

SJF NEWS

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★ Citizen of the Week (28-03-24)

★ The last citizenship award of Term 4 was presented, today, to Dominic in **Y5** for knowing who and when to ask for help when he needs it. This could be to do with learning or feelings. Dominic is very independent and will always try to use his experience and knowledge first. However, if he is still unsure, he will reach out. What a great example, especially as he is always so willing to help those who reach out to him. An absolute star!

★ Citizen of the Week (19-04-24)

★ Last week's citizenship award was presented, today, to Edwin in **Y1** for understanding what humility means, in line with last week's Statement of Belief. Edwin understands that humility is not thinking less of himself, but it is about thinking of others and what they need to feel happy, safe and loved. He therefore tries very hard to be thoughtful and kind. He is so generous and likes to help and include others, if he can. Congratulations!

★ Citizen of the Week (26-04-24)

★ This week's citizenship award was presented, to Chenai in **Y4** for understanding how to help others when they are in trouble in line with this week's Statement of Belief. Chenai is an incredibly supportive member of our community - ready and willing to support anyone, including peers and staff. It never goes unnoticed how kind she is when a new child joins our community, as she quietly makes sure they are ok, and that she is there if they need her. What a wonderful role-model! Congratulations, Chenai, we are all very proud of you!

Term 5 Smiley Scores



Term 4 Attendance

1 st	FS2	99.2%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y2	98.0%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y4	97.7%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
4 th	Y1	97.0%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
5 th	Y6	99.9%	Billy Bear will visit next week
6 th	Y5	94.4%	
7 th	Y3	91.6%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 96.3%	



Get Set, GO!

1 st	FS2	84%
2 nd	Y2	81%
3 rd	Y4	75%
4 th	Y5	72%
5 th	Y6	70%
6 th	Y1	68%
7 th	Y3	65%
Average = 74%		

Eat Smart Sheffield - Information for Parents & Carers

The Sheffield Eat Smart team is offering advice and support to parents and carers via a free webinar and their newsletter. Please click the links:

- **'How to Eat Well AND Save Money'** free webinar via this Zoom
 - o Wednesday 1st May 2024
 - o 9.30am - 10.30am
 - o please book via this [link](#)
- **Eat Smart Newsletter** – click [here](#)



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Wellbeing Course for Parents & Carers

Parents and carers are invited to join a free wellbeing course being run by the team at Hallam Caritas, the charity we support with our Lenten fundraising efforts. For more information please click [here](#).

Reminder: SJF Curriculum Overviews

Please click [here](#) for the Curriculum and RE/Catholic Life Overviews shared at the start of Term 5. Thank you.



World Earth Day 2024

Monday 22nd April was Earth Day, with this year's theme being **Planet Vs Plastics**. The aim was to encourage governments, organisations and individuals to act to reduce plastic production by 60% by 2040. Each square mile of sea contains more than 46,000 pieces of plastic, with 8 million tons added into the oceans each year.

Mrs Sambrook, our Geography lead, asked everyone to reflect on the theme with children encouraged to share thoughts and ideas around recycling; reducing plastic use; the need to protect God's gifts to us.

Our SJF Eco Team is proud to support Earth Day, and members hope that everyone in our community will get behind the aim of making those small but important changes at home, in order to make a big difference. Some of the questions that were discussed in our lessons included:

- *Can we refuse to use plastic cutlery, straws and cups and tell why these items are a problem?*
- *Can we choose food with no plastic packaging and try to buy plastic-free products?*
- *Can we take reusable bags with us when we go shopping?*
- *Can we buy loose products, taking a reusable container with us to the shops to put the items in?*
- *Can we change to a more 'zero-waste' ways of thinking? e.g. using bamboo toothbrushes instead of plastic*

Chloe **Y3** created a great poster to show how we could try to make important changes. Thank you, Chloe! For more information about World Earth Day please follow the [link](#). Please click [here](#) to see Chloe's poster.

Key stage 1

Phonics screening check
Pupils' materials

Y1 National Phonics Screen

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our important meeting about the National Phonics Screen that all our **Y1** children will do later this term. If you were unable to attend, please follow this [link](#) to see the PowerPoint presentation that was shared at the meeting. A copy of the slides has also been sent home.

Please speak to a member of the **Y1** team if you have any questions. In addition to the work booklets sent home before Easter, further support materials will be sent home later in the term. We thank Mrs Sambrook and Mrs Hadfield as well as Miss Lockham for supervising the children.



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PARENT & CARER COFFEE MORNING

PREPARING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND FOR ADULTHOOD

Join other parents and carers in a similar situation for a chat and a brew. Hear from Nigel Beatson, Disability Employment Advisor Lead at the DWP.

Friday 17th May

Sharrow Community Forum, The Old Junior School, South View Road, Sheffield, S7 1DB

10am - 12noon



Scan our QR Code to register your attendance or visit the **Sheffield SEND Facebook Group** for further information.



Children with SEND: Information for Parents/Carers

We have been asked to share information about an important opportunity for all parents and carers of children and young people living with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) who are preparing for adulthood.

You are invited to join other parents and carers who are in similar situations for a special coffee morning at the Sharrow Community Forum on **Friday 17th May 2024** from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

There will be a guest speaker, Nigel Beatson, who is a Disability Employment Advisor Lead for the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

He and the Sheffield SEND team members will be on hand to offer advice and answer any questions parents and carers might have.

Anyone wishing to attend, is asked to first register (for free) via this Eventbrite [link](#).

Please direct any questions regarding the event to Maria Swift, at the council directly, via her email address (maria.swift@sheffield.gov.uk).

Reading for Pleasure: Our Latest Feature Books of the Week



READING FOR PLEASURE

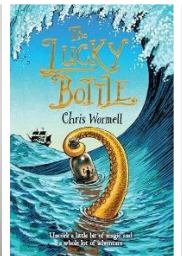
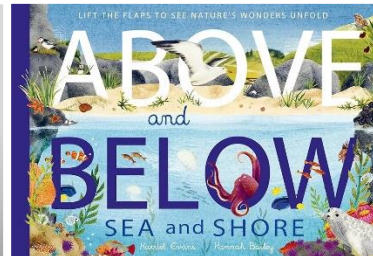
"The more you read the more things you know.
The more that you learn the more places you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

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

These are our latest feature books:

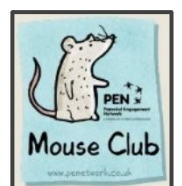
- **Above and Below – Sea and Shore**
 - Harriet Evans
- **The Lucky Bottle**
 - Chris Wormell

Please click [here](#) for the Waterstones reviews.



Weekly FS2 Mouse Club Newsletter

Please click [here](#) to access the latest edition of our Mouse Club newsletter to support the learning of our FS2 children in the coming week. Please do not forget to use 'Tapestry' to share what you do, especially photographs and video clips. Thank you.



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Golden Children! (19-04-24)

- FS2** **Arthur** for trying really hard during 'Carpet Time' to listen and share his ideas. This week he was great at helping others when it was time to tidy up. Well done!
- Y1** **Macarius** for always trying so hard no matter how hard he finds a task. Well done, Macarius, we are so proud of you!
- Y2** **George** for being an understanding and considerate member of the class. It does not go unnoticed!
- Y3** **Edwin** for being so positive around the classroom, and for sharing some super ideas during our lessons!
- Y4** **Freya** for working very hard all week in all subjects. Keep up the good work, Freya!
- Y5** **Hyrum** for making a good effort across the week, in lessons and around school! Well done!
- Y4** **Amelie** for her kind, hardworking and positive attitude, as well as the brilliant sense of humour she brings to the Y6 classroom!

Writing Champions! (19-04-24)

- FS2** **Ellis** for trying hard with her writing in our phonics lessons, having a go even when she finds something tricky. Well done!
- Y1** **Eliana-Joyce** for writing such a fantastic label for Paddington! It was impressive and a pleasure to read!
- Y2** **Aadvik** for writing a fantastically innovative 'Dragon Machine' story independently and without support. Well done!
- Y3** **Freddie M** for making some amazing sentence choices as he wrote his new comedy narrative. Well done!
- Y4** **Matilda** for drawing on her positive mindset when working really hard to improve her handwriting. Keep up the great work, Matilda!
- Y5** **Aureilia** for good work related to the build up to the great floods of Sheffield!
- Y6** **Florence** for the outstanding progress she has made within spelling, grammar and punctuation since the beginning of the year!

Maths Champions! (19-04-24)

- FS2** **Maria** for working hard with our number sentences in addition. Well done!
- Y1** **Leo** for trying so hard when he joined in with our maths lessons this week. We are so pleased with contributions he is now starting to make in our whole class lessons. Well done!
- Y2** **Ry** for demonstrating brilliant listening skills and focus when following positional instructions. A fantastic effort!
- Y3** **Ava s** for trying hard to concentrate and join in with our fraction work this week. Well done!
- Y4** **Julia** for working really hard this week with our work on perimeter. She has challenged herself during lessons and shown great determination to succeed. Well done, Julia!
- Y5** **Eddie** for focusing, thinking and then offering great explanations during our maths reasoning, 'figure-it-out' lesson. Well done!
- Y6** **Seb** for the hard work that he is putting into his maths revision! Keep it up!



Golden Children! (26-04-24)

- FS2** **Aneurin** for showing such independence by coming up to class on his own every morning and for his fantastic enthusiasm in our garden topic! Well done!
- Y1** **Vilma** for working so hard in class and for not giving up, no matter how hard she finds a task! Keep up the hard work, Vilma, you are a star!
- Y2** **Macoley** for putting a huge effort into learning this week. Macoley has developed an amazing attitude to learning and is making brilliant progress because of his efforts! Keep it up!
- Y3** **Freddie D** for having a super week and for demonstrating great teamwork with his partner.
- Y4** **Renaë** for being an excellent role-model by being hard-working and trying her best; and for being kind to both her classmates and teachers!
- Y5** **Jack** for demonstrating an improved effort in lessons. We can all see you working harder, Jack, and it is making a difference! Well done!
- Y6** **Noah** for the fun and happiness he brings to our classroom, and for the hard work he has put into his learning recently. Well done!

Writing Champions! (26-04-24)

- FS2** **Pat** for working really hard on her sounds and on her writing. We are all very proud of her!
- Y1** **Aria** for doing so well using imperative verbs (to give an instruction) in our English grammar lesson. A huge well done, Aria!
- Y2** **Raquel** for making a huge effort with her handwriting, which has come on leaps and bounds this year! Well done!
- Y3** **Elie!** for trying hard to write some super sentences for his comedy narrative. Well done!
- Y4** **Eddy** for working hard. His work continues to get better and better. It is thoughtful and also well presented. Keep up the good work, Eddy!
- Y5** **Jake** for the great effort he demonstrated when doing our work on semi colons. Well done, Jake!
- Y6** **Bruno** for the high-quality work that he has produced in English when writing dialogue!

Maths Champions! (26-04-24)

- FS2** **Llorente** for working so hard during our work on addition!
- Y1** **Akira** for offering such an accurate explanation of how we half a shape with accuracy. Well done!
- Y2** **Maya** for taking great pride in the presentation of all her work including her Mathematics work. Her Maths book looks amazing! She carefully listens to instructions and always tries her best to follow them!
- Y3** **Libbi** for the effort and attention demonstrated during our focus on fractions. Amazing!
- Y4** **Charlotte** for excelling in her efforts to calculate perimeter this week. She has challenged herself each day in class and so has been a good role-model to others! Well done, Charlotte!
- Y5** **Rebecca** for producing some great work on percentages, short division and long multiplication. Well done!
- Y6** **Dominique** for having an excellent work ethic, particularly during our mathematics lessons and revision sessions. Well done!





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Our Catholic Life



Weekly Celebration of the Word

We thank the staff and children of **Y1** for leading this week's Celebration of the Word. Our next one takes place on **Thursday 2nd May 2024** and will be led by our **FS2** pupils and staff. We therefore invite our **FS2** families and friends to join us in the school hall at 9.00am.



Films of these celebrations can be viewed online [here](#).

Our Term 5 Virtues to Live By

When we return our SJF virtues of focus will be **resilience** and **perseverance**.

Collective Worship

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

Our April Prayer: 'The Sanctus'

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!



Easteride Gathering Song

He is Lord,
He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead,
And He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess –
That Jesus Christ is Lord!

Our lady of Lourdes Parish News



Diocese of Hallam

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

REMINDER: May Day 2024

School will be closed for the May Day Bank Holiday on **Monday 6th May 2024** and will reopen the next day.



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ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Beat Your Best!

This week's Beat Your Best will test your throwing aim and accuracy.

The Sports Majors want to challenge you and a partner (or even more people if you want) to throw a ball between you, taking a step backwards after each successful throw and catch.

If you drop the ball, then your pair (or group) have to return to the starting position. How far will you get? Will you manage to beat your best? Please click [here](#). Thank you.



Pupil Voice: SJF School Council

An update from Mr MacInnes, our SJF School Council coordinator...

Our SJF School Council is continuing to work on its road safety leaflet, which councillors look forward to distributing to all of the children in school soon.



The information leaflet is based on the work done by our school councillors work with Mrs Vickers, Sheffield City Council's Road Safety Officer, and its aim will be to promote road safety and considerate parking on the roads around our school.

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 achievements are big or small, we are happy to share and celebrate our children's good news!

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



"Help," said the horse.

Statement of Belief

Our latest 'Statement of Belief' is **"I recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings."**

Time to talk: At St John Fisher we know that we all have the right to feel happy, safe and loved, in and out of school, **every** single day.

We know the things in our lives that make us feel safe and comfortable and we also know when something (or someone) makes us feel less safe and uncomfortable.

If anything (or anyone) ever makes us feel like this then we know that we can find any grown-up in school and, **Tell! Tell! Tell!**

If you share a worry, then you will **always** be heard.

We will listen and your worry will **always** be taken seriously. We will then make sure that you receive the love, care, encouragement, help and support that you need to get rid of your worry ball.

What would you do if a friend shared a worry with you?

