.0%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y2	82%
2 nd	Y1	78%
3 rd	Y3	75%
4 th	Y5	74%
5 th	Y4	72%
5 th	Y6	72%
7 th	FS2	70%
Average = 65%		

The Oakes & Hollowford Information Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended the special information meetings this week about the Y5 residential visit to The Oakes Centre and the Y6 residential visit to The Hollowford Centre. We hope that you found the meetings useful. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you, also, to the staff who led the meetings.



For information the details of this year's residential visits are as follows:

- The Y6 Hollowford residential visit - [Wednesday 28th September 2022](#) to [Friday 30th September 2022](#)
- The Y5 Oakes residential visit - [Wednesday 19th October 2022](#) to [Friday 21st October 2022](#)

Welcome to Digital Theatre+



Hamlet | Royal Shakespeare Company | Production photography by Manuel Harlan © RSC

Further to last week's exciting announce regarding our new 'Digital Theatre' subscription, further information about how you will be able to log on in order to watch productions with your children, will be shared shortly. My sincere thanks to Mr Smith for his hard work in researching this and setting it up.



Our BYB Challenge

Last week our Sports Major, Oscar, created an awesome basketball challenge, which many children attempted. Everyone who tried did amazingly well!

This week our new fun challenge has been set up by Priscilla, another of our new Sports Majors. The aim of her challenge is for a player to try and tag as many people as you can, using a soft ball, within the allotted time.

Click [here](#) to watch Priscilla's demonstration. Find her at breaktime if you want to find out more or have a go. Why not practice in school or with family members and friends at home? What will your best score be? Can you beat your best?

The Marie Kerley Library

Our newly refurbished library, will now open on Monday 26th September to the children and then after school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for parents/carers to pop in and admire the tremendous work of Mrs Cooper, Mrs Pattison and PTFA, their partners from Gripple and the parishioners who sewed seat covers. It looks incredible and absolutely honours the memory of Miss Marie Kerley, the former SJF teacher who has made so much possible, because of the generous legacy entrusted to us. My sincere thanks also go to the colleagues who have sorted the books and cleaned the space so that it will be at its very best when it opens.



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Our Feature Books of the Week!



Our new 2022-2023 **SJF book list** can be accessed via this [link](#).

Our latest feature books are:

Shu Lin's Grandpa by Matt Goodfellow & Yu Rong
(click [here](#) for more information)

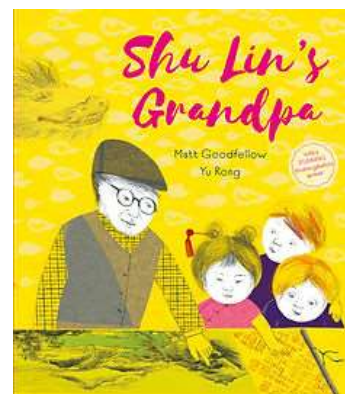
When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle
(click [here](#) for more information)

Shu Lin's Grandpa by Matt Goodfellow & Yu Rong: The Waterstones Review

Shu Lin is starting at a new school. She stands alone in the playground and at lunchtime she eats by herself from little boxes of brightly coloured food. "What's up with her?" says Barney.

But when Shu Lin's grandpa comes to school and shows the class his amazing Chinese paintings, everything changes...

With a stunning double-gatefold spread revealing a beautiful Chinese picture, this uplifting story shows the transformative power of art and imagination in developing cultural understanding and empathy.



When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle: The Waterstones Review

Inspired by a true story. It's 1940, and Joseph has been packed off to stay with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no great fondness for children.

To Joseph's amazement, she owns the rundown city zoo where Joseph meets Adonis, a huge silverback gorilla.

Adonis is ferociously strong and dangerous, but Joseph finds he has an affinity with the lonely beast.

However, when the bombs begin to fall, it is up to Joseph to guard Adonis' cage should it be damaged by a blast.

Will Joseph be ready to pull the trigger if it comes to it?



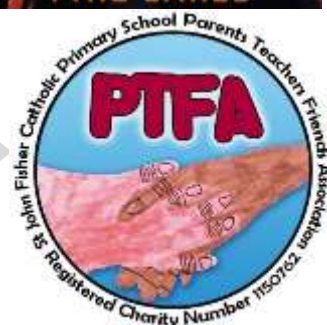
PTFA Welcome Meeting & AGM

An Invitation to YOU!

All parents, carers, members of extended families and friends are warmly invited to join members of staff at the 2022 PTFA Welcome Meeting and AGM.

- Monday 3rd October 2022
- 3.30pm, Y6 classroom
- supervised care of children in another classroom during the meeting

You can find out all about the things our PTFA managed to do for our children/families over the last twelve months as we emerged from the COVID-linked restrictions of the pandemic. You can also hear about the exciting provisional plans for the year ahead. You can also meet everyone and find out you can help in different ways that you can manage.



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Whether you are a new parent/carer or have been in our community for some time; whether you have been involved previously with the PTFA or not – we need you. Please come along and find out more. Please bring friends and family with you. We need you all.

Our PTFA plays such huge part in school life, but the team is very small. Please consider offering ideas or a little time. Anything you offer, will be appreciated. Special and popular events led or supported by the PTFA e.g. Santa in School, the panto, Friday Fayre, discos etc. can only happen if people are willing to get involved.

As we move beyond COVID there is now much more scope for new ideas; new events aimed at children or families – or even PTFA socials aimed at just parents, carers and their friends and families!

As the PTFA plays such a crucial role in school life I hope that everyone will continue to get behind the new committee when it is elected, and support their important work! If you have ideas, questions or can offer your time, please contact the committee via email (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org). Please do not think that you have little to offer - we really do need you! We need more people to get involved to help our PTFA and school this year.

Our current committee has been fantastic, following in the illustrious footsteps of previous PTFA committees in achieving so much and punching well above their weight! We are so grateful to Mrs Cooper, the Chair, who was so ably supported by Mrs Ball, Mrs O'Donnelly, Mrs Patterson and Mrs Stanton. Thank you to everyone who has helped with PTFA events over the year. You are all very special and have made a real difference to our community because of what you have given to us.

Achievements outside of School

A reminder to please send details of your children's achievements outside of school to us via our main email address (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) so that they can be included in the newsletter. It does not matter whether achievements are big or small we would be delighted to share the good news and celebrate them!

- **Dylan** in **Y2** was mascot for his beloved Sheffield Utd. FC on 17th September 2022 for their away match at Preston.

He represented his club with pride and was over the moon when they came away with a 2-0 win! What a fantastic opportunity, Dylan!

Our Statement of Belief

Our 'statement to live by' next week will be: **"I try to forgive others when they hurt me"**

Time to talk: Together you could think about what the word forgiveness means.

Why is it important?

Why can it be difficult?

Why are we asked to forgive those who hurt us?

Think of a time when you offered forgiveness?

Think of a time when forgiveness was offered to you?

How does it feel after forgiveness is shared?

How could more forgiveness, shared and received, make our world safer and happier?

