

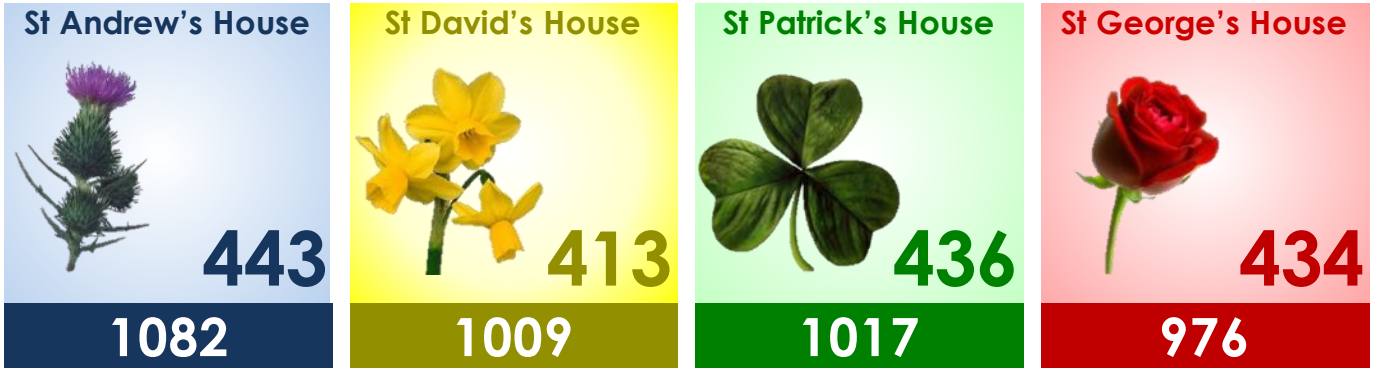
SJF NEWS



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★ Citizen of the Week

★ There was no Celebration Assembly this morning because this afternoon our community came together to mark the start of our Advent journeys. This week's special awards will be presented at the next Celebration Assembly and shared in the next newsletter.



Flu Vaccinations Reminder

A reminder that our children are scheduled to receive flu vaccinations, on **Wednesday 6th December 2023**, as part of a UK-wide NHS programme. Please click [here](#), for more information and contact us if you have any questions. You can also follow this [link](#) to find out more about the Sheffield school nursing and immunisation team. Thank you.

Weekly Attendance			
1 st	Y1	97.0%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y5	96.9%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y6	96.9%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y3	96.3%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 th	Y4	94.8%	
6 th	Y2	92.3%	
7 th	FS2	87.9%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 94.8%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y6	82%
2 nd	Y2	80%
2 nd	Y5	80%
4 th	Y1	79%
5 th	Y3	78%
6 th	FS2	75%
7 th	Y4	72%
Average = 78%		



Reminder: Y4 Parent/Carer Information Meeting

Y5 Oakes Residential - Autumn 2024

Parents and carers of children in **Y4** currently are invited to a meeting about next year's Y5 Oakes residential in the Y6 classroom on Monday 4th November 2023 at 3.30pm. again, supervised childcare will be available close-by.

Pupil Voice

SJF School Council Update

Our SJF School Council met and here is a word from Jacob, one of our **Y6** councilors and one of this year's Co-Treasurers:

At the moment the Council is preparing for our meeting with Mrs Vickers, the Senior Road Safety Officer at Sheffield City Council. We're excited to meet Mrs Vickers and to learn the different ways that we can try and improve the traffic and parking situation around our school.



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Healthy Minds

Supporting Emotional Wellbeing in Sheffield Schools

SJF Healthy Minds Champions - Update

The Healthy Minds champions have been working pairs to create calming activity videos that can be used in classrooms to help children regulate and refocus on their learning and lessons. This week our HM champions have also been helping children who have fallen out with their friends.

The HM champions have also been focusing on the younger children this week as the weather becomes colder and breaktimes have to move indoors on occasions.

Our HM champions have been encouraging children to access our new 'Games Board', on display in the playground. If they notice a child (or children) are looking for a game to play they will take them to the board help them to choose a game or activity to play.

Our HM Champions will soon start working on the production of a termly podcast which will update everyone about what they have been doing along with tips and advice for children and adults to try.



SJF Eco Team Update

In our recent meetings, the children discussed ways to help our school during the season of Advent season before, as a group, deciding that they wanted to help with the creation of the School Advent Wreath.

Our SJF Eco Team members were then given the very special responsibility of collecting various evergreens, before using them to create a beautiful wreath. Here is a word from Dom, one of our **Y5** Eco Team members:

"It was a great responsibility to be given, and we enjoyed finding the perfect leaves. We liked having a look around the school at how many evergreen plants and trees we have in school too."

The wreath, which was blessed by Father Bede in the Advent Service this week, will be on public displayed for the entire season of Advent.



Our Catholic Life

Weekly Celebration of the Word

Our next Celebration of the Word will be led by the young people of **Y3** on **Thursday 7th December 2023** and we invite their family and friends to join us at 9.00am in the hall.

Our Virtues to Live By

In our Tuesday assemblies, we continue to focus on the important and special virtues, **hope** and **patience**.



Advent 2023

Annual Advent Wreath Blessing 2023

Huge thanks to the wonderful young people of Y4, supported brilliantly by Mrs Hambleton and Mrs Steenson, for leading our annual reflection this afternoon. We thank Fr Bede, sincerely, for joining us again in order to bless this year's Advent wreaths as well as Mrs Barrett for supporting the planning of this very special

reflection. Click [here](#) to watch it.
Gathering Song

Advent

PREPARE THE WAY

Prepare ye, the way of the Lord
Prepare ye, the way of the Lord...




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Collective Worship

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Citizenship Statement of Belief Assembly (Headteacher) & Chaplains' Liturgies (Years 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) Chaplains' Liturgies (Years 1, 2, 3 and 4) Story Liturgy (FS2)



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.

ADVENT 2023



Advent Class Reflections

As part of our Advent journey to the great feast of Christmas, our Chaplains will help to organise simple Advent class reflections at the end of the school day from **Monday 4th December 2023 to Friday 15th December 2023.**

To ensure that everyone has an opportunity to attend at least one reflection, we invite parents/carers to book one liturgy for each class where their child is a pupil. Parents/carers wishing to attend more than one reflection can call the office on the day to check for spaces. The reflection are on the following days:

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



Change to FS2 Class Advent Reflections

Please note that we have decided that there will not now be any **FS2** class Advent reflections on Fridays. This means that every class has three reflections per week.

Any FS2 parents/carers who have booked to attend a Friday reflection are asked to contact the school office and reschedule.

Reminder

- A reminder that there will be no liturgies at all in school on:
- **Friday 8th December 2023** (Santa in School Day)
 - **Tuesday 12th December** (Lyceum panto visit)

Reminder: Santa in School Day 2023



A reminder that Santa is visiting us on **Friday 8th December 2023!** As it is such a special occasion, it will be a non-uniform day. Santa is expected to land at **8.45am** and you are invited to join us in welcoming him shortly after he lands! This is such a special event in the school calendar, and takes months to plan.

I would therefore like to thank our PTFA committee and all those who support them to make this special day possible. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the PTFA (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you.



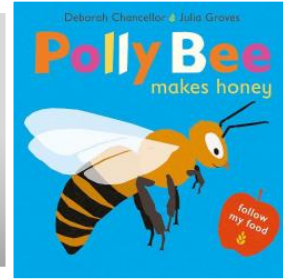
Reading for Pleasure: Our Latest Feature Books of the Week



Please click [here](#) to view our full 2023-24 SJF Book List. These are our latest feature books:

- **Polly Bee Makes Honey!**
o Deborah Chancellor
- **Boy Underground**
o Isabelle Marinov

Please click [here](#) to view the Waterstones reviews



Lyceum Panto Visit 2023



A reminder that on **Tuesday 12th December 2023**, the school community will travel to the Sheffield Lyceum Theatre to watch this year's panto, 'Beauty and the Beast'. As the performance starts at 1.00pm, we will leave at 12.00pm in order to arrive and settle the children in good time. It will last for approximately 2.5 hours.

As we are leaving at noon, the children will have an early packed lunch, at 11.00am, so they are ready to depart on time. Though we expect to return to school by 4.30pm our actual arrival time will be dictated by the performance-length; the time taken to leave the theatre after the show; time taken to board the coaches; and the traffic on the homeward journey. We aim to return to school between 4.30pm and 5.00pm.

We would be grateful if parents/carers or those collecting the children could wait on the playground and not on the pavement outside school. The school gates will be opened at 4.15pm. Staff will be stationed on all gates once the children are back, to ensure that no child can leave the school site unaccompanied. As it will be dark when we return from the theatre, and the children will be tired, staff will have to take great care ensuring that they keep track of every child. We therefore ask you to be patient whilst waiting for your children, and again we stress the importance of waiting on the playground and not on the pavement outside.

This is extremely important because waiting on the pavement outside school will cause congestion and make it more difficult for the adults supervising our children. Once in school the children will collect their things, before being released from their classrooms on to the playground in the usual way. The younger children will be brought down - and - because it will be dark, we ask that those collecting them listen carefully and make themselves known when their child's name is called. If there are significant delays we will send out notifications and updates via text, so please ensure that we have your up-to-date contact details.

Again, we thank our fantastic PTFA for all their support. They are covering the significant transport costs; providing the children with interval snacks; and they are providing volunteers to accompany us on the day. If you would like to get involved, please contact them (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you.



Christmas Dinner

Reminder: SJF Christmas Dinner 2023

Our school Christmas dinner, this year, will take place on **Thursday 14th December 2023**, this year.

As it is a special occasion, it will be a non-uniform day, so the children are invited to dress up or down.

Non-Uniform Day

There is an additional non-uniform day on **Friday 15th December 2023**, the day of the Santa Dash in school. We would appreciate a £1+ voluntary contribution per child, if possible, to support the vital work of the amazing team at the St Wilfrid's Centre who will be supporting some of the vulnerable people of our city during the Christmas period.



Reminder: Nativity Plays 2023

The **FS2** and the **Y1 / Y2** nativity plays take place on **Tuesday 19th December 2023**. Information about tickets will be shared this week by our school office team. A reminder that there will be a raffle at both the morning and afternoon performances which we hope will be well supported.

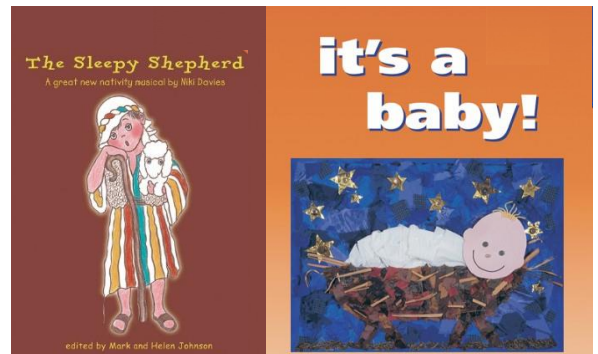
FS2 Nativity Play

For their first nativity play, our **FS2** children are performing 'The Sleepy Shepherd' and this will start at **9:30am**.

On the day the children will go to class, in the usual way and whilst they are getting ready, refreshments will be served to the **FS2** parents/carers whilst they wait in the school hall.

Y1/Y2 Nativity Play

The children will perform the nativity, 'It's a Baby', at **2.15pm**. Doors will open at **2.00pm**.



Beat Your Best: Our BYB Challenge

Here is a message from Miss Raynes:

This week's BYB challenge is hockey-themed! We want to see how many times the children can dribble a ball through the cones in a minute – with a hockey stick and not feet this time!

Do you think you'll do better with a small, medium or large ball? If you want to challenge yourself, see if you can dribble through the cones, expertly, with the tennis balls by the end of the week. See you on the playground! Click [here](#) to watch a demonstration. Good luck!

Achievements outside of School

Please send us details of your children's achievements outside of school via our enquiries@st-johnfisher.org email address. Whether the achievements are big or small we will share and celebrate the good news! Here are this week's special mentions:

- **Zach** in **Y1** has been invested as a beaver having completed his journey as squirrel. Congratulations, Zach!
- **Henry** in **Y2** passed his first level in swimming recently, and has progressed to the next. Well done, Henry!

Our Statement of Belief

Our statement next week will be **I think before I make choices that affect my health.**

Time to talk: Together think about what it means to be healthy. What helps us to be physically and mentally healthy? What will make us unhealthy? How do healthy choices enable us to be happier?

TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY. IT'S THE ONLY PLACE YOU HAVE TO LIVE IN.

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."

~ Mahatma Gandhi

