

# SJF NEWS







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## Weekly Awards

The awards for this week will be shared in next week's newsletter because there was no Celebration Assembly today due to the Y2 and Y6 statutory assessment tests that have been taking place this week.

## Term 5 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
250	261	248	289
3194	3202	3133	3233

## Smiley Awards

Well done to Charlie F, Isabelle, Jacob W and Musa in **Y4** who have earned 100 smilies and Luke in **Y4** who has earned 200 smilies.

## Coping with Bereavement and Loss – A Meeting for Parents and Carers

The Sheffield Healthy Minds team are running a coffee afternoon for parents and carers to explore bereavement and loss. Lots of information and support will be available, as well as people to listen. The meeting takes place on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2023** and starts at **2:15pm**. It would help to have an idea of numbers, so please email us ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) or phone (01142485009) if you are interested.



## Parent/Carer Questionnaire Feedback

Please click [here](#) to view the outcomes.

### This Week's Attendance

1 <sup>st</sup>	FS2	99.2%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y5	98.8%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y4	98.4%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	98.0%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	97.8%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	97.5%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	85.7%	

Target = 98.0% Average Attendance = 96.5%



### Get Set, GO!

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y6	92%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y2	86%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5	78%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	74%
4 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	74%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	65%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	65%

Average = 76%

## Assessment Season

We are now in the assessment season which runs throughout May and June, so good attendance over the next few weeks continues to be very important for helping the children do their very best and succeed. It is **Assessment Point 3** for all year groups next week, with a key focus on writing for children in Years 2 and 6 over the next few weeks, that has to be reported back to government towards the end of June.

- **FS2** - a formal check on children's progress in their key foundation year against the Early Learning Goals
- **Y1** - National Phonics Screening
- **Y2** - end of Key Stage 1 statutory assessments (SATs) & follow-up National Phonics Screening\*
- **Y3** - writing moderation
- **Y4** - formal multiplication tables assessment and writing moderation
- **Y5** - writing moderation
- **Y6** - end of Key Stage 2 statutory writing assessments

\*for children who did not achieve the standard in



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### Change to Calendar

We have been given approval to change one of the INSET days next year to accommodate specialist training that will be delivered to staff by external providers. Unfortunately, the providers selected for the task only had limited availability.

This means that the INSET day set for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 will have to move to **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023**, as shown in the diagram.

To be clear, **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024** is now a normal school day and children will be expected to attend school as normal. **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023** is now a staff training - INSET - day, meaning that school will be closed to children.



The revised 2023-2024 SJF calendar is available on the SJF website and can be found by clicking [here](#). The new 2024-2025 SJF Calendar, is just being finalised and will be shared next week. Anyone with a holiday already booked that includes 19-02-24 is asked to contact the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Our Catholic Life

#### Parish News

For information about parish and Diocesan life including; the times of Masses, services, confession; and details about sacramental preparation please click this [link](#). Thank you.

#### Our Summer RE & Catholic Life Overview

Please click [here](#). Thank you.

#### Our Term 5 Virtues to Live By

Our latest SJF virtue of focus is **kindness**.



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

#### Our April Prayer: 'The Sanctus'

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might!  
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!



#### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next liturgy will take place on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023**, and will be led by the young people of **Y3**. This is the same day as our Healthy Minds coffee afternoon, which takes place later that day.

A reminder that this is for parents/carers coping with bereavement and loss themselves, or who need advice to support their children through a difficult time.



**Y6 SATs Week**

A huge well done to all our wonderful **Y6** children after their week of statutory assessments. They were all wonderful! Lots has been done to prepare the children thoroughly for these assessments, both academically and emotionally, to ensure that they could be as prepared, positive and resilient as possible. I would like to especially thank Mr MacInness, Mrs Steenson and Mr Smith for all their hard work, as well everyone else who has been involved in supporting our Y6 children over SATs week, and in the build up to it.

During the week a fantastic 'Breakfast Crew' assembled and prepared a breakfast for the children each morning of the tests, which they could enjoy with their classmates, including bacon rolls, for those who wanted them, on Friday! They provided a range of delicious options each day, for the children to choose, and we also thank them, for all their enormous efforts and care for the children. Our Breakfast Crew members were: Mrs Ramsden, Mrs Prestidge, Mrs Barrett, Miss Birch, Mrs Gregory, Mrs Walton, Mr MacInness, and Mrs Steenson.



**School Council Update**

This week the SJF School councilors met to discuss items on the agenda. Here's a word from Alexia, Chair of the council about what was discussed.

*As we approach the last term of the school year, the Y6 councilors are making an action plan of the different things we want to achieve. We're excited to share the plan with the other councilors next week, when we shall vote on each objective.*



**Our Feature Books of the Week!**



Click [here](#) for our full 2022-2023 **SJF Book List**.

Our latest feature books are:

**Lots: The Diversity of Life on Earth** by Nicola Davies

**The incredible Eco-Systems** by Rachel Ignotofsky

Click [here](#) for more information about this week's choices!

**Achievements outside of School**

Please email us details of your children's achievements outside of school, via our main email address ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)). These will then be shared in the newsletter, and celebrated. Thank you.

- **Henry** in **Y1** passed his first grading for Kickboxing, recently, and is now the proud owner of a Red Belt. Congratulations, Henry, on your brilliant achievement!
- **Jaxson** in **Y1** has moved up another level in swimming and now on Level 4! What a fantastic achievement, Jaxson!
- **Chloe** in **Y2** received her 25 metres swimming award recently! She also helped to make Coronation cupcakes for the bake sale too! Well done, Chloe, we are all very proud of you!
- **Erin** in **Y5** has achieved her Level 2 in diving recently! What a great achievement, Erin, well done!



**FS2 Outdoor Learning**



Our FS2 children benefit from having lots of space for exploring and learning outside. Their outdoor learning areas are being improved with the purchase and installation of new fencing, defined areas and resources which the children have really enjoyed using. The children have been very busy discovering and investigating all the seasonal changes as we get closer to summertime. For more photos, please click [here](#), thank you.



**Our Latest Beat Your Best Challenge!**

*Here is a message from Miss Barrett*

Hello St John Fisher, I'm back with another beat your best challenge. This week's challenge has been designed by Sports Major Freddie. He has created the 'dribble dunk' challenge that I cannot wait to tell you about.

Firstly though, huge thanks to Katy for coming up with last week's football skills challenge and thank you to everyone who took part.

Freddie's 'dribble dunk' challenge involves dribbling a basketball through a set of cones, dunking the ball through a hoop and dribbling the ball back through the cones as fast as you can. The challenge is to see how many times you can complete it in just **30** seconds! It looks like another fantastic challenge and one I hope to see lots of you joining in with. If you do want to try, please find Freddie or me at breaktime - and don't forget to keep telling us your scores. Click [here](#) to view Freddie's demonstration. Will you beat your best?

**Statement of Belief**

Our 'Statement of Belief' is, **"I try to keep going when things get tough, and not give up."**

**Time to talk:** Resilience is to refuse to quit, even when things get tough, and giving up is the easiest thing to do. Showing resilience is about having faith to keep going until the goal is achieved - even if it takes longer or the goal is achieved in different ways. To keep going, and not give, also shows trust in those who help and support you. Times of challenge can also be golden moments in your life when you will learn and grow most.

Can you think of a time when you stuck something instead of giving up? What happened? Who was there to help you? How did it feel to keep going and not give up?

