

SJF NEWS





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Citizen of the Week

This week's award was presented to **Izabella** in **Y3** for understanding why it is important to keep going and not give, when things get tough, in line with our Statement of Belief. Izabella's approach to everything in school, is calm and measured. She never seeks the limelight nor makes a fuss. She approaches each day joyfully - diligently working hard and showing determination and resilience when faced with a challenge. In her relationships with others, Izabella also shows such kindness and generosity. Congratulations. Izabella!

Term 5 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
 441	 513	 522	 498
2815	2828	2877	2810

Assessments & Attendance

This week children completed assessments. Though no longer statutory our **Y2** children are completing **non-statutory** standard assessments in the form of some tests and an ongoing review of learning for another month. For our **FS2** children, progress and achievement is being assessed against Early Learning Goals in readiness for transition to **Y1**. Next week, our **Y6** pupils face **statutory** standard assessment tests (SATs). Following this there will be an ongoing assessment of writing against national standards until mid-June. Much has been done to support the children through the process and beyond, and next week our **Y6** pupils will enjoy breakfast together, as treat, to start each day. Good attendance **every day**, is therefore **very** important for all children.



Standards & Testing Agency

Monday 13 th May	English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	- Paper 1: Questions - Paper 2: Spelling
Tuesday 14 th May	English reading	- English reading
Wednesday 15 th May	Mathematics	- Paper 1: Arithmetic - Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday 16 th May	Mathematics	- Paper 3: Reasoning

Term 4 Attendance

1 st	Y6	96.5%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y3	96.0%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y2	95.0%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	FS2	94.7%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 th	Y4	94.4%	
6 th	Y5	93.5%	
7 th	Y1	87.5%	

Target = 98.0% Average Attendance = 94.0%



Get Set, GO!

1 st	Y5	89%
2 nd	Y2	82%
3 rd	Y6	81%
4 th	Y4	73%
5 th	Y3	65%
6 th	FS2	64%
7 th	Y1	56%

Average = 73%



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Support & Advice for Parents and Carers

Wellbeing

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](#).



Supporting Children with SEND

There is a coffee morning for parents/carers on **Friday 17th May 2024** from 10.00am to 12.00pm. 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). Please click [here](#) for more information.

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:

- **Gladys Aylward: The Little Woman with a Big Dream**
 - Laura Wickham
- **A Wrinkle in Time**
 - Madeleine L'Engle

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



Beat Your Best!

For our latest BYB challenge, the Sports Majors have chosen football-inspired game. They are challenging you to see if you can kick the ball to the other players, in a controlled way, making sure that the ball bounces only once. If the ball bounces more than once, then you need to start again.

How many controlled one-bounce passes can you and your teammates manage to make? Will you beat your best? See you next week and good luck! Please click [here](#). Thank you.

SJF Sports Day 2024

A reminder that our Sports Day takes place **Thursday 23rd May 2024**. All children are asked to wear their **PE uniform** on the day. They should also wear a suitable sun hat and come to school sun cream is it is a hot day.



Details about the programme of events and other arrangements and reminders e.g. accessing school building, or collecting the children, were shared in last week's newsletter and on the website. If you missed anything you can view the information by clicking this [link](#). A reminder that as it is a very special day, children will have sandwich-based lunches provided by school or they can bring their own packed lunch in from home.



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Pat's Story

We love to share our children's good news, whether it is an achievement in or out of school. It does not matter if the achievement is big or small in the eyes of the world, if it is significant for one of our own (and for those who love them) then we will always be happy to celebrate and share the good news.

Last September, our school was blessed when a wonderful group of excited 4 year-olds joined us in **FS2**. One of them, Pat, had already been through, and, achieved, so much. Now, as she approaches another significant milestone, in her young life, her parents have kindly agreed to share her inspiring story...

Our daughter, Patricia, was born on 10th September 2018, weighing 7lb15oz. She was perfect and loved beyond words by all her family.



On 3rd January 2019, we took Patricia to a routine weigh-in by the health visitor. After a normal appointment, we were advised to take her to the GP as her tummy looked a little swollen. From the GP, we were sent straight to the Sheffield Children's Hospital for further investigation.



On 4th January 2019, Patricia was diagnosed with liver cancer. Tests revealed that the tumour covered half of her liver. This was something that she had been born with. It had developed slowly, undetected, until it suddenly started to grow more rapidly.

Patricia needed urgent treatment and after her first round of chemotherapy, she was christened at Sheffield Children's Hospital, before battling through further rounds of devastating chemotherapy.

Patricia needed a liver transplant, and this was carried out at Leeds LGI Hospital on 26th March 2019. It was a lot for a 6 month old to endure. Each year, on this date, we celebrate Pat's 'liversiversary,' with tea and cake.

Once Patricia had finished all the rounds of chemotherapy, she had to have lots of other tests and treatments, until, finally, on 17th July 2019, Patricia was given the all-clear, meaning that she was cancer-free, and officially in remission. This meant that she was then able to ring the end-of-treatment bell. She was still only ten months old.

*During her seven months of treatment, Patricia collected 1026 special **beads of courage**. Each bead represents one thing she had done, or has had to go through, for example, chemotherapy, blood transfusions, surgery etc.*





Not included, however, are beads for everything else she also had to endure, dealing with the significant side-effects of the many treatments she received in order to fight and beat cancer.

This year marks her fifth year in remission, which is a big milestone, because it means that she will be discharged from the oncology specialists.

The whole family is extremely proud of Patricia and everything she has overcome, and even though she continues to battle many of the side-effects of her treatment, years later, she is still such a happy and positive little girl.

We would like to say a special thank you to all the staff and students of SJF for all their support and kindness given to Patricia since starting in September.

School is one of her favourite places to be, thanks to you all. We couldn't have asked for a better start to her journey through education.

This is such an amazing achievement, and as her SJF family we continue to support Pat and pray for her continued recovery. She is a little star!



Our Catholic Life



Weekly Celebration of the Word

Our next one does not take place until **Thursday 6th June 2024** because of the two assessment weeks and our Sports Day. It will be led by our **Y6** pupils. We invite our **Y6** families and friends to join us in the hall at 9.00am. Films of these celebrations can be viewed online [here](#).



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>



Diocese of **Hallam**

Our lady of Lourdes Parish News

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.



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Our Gathering Song

**Come Holy Spirit,
Descend on us!
Descend on us!
We gather now in Jesus' name.**

Virtues to Live By

Our SJF virtue of focus is **honesty**.

Our Prayer for May: The Angelus

1. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit...

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen*



2. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to thy word...

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen*

3. And the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us...

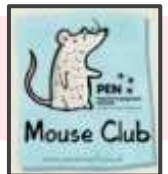
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Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Weekly FS2 Mouse Club Newsletter

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



Golden Children!

- FS2** **Kimorah** for trying very hard with her phonics work this week! She is becoming a great reader!
- Y1** **Eliana-Joyce** for always listening and making the right choices, she is such a super role model for all of our class.
- Y2** **Ashwin** for being a kind friend to other children in his class who have needed it most! He always volunteers to be a 'playing-partner' and makes sure others are included!
- Y3** **Noah** for showing great resilience and positivity with this week's challenges!
- Y4** **Tilly** for being a kind friend to others and for showing great perseverance and resilience in her work each day. Keep up the good work!
- Y5** **Jai** for having a great attitude to his work and for doing well in his latest assessments!
- Y6** **Sofia** - for her cheerful, kind and hardworking attitude every day, and for being such a great friend to so many children in Y6.



Writing Champions!

- FS2** **Maria** for trying very hard with her letter formation and mark-making! What a star!
- Y1** **Rosa** for making such fantastic progress with her writing! It is an absolute pleasure to mark and we are so proud of how hard she is trying!
- Y2** **Nickolas** for taking his time with his tests, rather than rush (which he sometimes does), so that he has been able to really think about his answers and how he should write them!
- Y3** **Gabi** for making a great start to her piece of writing about the Brigantes tribe of Britain.
- Y4** **Natalia** for working incredibly hard on her persuasive writing. She is showing great perseverance and resilience when pulling her ideas together and when editing. Well done, Natalia!
- Y5** **Sanaya** for trying really hard with her writing content and separation in to paragraphs. Well done!
- Y6** **Connie** for all the hard work that she has put into improving and revising her grammar and punctuation. Well done!

Maths Champions!

- FS2** **Hasset** for great counting and number card work! Well done!
- Y1** **Margot** for doing some excellent addition and subtractions! She could find missing numbers wherever they were in the equation. Well done, Margot!
- Y2** **Lucy** for always asking brilliant questions in our maths sessions! Well done!
- Y3** **Adrianna** for great problem-solving in our work on fractions!
- Y4** **Chenai** for working particularly hard this week as we have explored decimals. Well done, Chenai!
- Y5** **Kayl** for his hard work and effort, resulting in the achievement of full marks in his recent mathematics assessments
- Y6** **Lochlan** for working so hard on having a positive mindset during his maths learning and in assessments! Well done!

St Andrew's House Charity Fundraising



Drawing Competition

- The Olympic Games, Paris
- £1 per entry**
- entry fee taped to the back
- name and class on the back
- all entries A4
- coloured pencils (no felt-tips)

Deadline

- Friday 17th May 2024
- entries to the school office
- one winner per class and
- one overall school winner

Winners Announced

- Friday 24th May 2024



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St Andrew's Bake Sale

St Andrew's House is also organising a bake sale, in addition to their drawing competition, to raise money for Mission Together, their House charity this year.

The Bake Sale will take place on **Wednesday 22nd May 2024** and donations of baked goods are welcome.

Some of our members will be collecting **50p** per child on the gate so they can have a bun at morning break then more buns will be sold, 50p per bun, after school.

Many thanks for your support.



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!

- **Zachary** in **Y1** passed his swimming 'Level 3' and has now moved to Level 4! Congratulations, Zachary!
- **Chloe** in **Y3** graduated, this week, with a gold award from the Children's University, managing to achieve 126 hours of out-of-school learning at Razzmatazz! Well done, Chloe!

Statement of Belief

Our latest 'Statement of Belief' is "**I understand the importance of peace.**"

Time to talk: What is peace? Why is it important? Why is Jesus also known as the Prince of Peace? Peace comes from love and God is love. Peace is Jesus' gift back to us when we open our hearts and minds to Him.

Next week the young people of **Y6** will undertake their SATs examinations along with others across England. Our children have worked hard to prepare for these tests, that will cover reading and reading comprehension, mathematics, grammar, punctuation and spelling. Writing will then be assessed over the following weeks.

WORRYING
does not take
away tomorrow's
TROUBLES,
it takes away
today's
PEACE.



“Peace begins with a smile.”
Mother Teresa

We hope that the outcomes are positive for every child, and that they celebrate their individual journeys in those areas being tested. We also thank Mr MacInnes and everyone who supported our **Y6** children this year.

It is important to remember though, that there is so much that these tests do not measure. Each of our children is uniquely amazing. Within their number we have young people who speak more than one language. We have artists, designers, musicians, singers, actors, dancers, sportspeople, including martial artists gymnasts, footballers, athletes and swimmers. We have children who are talented in other areas, not tested. They are on the way to becoming well-rounded, responsible and caring young adults, who can be selfless, friendly, kind, helpful, generous, resilient, and who can also demonstrate leadership, teamwork, faith and love. As a group they contribute to our school life so richly. So, to all our multi-talented Y6 children we say, well done, and thank you! Each of you is amazing and we wish you well for next week and beyond!

