

# SJF NEWS



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## ★ Citizen of the Week (09-02-24)

★ The last citizenship award for Term 3 was presented to Dylan in **Y3** for understanding the importance not just of listening, but of showing that he is listening too, in line with the last Statement of Belief of Term 3. Dylan is a very kind and thoughtful member of our community, and cares very much about making good choices and doing the right thing. He also tries to help others make good choices too. Listening is something that Dylan can do very well, and he shows that he is listening with his positive body language and super responses. In doing so he provides a wonderful example, and impresses us all. Well done, Dylan, we are all so proud of you!

## ★ Citizen of the Week (23-02-24)

★ This week's citizenship award was presented to Florence in **Y6** for understanding why it is important to cooperate with others in work and play, in line with this week's Statement of Belief. Florence works brilliantly in groups, listening actively to the thoughts, opinions and ideas of others so respectfully, before sharing her own. She is very kind and tries hard. She is popular with classmates, and with younger children too, because she is so friendly. Florence demonstrates so many of our values and so is a wonderful example. Congratulations.

### Term 3 Final Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
 <b>590</b>	 <b>595</b>	 <b>614</b>	 <b>586</b>
<b>1878</b>	<b>1837</b>	<b>1865</b>	<b>1783</b>





### Term 3 Champions

Congratulations to the members of St Patrick's House, our Term Champions.

### Overall Leaders

Well done to the members of St Andrew's House, our overall leaders so far.

### Term 4 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
 <b>169</b>	 <b>148</b>	 <b>114</b>	 <b>152</b>
<b>2047</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1979</b>	<b>1935</b>



### Yellow Day

A reminder that the Feast of St David is on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**. This is also Yellow Day, a special day when members of St David's House are invited to dress down and come to school wearing something yellow if they have it. The children in the three other houses must wear school uniform, and will have their chance later, when it is their patrons' feast days.



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**Blue Day**  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup>  
November 2023

**Yellow Day**  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup>  
March 2024

**Green Day**  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup>  
March 2024

**Red Day**  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
April 2024

Term 4   Week 1 Attendance			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y4	98.8%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y5	98.8%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y2	97.5%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	96.5%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	95.8%	Billy Bear will visit next week
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	94.1%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	93.3%	
<b>Target = 98.0%</b>		<b>Average Attendance = 96.5%</b>	



Get Set, GO!		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y3	84%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y1	82%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	FS2	76%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	74%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	74%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	70%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	68%
<b>Average = 75%</b>		

**Our Catholic Life**

*Weekly Celebration of the Word*

Our next Celebration of the Word takes place on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024** and will be led by our **Y3** pupils. We invite their families and friends to join us in the hall at 9.00am. Films are available via this [link](#).

*Our Virtues to Live By*

In our Tuesday assemblies, the children will reflect on **charity** and **simplicity**, important virtues that will help to guide us on our personal Lenten journeys.



*Collective Worship*

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

*Our Lenten Prayer: 'The Confiteor'*

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.



**O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

Talbot | Jacques-Berthier | Photo: JSD



*Our Early Lent Gathering Song*

Oh Lord, hear my prayer  
Oh Lord, hear my prayer  
When I call, answer me...

Oh Lord, hear my prayer  
Oh Lord, hear my prayer  
Come, and listen to me.



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*The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal 2024*

This year, support of this important appeal is the responsibility of St Patrick's House. Mr Hobson, Head of House, is leading an assembly with the Y6 House captains at which their ideas for raising money will be shared. Please look out for details and give the children your support, if you can, thank you.



*Lent Class Reflections*

During Lent our Class Chaplains will support with the organisation of simple daily Lenten class reflections that will continue until **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**. We invite parents/carers to join us. Please book one reflection, initially, in classes where your children are pupils. Places are limited so if you wish to join further Lenten reflections, please ask on the day to see if there are spaces. Please arrive by 03.05pm, thank you.



Monday  
Y1 Y5 Y6

Tuesday  
FS2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6

Wednesday  
FS2 Y1 Y2 Y5 Y6

Thursday  
FS2 Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4

Friday  
Y2 Y3 Y4

*SJF Passion Play 2024*

Please note that our passion play, involving Years 3-5, takes place on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024** in **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**, starting at **2.00pm**. It will be followed by simple refreshments in the school hall.



Diocese of Hallam

*Our lady of Lourdes Parish News*

For information about parish and Diocesan life including; the times of Masses, services and confession; information about sacramental preparation; and plans for Lent and Easter, please click this [link](#) to our parish website. Thank you.

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

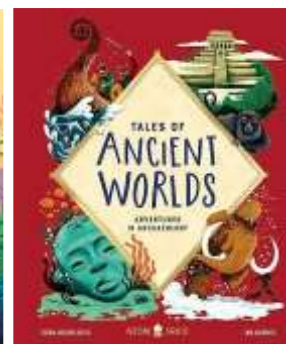


Please click [here](#) to view our full 2023-24 SJF Book List.

These are our latest feature books:

- **The Magic Yet**
  - Angela Di Terlizzi
- **Tales of Ancient Worlds**
  - Stefan Milosavljevic

Please follow this [link](#) to view the Waterstones reviews on our website.



**Achievements outside of School**

Please do not forget to share details of your children's achievements outside of school with us via our [enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) email address. Regardless of whether the achievements are big or small, we would be delighted to both share and celebrate your child's good news!

- Henry in **Y2** received "Student of the Week" award in kickboxing club for his controlled kicks and for his determination in a sparring session. Well done, Henry, a great achievement!



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**Golden Children!** (09-02-24)

- FS2** **Lucy** for such a great effort in class every day, and for sharing such wonderful activities on her Tapestry Learning Journey too. Well done!
- Y1** **Hattie** for being a super role-model for other children. Hattie takes responsibility for her own learning, listening to feedback and sharing her ideas with the class. Well done!
- Y2** **Leon** for coming into school with a HUGE smile on his face every day that brightens up the classroom with his enthusiasm to learn!
- Y3** **Izabela** for always being prepared to have a go at things, even if she finds something difficult. She also helps others so generously. Well done!
- Y4** **Natalia** for being so supportive in the classroom. She always does the right thing, quietly, and without making a fuss! Thank you! What a star!
- Y5** **Rebecca** for making a huge effort and showing such determination, even when she finds something challenging. Well done!
- Y6** **Diion** for being such a dependable friend to everyone in Y6. What a great example you are!

**Writing Champions!** (09-02-24)

- FS2** **Reyan** for using his phonics knowledge so well to write his own sentences! Well done!
- Y1** **Bobby** for working so hard when recalling facts about George Stephenson in our history topic. His work was neat and handwriting was beautiful!
- Y2** **Kali** for trying hard to apply her phonics knowledge, independently, and with more confidence!
- Y3** **Noah** for his incredible writing about the gladiator. It was wonderful!
- Y4** **Julia** for working hard to identify word classes in various texts, and her hard work is showing. Well done!
- Y5** **Charlie** for trying hard to choose exciting vocabulary, which is really helping to improve the content of his writing.
- Y6** **Zayd** for working so hard to improve his spelling. Keep it up!

**Maths Champions!** (09-02-24)

- FS2** **Ellis** for working so hard in our number bonds to 10 learning. Well done!
- Y1** **Ceci** for showing determination when learning to read the time to o'clock and half past the hour. She was able to read times and draw the hour and minute hands on a clock face, in the correct position.
- Y2** **Imogen** for working hard on the presentation of her work, and handwriting, remembering it is important, even in maths!
- Y3** **Clayton** for trying really hard with his numbers and for his work on multiplication tables. Well done!
- Y4** **Jan M** for being a great partner this week, and for using his mathematical knowledge in order to find equivalent fractions.
- Y5** **Scarlett** for making a huge effort in every lesson - and for the great progress that she is making as a result.
- Y6** **Aalia** for the excellent progress she has made in her maths reasoning since September. Well done!

**Golden Children!** (23-02-24)

- FS2** **Hasset** for working really hard on her phonics and for trying her best to share her ideas with classmates during whole-class discussions.
- Y1** **Ignas** for showing us that he knows how to behave in school. He sits, listening well, and is becoming more and more confident - putting his hand up to share his ideas. Well done, Ignas.
- Y2** **Lydia** for setting a brilliant example on the carpet, and for remembering to put her hand up, even if she is not sure of the answer. She is prepared to have a go.
- Y3** **Ava L** for her positive attitude and willingness to have a go, even when she finds things difficult.
- Y4** **Jan Z** for his dedication to learning and for his hard work every single day. Jan is an 'always' child. He does the right thing, and is a great role-model.
- Y5** **Jonah** for the determination he shows when having a go at things, and for asking for help from classmates, to complete tasks. Well done, Jonah!
- Y6** **Luca** for completing his work quickly and to a very high standard. Well done!

**Writing Champions!** (23-02-24)

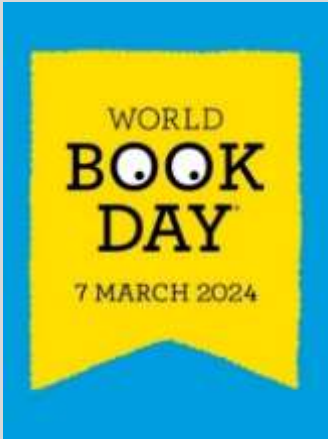
- FS2** **Johan** for writing independently, using his super phonics knowledge!
- Y1** **Edwin** great independent writing linked to our work on the story of Three Little Pigs. He remembered to use super sounding out, capital letters and full stops. Well done for challenging yourself!
- Y2** **Ava** for trying really hard to focus on her handwriting, making her letters smaller. She also has a brilliant attitude towards 'editing' her writing. Well done!
- Y3** **Jeena** for working really hard on her writing this week, remembering her targets and all the things we have been learning. Well done!
- Y4** **Chenai** has been working really hard on identifying word classes – especially prepositions. She has also produced some beautiful poetry, and everyone is so proud of her writing this week.
- Y5** **Isabelle** for making sure her work is well presented, and for the determination shown to improve her sentences. Keep it up!
- Y6** **Willow** for the beautiful presentation of work in her books, especially in her RE and history books. Well done!

**Maths Champions!** (23-02-24)

- FS2** **April** for working hard on our number work and on addition!
- Y1** **Zach** for finding addition and subtraction equations linked to the part-part-whole method we use and for great use of related facts also. Well done!
- Y2** **Jaxson** for being focused and having the self-belief that he can complete work independently. Well done!
- Y3** **Freddie M** for trying to focus in our lessons and for producing some fantastic work as a result. Well done!
- Y4** **Archie** for doing a great job of identifying equivalent fractions this week, and for his amazing work - using his known facts of division. Well done!
- Y5** **Luke** for the excellent progress he has made in mathematics and for the determination he shows to solve problems, using reasoning skills and mathematical knowledge.
- Y6** **Bruno** for working so hard to achieve an amazing score in his most recent maths assessments. He is really applying himself!







**World Book Day 2024**

This year World Book Day is on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. As usual, it will be a non-uniform day and the children are invited to come to school in something they like to wear when they read a book. We are conscious that costumes can be expensive, especially for one day, and not all children enjoy dressing up anyway. We also do not want to add to the pressure on busy parents/carers either. Children are therefore invited to dress up, if they want to, or down. As the day is about **promoting reading** and **celebrating books**, we just want the children to be comfortable, wearing what they want. This year there is a focus on poetry, with the children reciting a class poem that will be shared with children in other classes. There will also be plenty of book-sharing with buddies. They are invited to bring in a favourite book from home, to show their buddy, if they want to. Please make sure your child's name is in the book, if they do. Thank you.

**Pupil Voice**

*SJF School Council (Mr MacInness)*

Here's a word from Jacob and Keyla, our **Y5** school councilors on what we have been working on this week.



*This week at School Council we have been planning and designing a special road safety leaflet that we will be giving to every single child at St John Fisher. The information in the leaflet will help children to stay safe and will also hopefully make the traffic outside school better for everyone, including parents, children and our neighbours. We plan to hand out our leaflets in two weeks' time.*



*SJF Healthy Minds Champions (Mr Murphy)*

The HM champions have created videos to demonstrate a variety of **calming and grounding techniques** that can be used in a whole-class setting to support children and help them to regulate their emotions, especially after *transitions* in school such as first thing in the morning, after breaktimes and/or after periods of high activity.

Our HM champions hosted a party this week in which they invited their families to come along and watch the videos that they had created as well as episode 2 of our HM podcast. We also discussed future projects for the HM champions to be involved, so watch this space. Episode 2 is available via this [link](#). New hosts have been chosen to present the next episode which will be out later this term. They are eager to get started.

**Statement of Belief**

Next week our 'statement of Belief' is "**I try to use words that make the world better.**"

**Time to talk:** Why is it important to use kind words when we talk to, and about, others? Why is it bad to say unkind words or share lies? Does it help? How does it feel when people say positive things? How does it feel when they don't?

A prayer of peace

Merciful God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine and their family members around the world. We ask that all those involved respond with wisdom and courage and that a peaceful resolution may be achieved. Lord, during these challenging times please lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust and lead us from hatred to love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen

**On the second anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, we pray for peace**

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace."  
- Jimi Hendrix

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

Mother Teresa





# RAINBOW RAFFLE



FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2024

OWN CLOTHES DAY



YEAR 6

YEAR 5

YEAR 4

YEAR 3

YEAR 2

YEAR 1

FS2

You can come to school in non-uniform (any clothes) on Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Please bring a donation in the colour of your year group to add to a colourful family hamper which will be available to win during our Easter Raffle!



Your donation could be.. **snacks, drinks, alcohol, toys, stationery, toiletries, homewares, games, crafts etc..**



Tickets will be on sale after half term holiday. The draw will take place at the Easter Scavenger hunt on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

