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Our Catholic Life

Statutory Inspection

This week our school inspection report was shared. As you know the new national framework for the inspection of Catholic Schools is tougher and more rigorous than the previous framework that we were inspected under.



The new inspection framework focuses on three main areas; **(A)** Catholic Life and Mission (CLM); **(B)** Religious Education (RE); and **(C)** Collective Worship (CW). Three strands then cut across these main areas covering (i) how well pupils do in the three areas; (ii) the quality of the provision in the three areas; and (iii) the impact of leadership in the three areas. Below is a breakdown of the grades we were awarded:

	CATHOLIC LIFE & MISSION	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	COLLECTIVE WORSHIP
How well our pupils do	CLM1 Outstanding (1) The extent to which pupils contribute to (and benefit from) the Catholic life and mission of the school.	RE1 Outstanding (1) How well pupils achieve and enjoy their learning in religious education.	CW1 Good (2) How well pupils respond to, and participate in, the school's collective worship.
The quality of our SJF offer	CLM2 Outstanding (1) The quality of provision for the catholic life and mission of the school	RE2 Good (2) The quality of teaching, learning and assessment in religious education.	CW2 Good (2) The quality of collective worship provided by the school.
The impact of school leaders	CLM3 Outstanding (1) How well leaders promote, monitor and evaluate provision for the Catholic life and mission of the school.	RE3 Outstanding (1) How well leaders promote, monitor and evaluate the provision for religious education.	CW3 Good (2) How well leaders monitor and evaluate the provision for collective worship.
	'OUTSTANDING' (1)	'OUTSTANDING' (1)	'GOOD' (2)

Overall we were judged to be **'Good' (2)**, though in **two** of the three main areas and in **five** of the nine strands we were graded as **'Outstanding' (1)**. To be **'Outstanding'** overall, under this inspection framework, schools must be graded as **'Outstanding'** in eight or nine areas. The full report, which was shared earlier this week, can be found in the **'Catholic Life'** and **'News'** sections of our SJF website, or by clicking [here](#).

Our team of inspectors were very complimentary about the welcome they received from everyone, noting that *"...the school's mission is lived out by all on a daily basis"*. Inspectors felt this, strongly, and later in the report added, *"Parents, governors, carers, pupils, and staff are united through this welcoming culture and share a deep sense of commitment to the school's mission. This is evident in the parent responses where they say, "that children feeling happy, safe and loved is at the heart of everything the school does."*

Inspectors also noted that, *"Pupils know that they are loved and valued in all of their God-given uniqueness due to the strong relationships between staff and pupils."* and *"Leaders and governors are deeply committed to ensuring the school's Catholic character is upheld and continually developed."*

In terms of RE, inspectors concluded that *"Pupils achieve very well in religious education, making very good progress as they journey through the school by knowing more and remembering more."* Inspectors identified opportunities for further development within our RE and Collective Worship offers, that will enable us to be graded **'Outstanding'** in those areas too. We are left excited by the opportunity given to us for self-reflection and improvement. School leaders and Local Academy Committee members (Governors) are already developing plans, as we all look forward to the future positively, and with optimism.



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I would like to pay tribute to my wonderful colleagues, in all their various and important roles, for helping our special school to be the welcoming community that it is. Whether their roles were more or less linked to the inspection, they all work very hard, day in and day out, so that our children can feel happy safe and loved - and thrive. I would like to offer special thanks to Mrs Barrett and Mrs Broadhead who have led on this key area.

I would like to thank our Local Academy Committee members (Governors) for their hard work in supporting both colleagues and our Catholic life and mission, RE curriculum and collective worship. Their work is vital, though often goes unseen, and we thank them for their dedication to our community. We also thank our great friend and Parish Priest, Fr Bede, and the parish community he leads, which is so important to our school. Finally, I thank you, all our parents and carers, for your continuing trust and support. Your engagement with the inspection survey impressed the inspectors enormously, not just in terms of the large number of responses, but also because of the things that you said about our school and how we support your children. Thank you.



Weekly Celebration of the Word

Thank you to our **Y2** pupils who led us in our celebration this week. Our next Celebration of the Word takes place on **Thursday 25th April 2024** and will be led by our **Y1** pupils. We invite their families and friends to join us in the hall at 9.00am. Films of the celebrations are available via this [link](#).



Resurrection Mass 2024

There will be no Celebration of the Word in the first week of Term 5 because our annual Resurrection Mass takes place at 10.00am on **Friday 19th April 2024**, led by **Y5**.

Our Virtues to Live By

Our focus for this next week to the virtues of **forgiveness** and **mercy**. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Collective Worship

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

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.

FORGIVEN

Late Lent Gathering Song

Jesus, remember me, when you come in Your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me, when you come in Your kingdom.



Lenten Reflections

I would like to thank our young Chaplains and all the children for the way they have led and engaged with our Lenten reflections. These have been core to our preparations for Easter. I would like to thank all the parents and carers who were able to join us too. There will be no reflections in Holy Week.

The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal

St Patrick's House

Good Shepherd Book Sale



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This year, the members of St Patrick's House were tasked with raising money to support the great work of the Bishop of Hallam's 'Good Shepherd Appeal'. They met with Mr Hobson, the Head of House, to discuss why the appeal is such an important cause, as well as different fundraising ideas.

Members of **St Patrick's House** decided have a book sale and worked hard to organise the event, creating posters to increase awareness and drum up support. The book sale took place on Thursday. Mr Hobson was incredibly proud of the children's efforts, and especially Edwin, Othniel, Ava L and Seren from **Y3**, and Diion and Kacper from **Y6** for setting up and running the book sale on the day. They were all superstars!

Special thanks to everyone who donated unwanted books for the sale, and to everyone who bought books in the sale itself. The children raised an amazing **£139** for the charity so far! We would like to also thank Mrs Raynes and Mrs Steenson for helping the children with the book sale; Mrs Ramsden and Mrs Grayson for their parts in collecting in the books; and Miss Partlow for her important work behind the scenes.

Please click [here](#) for more photos. Thank you.



Dress Down Day

To boost the money raised by St Patrick's House there will be a non-uniform day on the last day of term, (Maundy) **Thursday 28th March 2024**. The children would love to receive donations of **£1+** per child to support The Good Shepherd Appeal 2024, to top up the money raised by the book sale. Thank you for your support!

SJF Passion Play 2024

The children in Years 3-5 will present their Passion Play in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on **Tuesday 26th March 2024**, at **2.00pm**. it will be filmed. Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards. All welcome.



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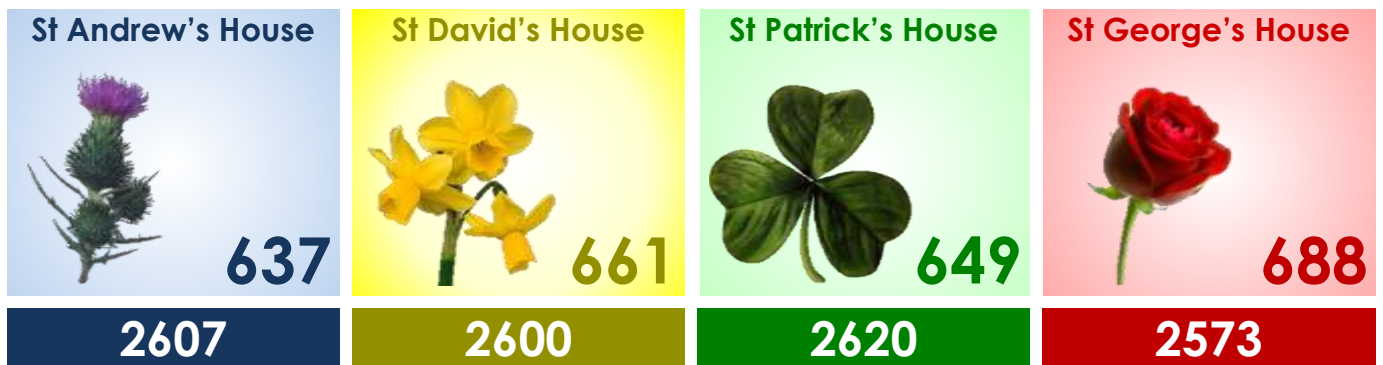
Our lady of Lourdes Parish News

For information about parish and Diocesan services during Holy Week and over Easter, including the times of Masses, services and confession, please click this [link](#) to our parish website. Thank you.

Citizen of the Week

This week's citizenship award was presented, today, to **Shelby** in **Y3** for understanding that mistakes can be our greatest teachers if we try to learn from them - in line with this week's Statement of Belief. Shelby has really pushed herself lately, and it has been fantastic to see. She is trying so hard in class, sharing her thoughts and ideas more and more. She even volunteers to sing the gathering song, on her own and unaccompanied, in front of other children and visiting family and friends! More and more, Shelby demonstrates a growing confidence and shows us what a courageous learner she can be. Shelby, you are on an exciting journey, and what a fantastic example to others you have been too! Congratulations! Everyone is so happy for you!

Term 4 Smiley Scores



Term 4 Attendance

1 st	Y4	99.4%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y6	98.1%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y2	96.7%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
4 th	Y5	96.3%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
5 th	Y1	91.7%	Billy Bear will visit next week
6 th	Y3	91.6%	
7 th	FS2	87.7%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 94.6%	



Get Set, GO!

1 st	Y1	76%
2 nd	Y6	73%
3 rd	Y2	69%
4 th	Y5	68%
5 th	Y4	67%
6 th	Y3	65%
7 th	FS2	62%
Average = 69%		

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.

These are our latest feature books:

- **The Goat and the Stoat and the Boat**
o Em Lynas
- **Rain Forest Warrior**
o Anita Gerari



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Pupil Voice: SJF Eco Team Update

As the SJF Eco Team's project to help the local swift population gathers pace, team members have decided to hold a vote about whether they would like to purchase a Swift Brick for our school using money raised previously. The company 'S Brick', recommended by the Sheffield Swift Network, create bricks that "integrates a home for Swifts and other cavity-nesting birds, without compromising the integrity or appearance of the building". When asked whether we should use money raised previously for an S Brick, SJF Eco Team member **Jack** was very enthusiastic:

"We should definitely buy a brick with the money. If we save just one family of swifts, it will be worth it. Hopefully, it will inspire lots of our parents and friends to put a Swift Brick in their homes too."



Background

Swifts are amazing creatures. They nest in eaves and cavities - unobtrusively - before beginning a life of flight without landing for many years. They return to their homes to lay eggs, but are increasingly finding that plastic soffits and gutters cover their homes. This has led to a rapid drop in numbers, with the numbers of birds, globally, threatened. One solution lies with the installation of 'Swift Bricks', or **boxes**.

For more information, please visit actionforswifts.com, and join our SJF Eco Team in their pledge to help the population of swifts in our community. Nesting season begins around May, and we are hoping to have both our donated Swift Box and - potentially - a new S Brick installed in time for this year's season. A 'swift brick' is a special nest-box for these fast-flying birds which visit Britain in summer. They are carefully fitted into walls where you will barely notice them unless you look up. They can be colour-matched to the brickwork. The bricks are sturdy, weatherproof, enclosed, and will not reduce insulation or compromise a building in any way.



Beat Your Best!

Here is an update from Miss Raynes

This our last **Beat Your Best Challenge** before the Easter holiday! Our Sports Majors have set a challenge that expands on one they set a few weeks ago, that focused on controlling a tennis ball.

This time, instead of throwing the ball to (and receiving the ball from) your partner, the challenge is to pass the ball between you using a tennis racket. Why not expand your group to three, four or even five partners? That will not only get more involved it will keep you all on your toes if you start to pass in a random order! How many times do you think you can pass the ball without it hitting the floor? Come find us on the playground to join in and find out! Well you beat your best? Will you beat your best? Click [here](#) to watch a demonstration delivered by our fantastic Sports Majors.

Achievements outside of School

You are invited to share details of your children's achievements outside of school with us via email (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org). Regardless of whether the achievements are big or small, we are always happy to both share and celebrate your child's good news!

- **Henry** in **Y2** achieved his next kickboxing belt and also received the 'Student of the Week' award. Congratulations, Henry, great achievements!



Golden Children!

FS2	Thadeus for showing kindness to his friends and for trying his best to help others! Keep it up, superstar!
Y1	Leo for trying so hard in all his lessons! He has been a superstar, listening carefully to adults and trying to finish his work. We are so proud of you Leo, well done!
Y2	Sofia for showing a good attitude to learning and has joined in with all her friends, which they also loved!
Y3	Scarlett for being an 'always' child who can be relied upon to make good choices. She has been trying hard to stretch her learning and support others. What a star!
Y4	Hector for working hard consistently and for making good choices - knowing what the right things to do are. He is a fantastic example to those around him. Well done!
Y5	Lincoln for having a very positive attitude to his learning! He has made great progress so far this year and we are all very proud of him!
Y6	Connie for having an excellent work ethic that she is displaying as she prepares and revises for her Y6 statutory assessments in Mathematics and English. Well done!

Writing Champions!

FS2	Kimorah for having a great effort in 'Drawing Club', well done!
Y1	Harlow for the 100% effort she is putting in to all her writing! We can see a huge improvement in her spellings and she is doing so well at sounding out unfamiliar words using her phonics. Keep it up Harlow!
Y2	Briola for her wonderful writing this week! She has been super-proud of her writing and cannot wait to show it off to everyone!
Y3	Ethan for producing a superb piece of writing about the agony in the garden. It was amazing!
Y4	Phelan has been working really hard on using complex sentences in his non-chronological report, and has been pushing himself choose the most appropriate subordinating conjunctions.
Y5	Hyrum for working very hard to learn his weekly spellings this week, using good strategies in class to help him spell unfamiliar words.
Y6	William for making a brilliant effort to learn and achieve the new grammar and punctuation objectives this week. Well done!

Maths Champions!

FS2	Johan for working hard on his number work and counting!
Y1	Cruz for having a real 'can do' attitude when he worked on comparing numbers, well done Cruz!
Y2	Ry for having a brilliantly positive attitude to maths, and all lessons. He is making huge leaps and bounds forward with his understanding of addition!
Y3	Edwin for excellent work learning how tell the time and complete challenges that involve time. Well done!
Y4	Elliot for being focused and working hard in our lessons about time. He has continued to push himself to complete the challenges. Well done, Elliot!
Y5	Jacob H for working hard to develop his understanding in our new fractions and percentages topic. He can now add and subtract fractions, even when they have different denominators! Well done!
Y6	Erin for working hard to learn new mathematical concepts, and revising the ones she has already learned! Well done!





Red Day 2024

This year the feast of St George is on Tuesday 23rd April 2024. This means that our next special House colour day will be **Red Day** on **Friday 26th April 2024**. Please make a careful note of the date, if you have any children in St George's House. We invite members of **St George's House** to dress down and wear something red if they want to. The children in the other three houses must wear full school uniform – they have already had their special days. Thank you.

Statement of Belief

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"I know when to ask for help and who to ask."**

Time to talk: Each of us has the right to feel happy, safe and loved every day. If something or someone makes us feel uneasy then we must tell. Who would you tell? If we have tried our very best and need help in order to understand or complete it, then we must ask. Who would you ask? Who do you trust to listen and help?

"When have you been at your strongest?" asked the boy.
"When I have dared to show my weakness."



"Asking for help isn't giving up," said the horse.



"It's refusing to give up."



"What's the bravest thing you've ever said?" asked the boy.



"Help," said the horse

"This storm is real, and our fear is real," said the horse.



"But our love is also real, and in the end, love wins."



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Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child
Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.
For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 consecutive days of term time leave
Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period
Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

First Offence
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)
The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

