

# SJF NEWS



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## ★ Citizen of the Week

★ This week's Citizen of the Week is **Noah** in **Y3** who understands the importance of being able to say (and think) positive things about himself in line with this week's 'Statement of Belief'. Noah understands that it is so important to be kind to ourselves as it is to be kind to others. Every day he treats others as he would like to be treated by them, and in doing so, sets a wonderful example to others. He never makes a fuss, never seeks attention either – he is just very thoughtfully supports and cares for others. What a great friend and classmate you are, Noah, we are all very proud of you!

## SJF Open Morning 2023

Our Open Morning takes place tomorrow (**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**) between 10.00am and 12.00pm. If you know anyone interested in finding out more about our special school, please encourage them to come along and meet us. Please remind them that we welcome Catholic children **and** children of all faiths and no faith, who are interested in being part of our community.

Visitors will have an opportunity to meet our children; Headteacher and staff; as well as Governors and members of the PTFA as they look around the site and learn about what makes our school so special.



Thank you to all the children who volunteered to act as guides or take part in demonstration lessons. A reminder that we would like to arrive by 9.45am wearing full school uniform. Thank you for your support.

## Term 1 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
 <b>226</b>	 <b>207</b>	 <b>219</b>	 <b>213</b>
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## Pupil Voice: SJF School Council

This week the Y6 Senior Councilors met to discuss items on the agenda. Here's a word from **Ava**, our secretary to share what was discussed.

*This week the Y6 councilors met to create the Council agendas for the rest of this term. We planned what should be discussed at each meeting and the different things that we would like the council to vote on over the course of this term. We're really excited to get started!*

## SJF Calendar

Please check out 2023-2024 calendar and note the details of key events for your child that you will not want to miss, e.g. Masses, liturgies, plays and performances, curriculum showcases, sports day, educational visits, dress down days, PTFA events etc. The online calendar can be reached by clicking [here](#).

## Automatic SJF Alerts

Don't forget to sign up for automatic alerts about news relating to your children and calendar reminders, generated by our website. You can opt in and out at any time. Thank you.



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# Healthy Minds

## Pupil Voice: SJF Healthy Minds Champions

The presentation of badges to our new Healthy Minds Champions will now take place at the end of Celebration Assembly on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023** because the **Y6** children are away on residential next week and so will not be present next week.

## PTFA Meeting

Thank you to all those who attended this week's online PTFA Welcome Meeting & AGM. It was great to hear the many of achievements of the 2022-23 PTFA committee before they stepped down officially. Our sincere thanks go to Cat Ball, Catherine Cooper, Marie O'Donnell, Jess Pattison, Swathi Paul and Lucy Wells.

A new committee for 2023-24 was elected at the meeting.

- **Co-Chairs:** Catherine Cooper and Jess Pattison
- **Vice-Chair:** is Lauren Howarth
- **Treasurer:** Swathi Paul
- **Secretary:** Cat Ball
- **Public Relations:** Lucy Wells
- **Fundraising Officer:** Janine Crapper



**Catherine Cooper**



**Jess Pattison**



**Lauren Howarth**



**Swathi Paul**



**Cat Ball**



**Lucy Wells**



**Janine Crapper**



The PTFA is such a big part of our community, bringing people together and raising money to benefit the children. We thank our new committee and everyone who will support them in the year ahead. If you would like to find out more or offer your support you can email them: [ptfa@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:ptfa@st-johnfisher.org).

## Term 1 Curriculum Overviews

To view the Term 1 Curriculum Overviews please click this [link](#). Please contact us if have any questions of if you need our help and support. Thank you.

## Reading Volunteers

We are in desperate need of more reading volunteers. The commitment does not have to be big and we can be flexible. If you would like to find out more, please contact us. All volunteers will be subject to appropriate safeguarding checks that comply fully with the requirements KCSIE 2023. Thank you.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED**



## Achievements outside of School

Please send us details of your children's achievements outside of school via our [enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) email address. Whether the achievements are big or small we will share and celebrate the good news!

- **Hugo** in **Y1** and **Charlie** in **Y5** were awarded green 'Blue Peter' badges, for recycling, growing Sunflowers, litter-picking and for trying to be more environmentally friendly at home. Congratulations, lads!



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**Our Catholic Life**  
Collective Worship

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

*Our Virtues to Live By*

As part of our cycle of prayer this year, we will again focus on human virtues. Though common across cultures and world faiths, our virtues are sourced from the Christian tradition. In September we are focusing on **respect** and **courtesy** during our Tuesday 'Virtues' assemblies.



*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 Coming In Song*

Love, love, Jesus is love, God's greatest gift, is the gift of love!  
All creation, sing together, praising God for love!

*Weekly Liturgy of the Word*

Thank you to the fantastic young people of **Y1** who led this week's beautiful liturgy supported magnificently by their buddies in **Y5**. Thank you to their families for joining us to support their children. Please click this [link](#) to view the recording.



Our next liturgy will be led by the young people of **Y2** on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023**, and we invite their family and friends to join us in the hall at 9.00am.

**Reading for Pleasure: Our Latest Feature Books of the Week**

**READING FOR PLEASURE**

"The more you **read** the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn** the more **places** you'll go."  
-Dr. Seuss

Please click [here](#) to view our full 2023-24 SJF Book List.

- **Nikhil and Jay Save the Day**
  - Chitra Soundar
  - click [here](#)



- **Everest: Reaching the Roof of the World**
  - David Long
  - click [here](#)



Week 1 Attendance			
1 <sup>st</sup>	FS2	99.6%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5	99.4%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y4	99.3%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	98.1%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	96.3%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	96.0%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	93.3%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 97.5%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y5	84%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y3	80%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	FS2	77%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	73%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	68%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	67%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	65%
Average = 73%		

**Relationships & Sex Education: The 'Ten:Ten' Programme**

To support our Relationships and Sex Education lessons we use the **Ten:Ten** programme, in common with other Hallam Catholic schools, because it has been approved by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and it has been deemed to also meet statutory requirements. Once this had all been established, the Catholic schools in Sheffield carried out a further consultation with Governors, parents and carers before the programme was introduced here at St John Fisher.



The materials have been checked by the relevant state and Catholic authorities and assessed to be appropriate both (a) in terms of what is delivered to primary-aged children of all ages; and (b) in terms of the teachings and values of our Catholic Church. The delivery of these lessons in schools is a requirement of the law meaning that children cannot be withdrawn and denied their statutory right to the information.

There is a parent/carer portal designed to provide more information about the learning focus in each year group, along with the materials that will be used. If you would like to look at the information please use the following to 'log on' and access the information.

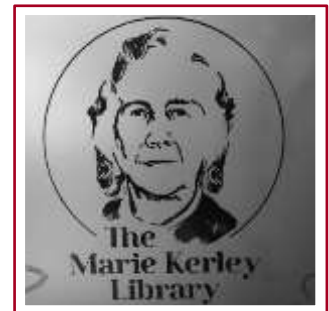


**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

- **Parent Portal:** <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>
- **Username:** st-john-fisher-s12
- **Password:** watch-time

**Library Days 23-24**

Children in classes 1-6 will change and renew their library books once a week, during their allocated lunchtime slot. Please remind your children to bring their books to school on the correct day so they can either swap or renew their book every week. The library days are:



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5	Y1	Y2	FS2	Y6
	Y3		Y4	



**Beat Your Best: Our BYB Challenge**

Next week our BYB challenge Our fantastic Sports Majors have come up with a challenging skipping BYB challenge for next week. Please check out the video demonstration on the home page and have a go. The Sports majors will be on the playground at morning break with Miss Raynes. Why not challenge family members at home too? Will you beat your best?



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### Golden Children!

- FS2** The children did not attend assembly as they are still settling in. They will attend next week.
- Y1** **Cruz** for making some really good choices and for trying very hard in his work this week, we are so proud of you Cruz!
- Y2** **Marianna** for being so understanding of other children's needs and for empathising with her peers when they need support! What a kind young lady!
- Y3** **Lilah** for being so dedicated and determined to succeed! What great learning behaviours already, for someone in Y3!
- Y4** **Phelan** for his impressive love of reading, but for also wanting to share that enjoyment with his friends, calmly and kindly. Well done!
- Y5** **Isabelle** for having a really mature attitude towards her learning and studies! She has made a great start to Y5!
- Y6** **Dominique** for having an excellent attitude which is evident, consistently, both in her work and towards those around her. Well done, Dominique!

### Writing Champions!

- FS2** The children did not attend assembly as they are still settling in. They will attend next week.
- Y1** **Hattie** for trying hard to write wonderful and accurate sentences to describe herself. She even remembered her full stops!
- Y2** **Jaxson** has particularly enjoyed our 'The Troll' writing this week, and so has been writing with passion and determination!
- Y3** **Chloe** for trying hard to use wonderful vocabulary and for developing a lovely style of writing for her narrative piece. Well done!
- Y4** **Gabriella** for working hard to understand how and when to use fronted adverbials in her writing, and creating some amazing sentences with them.
- Y5** **Jonah** for his great work about Karl from the book Clockwork.
- Y6** **Jacob** for the huge effort that he has put into the presentation of all his work so far this year. It is fantastic! Keep it up!

### Maths Champions!

- FS2** The children did not attend assembly as they are still settling in. They will attend next week.
- Y1** **Rowan** for discovering different ways to make the number '6' using cubes. Excellent investigating Rowan!
- Y2** **Nadia** has consistently tried hard with her presentation and always has such neat work in her maths book!
- Y3** **Dylan** for offering super explanations for the 'make ten' strategy for addition and subtraction. Well done!
- Y4** **Renaë** for her perseverance when solving different subtraction questions using known facts. She even spots her own mistakes and corrects them, which is such a great skill to have! Keep it up superstar!
- Y5** **Jack** for his wonderful efforts working with very big numbers! Great work Jack!
- Y6** **Emily** for the fantastically hard work that she has been putting into her mathematics learning so far this year. It's paying off already!





**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.

PEOPLE ARE OFTEN UNREASONABLE  
AND SELF-CENTERED.  
**FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY.**  
IF YOU ARE KIND, PEOPLE MAY  
ACCUSE YOU OF ULTERIOR MOTIVES.  
**BE KIND ANYWAY.**  
IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL, YOU WILL WIN  
SOME FALSE FRIENDS AND SOME TRUE ENEMIES  
**SUCCEED ANYWAY.**  
WHAT YOU SPEND YEARS BUILDING  
SOMEONE CAN DESTROY OVERNIGHT  
**BUILD ANYWAY.**  
IF YOU ARE HONEST,  
PEOPLE MAY CHEAT YOU.  
**BE HONEST ANYWAY.**  
IF YOU FIND HAPPINESS,  
PEOPLE MAY BE JEALOUS.  
**BE HAPPY ANYWAY.**  
THE GOOD YOU DO TODAY MAY  
BE FORGOTTEN TOMORROW.  
**DO GOOD ANYWAY.**  
GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU HAVE.  
AND IT MAY NEVER BE ENOUGH.  
**GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY**  
FOR YOU SEE, IN THE END,  
IT IS BETWEEN YOU AND GOD.  
**IT WAS NEVER BETWEEN  
YOU AND THEM ANYWAY.**  
-MOTHER THERESA

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?

