

# SJF NEWS

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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024



## **Citizen of the Week**

This week's award was presented to **James** in **Y4** for understanding the importance of peace, in line with our Statement of Belief. James has been trying so hard with his learning and we are proud of him for his efforts and for the determination shown. He understands that feeling peaceful helps him with his learning and with any worry balls that he might have. He also knows that he can ask for help if anything gets in the way of his peace, and that he will receive help. What a wonderful example you are, James! We are so proud of you!

## **Term 5 Smiley Scores**

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
 <b>553</b>	 <b>644</b>	 <b>627</b>	 <b>611</b>
<b>2927</b>	<b>2959</b>	<b>2992</b>	<b>2923</b>

## **Assessments Reminders**

I would like to congratulate the young people of **Y6** who, this week, completed their end of Key Stage 2 statutory assessments. The completed papers have now been collected by the authorities and sent off for external marking. The outcomes will be shared with us, along with grade boundaries in July, once they have gone through a checking and quality assurance process. We will then check each of them carefully, raising questions and appeals if/when appropriate. Once we are satisfied, the results will be shared with families.



**Standards  
& Testing  
Agency**

We thank Mr MacInnes and all the staff who have worked so hard to support the children throughout the year and during the tests. I would also like to offer thanks to all the staff who have worked with, and supported, our Y6 children in previous years too - those still with us, and those who have moved on.

We thank Mrs Ramsden, Mrs Grayson and Mrs Walton for organising and serving the children with breakfast each morning. It really was really appreciated by all the children, especially the bacon sandwiches!

We thank Fr Bede, and our friends from the parish, for again allowing the children to use the parish hall, so that they could be assured of peace and quiet during their assessments. It is very much appreciated.

## **Further Assessments**

A reminder that the **Y6** children now enter a phase where their writing will be assessed formally against national standards. It is therefore key that they do not miss school during this time, as key checks are made and evidence gathered in line with guidelines.

For the children in **FS2** there is a sharp focus on their individual journeys and whether they have achieved the national 'Early Learning Goals' in the different areas. Attendance, every day, is therefore vitally important.

For the children of **Y1** the June National Phonics Screen is approaching fast, and much continues to be done to teach and embed learning around phonics and reading. Good attendance, every day, is absolutely key.



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For the children of **Y2**, the assessments are no longer statutory, but our school, along with many, have opted to complete non-statutory versions to support our internal judgements and provide the local authority with an overall picture. Conclusions are drawn from the careful assessment of the children's learning and work, supported by the completion of some short tests too. The process is a deliberately gentle one, that will last for the rest of this month and in to June. Attendance every day therefore continues to be very important.

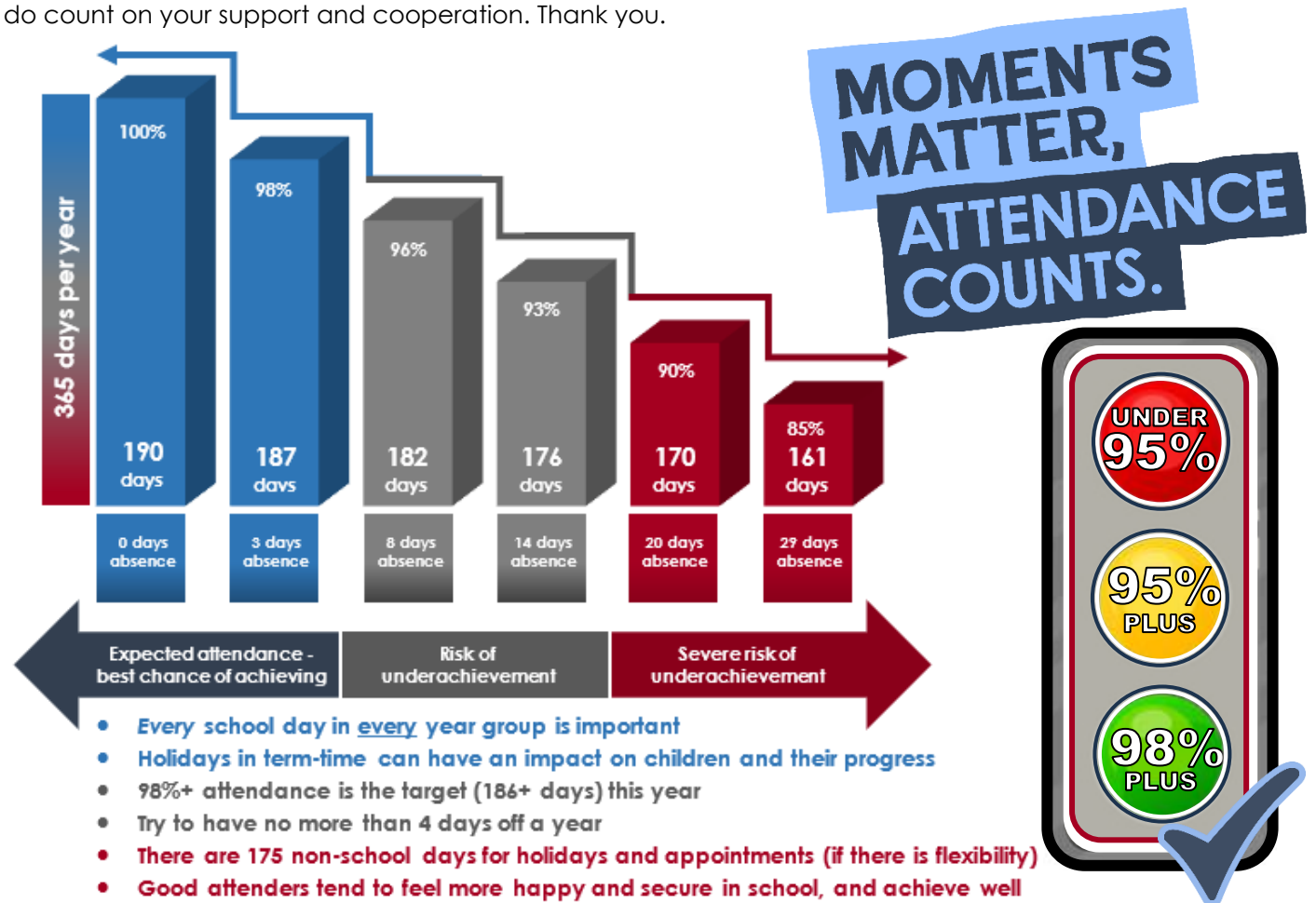
For the children in **Y4**, there will be a national multiplication tables screening, and much is being done to support each of them. Attendance is key so that they do not miss important opportunities unnecessarily.

The children in **Y1**, **Y2**, **Y3**, **Y4** and **Y5** will, throughout June, have their writing continuously assessed internally, in a way that aligns with what happens in **Y6**.

### Attendance

The key message is that attendance every day, really does matter, all year, and especially at this time. It should therefore be no surprise that overall, those children with the best attendance feel more confident; learn and retain more; and tend to do better in assessments. Absence leads to children feeling more anxious and worrying about friends and falling behind. We know this because this is what they tell us.

Aside from the fact that the government now sees the improvement of punctuality and attendance as national priorities, introducing new penalties and demanding that local authorities clamp down, the fact is that being at school, every day, when children are well, is just good for them. Avoiding unnecessary absences, including term-time holidays and odd days here and there, really is in your children's best interests, and so we do count on your support and cooperation. Thank you.





Term 4 Attendance			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y6	99.4%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y4	97.4%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y3	97.1%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	96.5%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	94.2%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	93.3%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	91.0%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 95.6%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y6	93%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5	91%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	FS2	84%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	74%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	67%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	65%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	58%
Average = 76%		

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



**READING FOR PLEASURE**

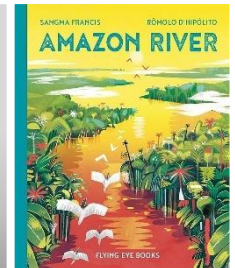
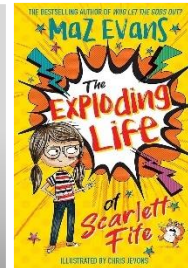
“The more you read the more things you know.  
The more that you learn the more places you'll go.”  
-Dr. Seuss

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

These are our latest feature books:

- **The Exploding Life of Scarlett Fife: Book 1**
  - o Maz Evans
- **Amazon River – Earth's Incredible Places**
  - o Sangma Francis

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



**Beat Your Best!**

This week's BYB challenge is development on the on from last week.

Last time, you had to take a step back after each throw of the ball, but this time the Sports Majors want to know how far apart you can be whilst passing the football in a controlled way to one another.

Be careful, if the ball doesn't reach your partner, then you must start again! Find us on the playground this week to see how well you can do, and whether you manage to beat your best! Please click [here](#). Thank you.



**SJF Sports Day 2024**

A reminder that our Sports Day takes place **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. Important information shared about the day can be found by clicking this [link](#). Children will have cold, sandwich-based lunches provided by school or brought in from home.



**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.



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### Our Catholic Life



#### Weekly Celebration of the Word

Our next one takes place until **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024** because of 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](#).



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)



## 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.

#### 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...

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

**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.



#### 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**.










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### Golden Children!

- FS2**  **Julia** for working really hard throughout our minibeast topic and for remembering lots of interesting facts! Keep it up!
- Y1**  **Ceci** for being such an enthusiastic learner, even when she finds things difficult, she will keep trying and not give up!
- Y2**  **Henry** for working really hard to stay focused whilst on the carpet and for setting a good example to the other children.
- Y3**  **Max** for having a super week – he worked well as part of a team and listened carefully to the instructions for the task. You are getting ready for Y4!
- Y4**  **Caleb** for working hard to improve the presentation of his work across all subjects. He has also taken great care to check his spellings with a dictionary. Congratulations!
- Y5**  **Roman** for trying hard to engage more actively in lessons. It has been great to see Roman putting up his hand and joining in with class discussions more!
- Y6**  Our **Y6** pupils for the resilience, hard work and determination that they have each shown in preparing for and taking their statutory assessments this week. We are very proud of you!

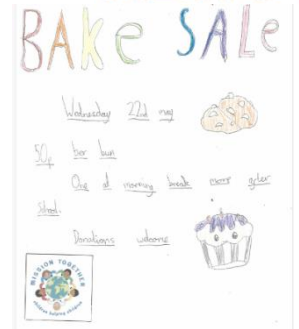
### Writing Champions!

- FS2**  **Selena** for writing lovely sentences in our phonics lessons!
- Y1**  **George** for working so hard on making his handwriting so neat, we are so proud and his work is a pleasure to mark!
- Y2**  **Jasper** for writing a fantastic letter to his crayons following our 'The Day the Crayons Quit' story. Jasper included a brilliant question and is trying to use smaller finger spaces. Well done!
- Y3**  **Dylan** for creating a super piece of writing in our History lesson all about the Wincobank Hill Fort! Well done!
- Y4**  **Jan** for working so hard to improve his writing, including his handwriting and the general presentation of his work. His efforts are paying off! Congratulations!
- Y5**  **Ameila** for trying hard when writing her narrative poem based on 'The Highwayman'. We can't wait to read her finished version. Well done!
- Y6**  **Hugo** for the excellent expositions that he has written related to our history and geography learning, recently.

### Maths Champions!

- FS2**  **Zuzanna** for great number work on doubles and for making 10. Absolutely brilliant!
- Y1**  **Vilma** for managing to do some great work measuring objects around the classroom. Well done!
- Y2**  **Sofia** for putting in a special effort with her maths work at school and at home. Keep it up!
- Y3**  **Arya** for great work on angles. She is a super angle seeker!
- Y4**  **Jack** for working very hard in our maths lessons this week as we continue our focus on decimals. Well done, Jack, keep up the good work!
- Y5**  **Charlotte** is going from strength to strength in maths. She is growing in confident and can reason very well!
- Y6**  **Katie** for the tireless hard work she has put into preparing for her maths statutory tests. Well done!





**St Andrew's House Charity Fund Raising: Bake Sale**

St Andrew's House is 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)). Regardless of whether achievements are big or small, we are happy to share and celebrate our children's good news!

- **Ceci** in **Y1** achieved her 20m swimming badge, recently! What a great achievement! Well done, Ceci!
- **Leon** in **Y2** participated in Peterborough Open Olympic Wrestling Competition recently. He did extremely well, considering it was his first British Wrestling event. He faced three opponents and scored 2 takedowns. Congratulations, Leon, what great achievements!

**Statement of Belief**

Our 'Statement of Belief' is, **"I understand what trust means."**

**Time to talk:** What is trust? Using a dictionary look up its meaning. 'Trust' is something very special that comes from the love and respect one person has for another. It is to be treasured.

Trust is important for learning because children are challenged to trust the grown-ups in school who are there to help them learn and step out of their comfort zones, as they develop new skills. They also trust grown-ups in school if they have a worry ball and need to tell, tell, tell.

What would school be like *without* trust? Can people be *proper* friends if there is no trust? Why does Jesus call us to trust in Him, especially when we struggle and life seems hard?

**Trust is earned when actions meet words.**

Chris Butler

John 14:1  
Do not let your hearts be troubled.

**TRUST IN GOD**

"THIS MORNING, HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT SCHOOL... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!"

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

HM Government  
Head to the Education Hub to find out more.

NHS

