

# SJF NEWS



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★ **Citizen of the Week (06-10-23)**  
 ★ Congratulations to Louis in **Y5** who received our citizenship award for understanding the importance of saying sorry in line with last week's Statement of belief. Louis applies this understanding if and when situations arise involving him or others. He has a deep sense of justice and can be so supportive of others if there is a disagreement, helping them to achieve a positive resolution. Congratulations, Louis, this award is so well deserved, because you set a wonderful example to others. We are so proud of you!

★ **Citizen of the Week (13-10-23)**  
 ★ This week's citizenship award goes to Kascper in **Y6** who understands the importance of saying how he feels, in line with this week's Statement of Belief. Kascper's confidence in sharing his feelings, is inspirational. He understands that 'bottling things up' in the hope that they will simply disappear does not work. In our school we understand the importance of Tell! Tell! Tell! if we have a worry ball, so his fantastically positive example can be so reassuring and affirming to others who will then, hopefully, have the courage to say how they feel.

## SJF Healthy Minds Champions

A reminder that the rearranged presentation of badges to our SJF Healthy Minds Champions will take place on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023** and family and friends are of course invited to join us.

## Term 1 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
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Miss D'Roza  
 Head of St Andrew



Mr Hobson  
 Head of St Patrick

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Mrs Raynes  
 Head of St David



Mrs Steenson  
 Head of St George



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**Our Catholic Life**

*Weekly Liturgy of the Word*

Our next liturgy will be led by the young people of **Y3** on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023**. There is no Liturgy of the Word next week because we will be gathering on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 for our annual Harvest Mass.

*Our Virtues to Live By*

In our Tuesday assemblies currently, we are focusing on the virtue '**thankfulness**'.



*Chaplaincy News*

Our SJF Chaplaincy Team is busy, currently, helping to organise our annual SJF Harvest appeal and Mass in aid of The St Wilfrid's Centre.

*SJF Harvest Appeal & Mass 2023*

Our Chaplains have planned for a collection of food items in aid of the St Wilfrid's Centre, as part of our Harvest appeal 2023. The St Wilfrid's Centre is a special community that cares for the most vulnerable people in our city, including the homeless, the marginalised and socially excluded adults. It provides a safe space where everyone is welcomed with love, compassion and understanding. The team at the St Wilfrid's Centre provide a listening ear, practical advice and assistance as well as an opportunity to experience a sense of belonging and the means to help them regain their self-esteem and sense of worth.

**CAN YOU HELP?** Our Chaplains are asking for donations of the following:

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|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| • tinned soups | • tinned meats          | • tinned fish       | • tinned vegetables    |
| • dried pasta  | • rice                  | • dried noodles     | • UHT milk             |
| • instant mash | • pasta sauces          | • sauces in jars    | • stock cubes          |
| • crackers     | • biscuits              | • breakfast cereals | • tea bags             |
| • coffee       | • instant hot chocolate | • sugar/sweetener   | • instant soup/noodles |



Donations can be left by children in the main foyer right up to **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**, the day of our Harvest Mass, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, which starts at **10.00am**. Our liturgy will be led by the young people of **Y4** and everyone is invited.

Collective Worship

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Citizenship Statement of Belief Assembly</b> (Headteacher) <b>&amp; 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)

*October Gathering Song*

As I kneel before you  
 As I bow my head in prayer  
 Take this day, make it yours  
 And feel me with your love.

Ave Maria,  
 Gratia plena.  
 Dominus, te cum  
 Benedicta tu.

*Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,  
 Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.  
 To thee do we cry,*



*poor banished children of Eve  
 To thee do we send up our sighs,  
 Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
 Turn then, most gracious advocate,  
 Thine eyes of mercy toward us,  
 And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed  
 fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
 O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.*

*Our October Prayer*

Our prayer of the month is 'Hail Holy Queen' which is a traditional Catholic prayer dedicated to Our Lady. It is not said often these days, which is why we wanted to include it in our annual SJF prayer programme.

Weekly Attendance			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y5	98.2%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y4	98.0%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y3	97.5%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	97.4%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	96.8%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	96.7%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	95.7%	
<b>Target = 98.0%</b>		<b>Average Attendance = 97.2%</b>	



Get Set, GO!		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y5	82%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y1	78%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y3	75%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	73%
5 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	67%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	61%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	60%
<b>Average = 71%</b>		



**Parking**

This week a number of complaints and concerns have been raised about parking at the beginning and end of the school day, by Governors, parents and carers and neighbours. My first priority is to ensure that our children and their families are safe, including at the busier drop off and collection times at either end of the school day. Inconsiderate or dangerous parking can cause accidents.

I have appealed time and again for people to park safely. Inconsiderate parking also upsets our neighbours and I have reported previously that cars parking on grass verges, and in some cases on the pavement itself, not only cause an obstruction to pedestrians - and block the view of the road - they also spoil the verges that neighbours take care to maintain.

Unfortunately, cars have again been spotted parking unsafely on double-yellow and zigzag lines and between (and at either end) of the bollards that have just been installed. This is unacceptable.

Last year our SJF School Council met with representatives of Sheffield City Council to discuss the matter and the result was the installation of painted lines and bollards. Consideration is also being given to further traffic restrictions at either end of the school day. I know that most park sensibly and considerately, and we are very grateful for this. However, because the number of parking issues – and complaints - remain stubbornly high, we are asking the council to implement the additional safety measures and restrictions as soon as possible.



**FS2 Parent/Carer Workshop**

Thank you to everyone who attended this week's **FS2** workshop that focusing on:

- phonics and early reading
- mark-making and early writing
- early mathematics

We thank Mrs Barratt for leading the meeting supported by Mrs Holloway (our SJF lead for Mathematics) and Mr MacInness (our SJF lead for English). Further follow-up workshops are planned and if you have any questions (or need any help) please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you.

**Beat Your Best: Our BYB Challenge**

Here is a message from Miss Raynes:

The Sports Majors are back with the last BYB challenge before the October break! Firstly, thank you to everyone who came and joined in with the 'catch and clap'. It was great to see so many of you join in and see how many claps you could do!

This week's Beat Your Best challenge is to see how many times you can dribble a ball around cones in one minute. How many times do you think you can dribble the ball? Please click [here](#).

Come find us on the playground at breaktime to find out! Will you beat your best score?



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

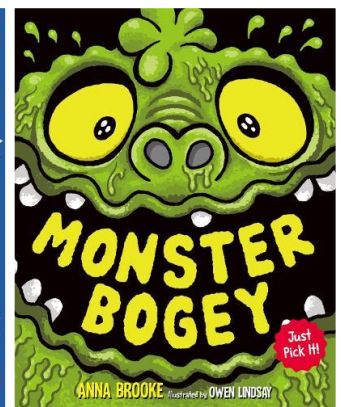
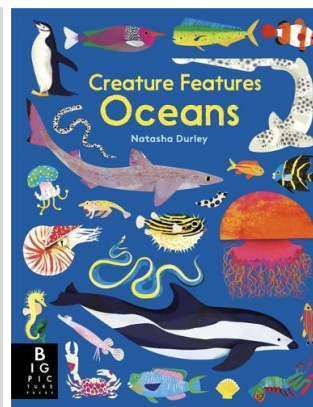


Please click [here](#) to view our full 2023-24 SJF Book List.

These are our latest feature books:

- **Creature Features: Oceans**  
o Natasha Durley
- **Monster Bogey**  
o Anna Brooke

Please click [here](#) to view a Waterstones synopsis of both



**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!

- **Henry** in **Y2** has been awarded the yellow belt in kickboxing. Well done, Henry, a great achievement!
- **Max** in **Y5** auditioned recently for the Steel City Choristers and was successful! Congratulations, Max!
- **Erin** in **Y6** passed her Grade 1 drama exam recently, with distinction! What a great achievement, well done!



**Golden Children!** (06-10-23)

- FS2** **Ellis** for being such a good friend - great at including others and always willing to share. Good girl!
- Y1** **Lexi** for being such a lovely friend - always trying to cheer other children up when they might be feeling a little sad. What a star!
- Y2** **Harley** for applying herself, so well, in all of our lessons. Her love for school and learning makes her a joy to teach! Well done!
- Y3** **Ethan** for making brilliant choices in class and for leading by example. Keep it up!
- Y4** **Jan M** for giving it his all during our swimming lessons. Jan has been really brave, and we are so proud of how hard he is trying and how positive he is managing to be. Well done!
- Y5** **Sanaya** for always working hard and for giving a 100% effort in all lessons. Well done!
- Y6** **Lochlan** for making a great start to life at St John Fisher. We are very happy to have welcomed you into our Y6 class and hope you will be very happy!

**Writing Champions!** (06-10-23)

- FS2** **April** for producing some fantastic work in our writing area. She always creates wonderful pictures and cards. What a superstar!
- Y1** **Marnell** for trying so hard to remember to include his finger spaces, what an improvement!
- Y2** **Imogen** for improving her handwriting and has been working hard to write in between the lines. Well done!
- Y3** **Enzo** for creating a fabulous holiday brochure about Skara Brae, remembering to include some super vocabulary choices. Well done!
- Y4** **Esma** for her great newspaper report on the story of Beowulf. Her account was thrilling, and she tried hard to include all the required characteristics. Well done!
- Y5** **Olivia** for taking care to write a great advice leaflet in our RE lessons. It was fantastic!
- Y6** **Zayd** for producing some very thoughtful and reflective written responses in our RE lessons. Well done!

**Maths Champions!** (06-10-23)

- FS2** **Julia** for her excellent counting and sorting in our maths area. Well done!
- Y1** **Zach** for doing so well at following the model used when working on 'part-part-whole'. Great work Zach!
- Y2** **George** for his increasing confidence and independence when participating in maths activities and lessons!
- Y3** **Seren** for using and applying everything she is learning with increasing confidence and independence!
- Y4** **Hector** having a super week in maths. He is showing a great understanding of regrouping in subtraction. Well done!
- Y5** **Keyla** for working very hard to explain her reasoning in our maths lessons this week. Well done!
- Y6** **Bella** for the fantastic effort that she has put into her maths learning so far this year. It has been excellent!



### Golden Children! (13-10-23)

- FS2** **Reyan** for being such a great role-model to others in the class. He is polite and kind and always tries his very best. Well done!
- Y1** **Oliwia** for always making the right choices and for following our rules and routines! Well done, Oliwia, we are very proud of you!
- Y2** **Lucy** for being a mature and kind member of the class. She always makes thoughtful suggestions to help her friends and others. What a wonderful example she is!
- Y3** **Movean** for setting a great example to others by demonstrating fantastic learning behaviours and a willingness to attempt all learning challenges with determination!
- Y4** **Jack Smith** for being a caring partner to his tablemates, and is often seen showing kindness and concern for others in class.
- Y5** **Olivia** for the way she approaches everything, quietly and with a minimum of fuss, just getting on with her work and trying hard to do the right thing. What a star!
- Y6** **Diion** for his working hard, consistently and positivity, demonstrating a great attitude. Well done, Keep it up!

### Writing Champions! (13-10-23)

- FS2** **Zuzanna** for taking lots of care with all her drawing and writing to create wonderful images and pictures!
- Y1** **Margot** for writing a wonderful poem all about our colours and senses. She really thought hard about what she wanted to write and her efforts really paid off!
- Y2** **Zuzanna** for taking lots of care with all her drawing and writing to produce wonderful pieces! Keep it up!
- Y3** **Edwin** for creating a super holiday brochure about Skara Brae! He remembered everything we have been learning and his targets. Well done, Edwin!
- Y4** **Tilly** for producing some lovely sentences in her diary planning about the children who travelled on the HMT Empire Windrush. Her word choices were really beautiful.
- Y5** **Emily** for settling down to her writing task this week and for focusing really well on what she needed to do. She was so proud of herself afterwards, as were her teachers!
- Y6** **Jomi** for putting a huge amount of effort into the presentation of her work. It is starting to pay dividends. Keep up the great work!

### Maths Champions! (13-10-23)

- FS2** **Thadeus** for producing some fantastic number work and for counting accurately. He always joins in enthusiastically with our maths activities!
- Y1** **Harlow** for excellent work using the 'part-part-whole' maths model and for writing equations in maths correctly.
- Y2** **Vaani** for working so hard at school and at home to improve her confidence and accuracy with addition. Well done!
- Y3** **Nathan** for completing some great 'number sense' work in class, well done!
- Y4** **James** for applying himself really well in our maths lessons this week. He has tried hard and pushed himself, rising to each and every challenge. Well done!
- Y5** **Isabelle** for putting lots of effort into her assessments this week, applying all she has learned and demonstrating all she has remembered
- Y6** **Seb** for making rapid progress when learning and applying different arithmetic methods. Keep it up!



**PTFA Sponsored Frog Hop**

We would like to thank our wonderful PTFA for organising and running a special sponsored 'Frog Hop' in support of our new wildlife area which is being developed in partnership with the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

Work will continue during the forthcoming holiday and we hope to invite Bishop Ralph to bless it and open it formally later in the school year.

On Friday Mrs Barrett was interviewed by Paulette Edwards live on her Radio Sheffield show, in her 'Good News' segment, and talked about our exciting plans for the new wildlife area, and the important role of our PTFA in supporting us to achieve our plans. Her interview is available via the BBC Sounds app, if you would like to hear it. She was wonderful!

We thank our fantastic PTFA and all the volunteers who supported them. We thank Mrs Barrett, the children and everyone who sponsored them or who contributed to its success in any way. It was a wonderful event! Please check out the 'News' section of our website on the home page and the class pages.



**Our Statement of Belief**

Next week's statement to live by is: "I can laugh and have fun."

**Time to talk:** Together remember times when you had fun; special times when you laughed so much, your sides ached! Who were you with? What was funny? What happened?

Why is it so important to laugh and have fun? What would life be like without fun and laughter? What makes you laugh?

