

SJF NEWS



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Citizen of the Week

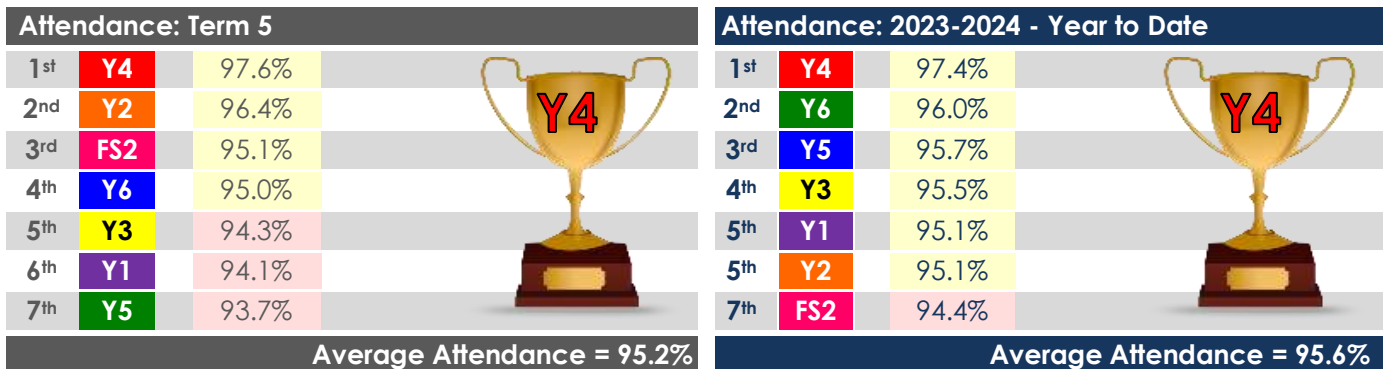
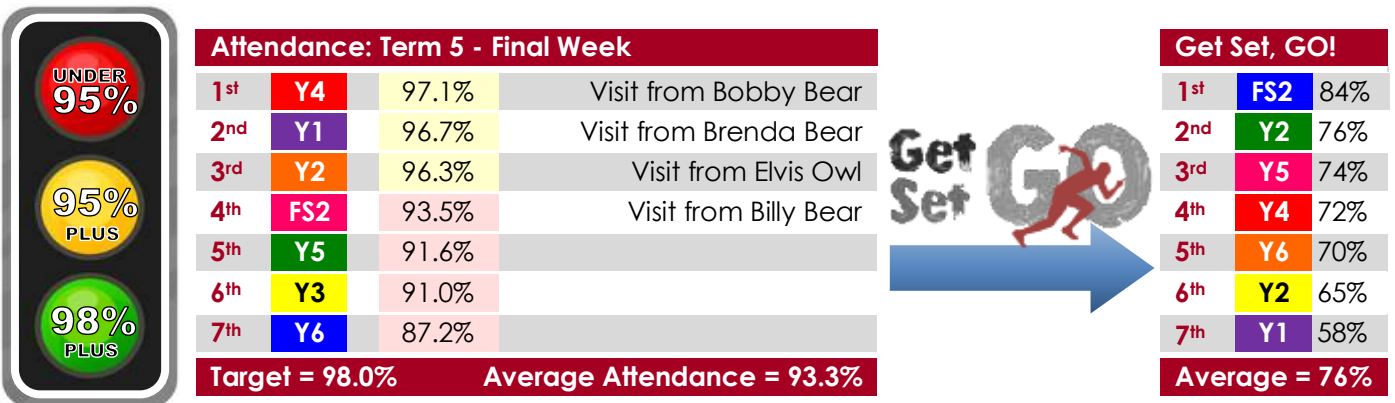
This week's award was presented to **Aadvik** in **Y2** for understanding what trust is, in line with our Statement of Belief. Since joining us, Aadvik has had to get used to so many different things, including living in a new country; getting used to a different school system, language and even the great British weather. Rather than be overawed, Aadvik has tried hard to embrace everything positively. He has trusted the grownups and other children who have helped him to settle. Even though there have been times of struggle, Aadvik has tried hard to remain positive, and the trust that he has had in others – and that they have had in him – has enabled him to thrive. Congratulations, Aadvik, what a great example you are! We are all so proud of you!

Term 5 Final Smiley Scores



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Congratulations to the members of St David's House, our Term 5 champions!



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Reading for Pleasure: Our Latest Feature Books of the Week



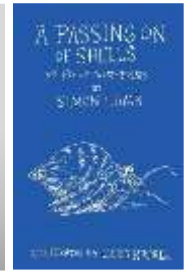
READING FOR PLEASURE

"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:

- **Mountains (Earth's Landforms)**
 - o Lisa Amstutz
- **A Passing On of Shells: 50 Fifty-Word Poems**
 - o Simon Lamb



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



Beat Your Best!

This week's Beat Your Best is a fun game called 'Golden River'. The aim of the game is to cross a marked point in our 'Beat Your Best' area without being caught. Anyone who is caught has to go back to the beginning and start again.

How many times will you be able to cross the golden river? Will you manage to beat your best? Find us to find out. Good luck!

Please click [here](#) to view another video demonstration led by our Sports Majors. Thank you.



SJF Sports Day 2024

Due to the threat of bad weather we took the decision to change the plan, conscious that some might appreciate an earlier notification about changes to plans. On the day the scheduled Festival of Sport went ahead, with the afternoon competitions being postponed until **Thursday 20th June**, instead. Details of the schedule have not been changed, and can be viewed [here](#).

Here is a message from Mrs Broadhead, our lead for PE

What a fantastic 'Festival of Sports' we all enjoyed! The children took part in mixed-age teams representing different countries from around the world. There was a carousel of ten different activities organised for the children to try, with each designed to test different skills. Throughout all the children were encouraged to demonstrate our school values of: determination, honesty, respect, passion, teamwork and self-belief.

Everyone was fabulous - some great individual and team performances! Everyone had fun and there was lots of laughter too! A massive 'well done' to our overall winning team, the USA, and we congratulate our individual winners for demonstrating, so well, each of our school values. Thanks also goes to our amazing staff and volunteers! It could not have gone ahead without their tremendous support!

A huge and well-deserved 'thank you' must also go to Mrs Broadhead for all her hard work in organising another brilliant festival. I am so grateful to her because it was a real celebration of our special community. Children of all ages coming together; helping and encouraging one another through their successes and misses; trying new things; just having a go. For more photos please click [here](#) and [here](#).





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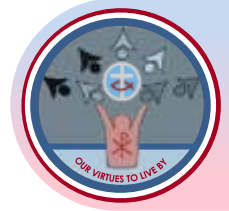


Our Catholic Life



Weekly Celebration of the Word

Our next 'Celebration of the Word' takes place on **Thursday 6th June 2024**. It will be led by our **Y6** pupils and we invite our **Y6** families and friends to join us in the hall at 9.00am. Films of these Celebrations of the Word can be viewed online [here](#). Thank you.



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)



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 June Gathering Song

I believe in God, the Father -
I believe in God, the Son!
I believe in God, the Spirit!
God is three – and God is one.



Virtues to Live By

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



Our June Prayer: 'The Gloria'

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will

We praise you,
We bless you,
We adore you,
We glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father,
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
Have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father.

Amen.



SJF Feast Day Mass

The feast of St John Fisher, our patron, is on Saturday 22nd June 2024. We will mark this, as we do every year, with a special feast day Mass on **Wednesday 19th June 2024**, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. This special Mass of Thanksgiving will be led by the young people of **Y3** and start at **10.00am**. All are welcome!

Any SJF pupils who have made their First Holy Communion this year are invited to wear their special First Holy Communion clothes during Mass, if they wish.



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The First Holy communicants, wishing to do so, should come to school wearing their school uniform and bring their special clothes with them. The children getting changed will have private spaces in which to get ready, supervised by school staff. Parents/carers are allowed to come in to school in order to help their own children to get ready and should speak to colleagues in the school office first, if this is what they would like to do. On the day they should report to the school office at 9.20am. They can also come back in to school after Mass to help their children to get changed back in to their school uniform. Thank you.



Non-Uniform Day

There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 21st June 2024**, as a special feast day 'thank you' to all our children for everything they do to make our school the special and welcoming place that it is.

Pupil Voice

SJF School Council

Here's a word from Ava, a **Y6** councillor and this year's secretary.



We're coming towards the end of the school year and it will soon be time for next year's councillors to be elected. Next term, we are planning to talk to the other children before the elections to explain why the School Council is so important, and to give them advice on how councillors can represent the views of the children in their classes.

SJF Eco Team News

The children have worked hard this year, putting plans in place for the future. these include:

- ✓ installing a 'Swift Brick'
- ✓ planting wildflower seeds to attract pollinators
- ✓ working on helping us to finish our new wildlife area
- ✓ finding out if the council can do more to make it easier for schools to recycle



Their aim is to help make our school more sustainable and environmentally friendly whilst sharing positive messages about the things we can all do to help. In order to put these ambitious plans into practice, they are working hard to think of some creative fundraising ideas and are very excited to have been invited to have their own stall at the forthcoming PTFA Friday Fayre!

The team is already having some amazing thoughts about how to make the most of this great opportunity. Katie in **Y6** has share this on behalf of the team: **"We are very excited to run our Eco Team stall at the Summer Fayre. We have discussed ideas and voted on an Eco-Themed stall – we can't wait to get fundraising!"** The Friday Fayre will take place after school on the 28th June 2024, and we sincerely hope that you will be able to join us. If you can support our PTFA on the day, please email them (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you.



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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Golden Children!

- FS2** **Isabelle** for trying hard in the SJF Festival of Sports! She joined in, demonstrating great enthusiasm and made a big effort. Well done!
- Y1** **Gabby** for participating so well in our Sports Festival, she really did try hard and was a super team player!
- Y2** **Leon** for giving his all and for showing how much he loves sport! He showed great passion and determination, and impressed us all!
- Y3** **Enzo** for being such a determined young man with all his work tasks this week. Well done!
- Y4** **Kristian** for working very hard and for always trying his best! We are so impressed!
- Y5** **Louis** for trying hard to improve his concentration and for demonstrating even greater determination to achieve his goals and complete his tasks. Well done, Louis, keep it up!
- Y6** **Florence** for the quiet determination that she has displayed in her learning since September. It has been so impressive!

Writing Champions!

- FS2** **Georgie** for working really hard with all her letter and number formation activities! So impressive!
- Y1** **Rosa** for making such fantastic progress in her writing! She has not stopped trying hard and all her hard work is really paying off! We are so proud of you, Rosa!
- Y2** **Vaani** for making such a tremendous improvement in her handwriting! Vaani has been working very hard and all her efforts are really starting to pay off!
- Y3** **Nathan** for writing a fabulous science exposition related to his learning about light. It was fantastic!
- Y4** **Marlene** for working very hard to improve her handwriting in all subjects, and particularly in RE and English. She recently wrote a beautiful diary entry in RE. Well done Marlene, keep up the great work!
- Y5** **Florence** for her hard work on her version of the famous 'Highwayman' poem. She tried hard to use ambitious language and with lots of wonderful description included. Well done, Flo!
- Y6** **Luca** for the beautiful piece of work that he has produced on the Maya civilization this week. It was incredible! Well done!

Maths Champions!

- FS2** **Reyan** for using and applying some great mathematical skills in order to work out doubles and halves! What a star!
- Y1** **Amelia** for doing so well using appropriate mathematical language in the topic on mass. She was even able to put the key words in to sentences, using them in context, correctly! Well done, Amelia!
- Y2** **Lydia** for trying hard to build and develop the confidence to have a go, and be more independent in maths work! Well done!
- Y3** **Ivy** for being a great 'angle-hunter', and for showing understanding of what perpendicular and parallel lines are. Well done!
- Y4** **Julia** for working very hard in maths this week as we continue to focus on decimals. She has shown herself to be a very resilient learner and is doing so well! Well done!
- Y5** **Nahom** for working very hard in maths this year. We are all very proud of the progress he made.
- Y6** **Amelie** for demonstrating, consistently, an excellent work ethic in our maths lessons. What a fantastic example you are! we are so proud of you!

House Charity Fund Raising

St Andrew's House

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent fundraising effort of St Andrew's House, in support of the important work of the mission Together charity, by entering the drawing competition of contributing to (or buying from) the cake sale.



St David's House

Can you help us support the great work of CAFOD by finding an item for each letter of the alphabet that will fit into a matchbox?

Make, decorate and write your name and class on the box. Place your items in the box, remembering to list them in alphabetical order. Collect your sponsorship money and return it all to school by **Friday 14th June 2024**. There will be one winner per class, earning an incredible 50 smilies towards their overall House total!



SJF Healthy Minds Podcast

Please click this [link](#) to view **episode 4** of our podcast, featuring Archie and Jake. In this episode, they are joined by their special guest, Zoe Brownley, who leads the Sheffield Healthy Minds partnership.

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!

- **Drew** in **Y4** for being awarded both the 'Players' Player' award and the 'Parent's Player' award, along with a whole-team award, recently from his football team! Outstanding achievements, Drew, well done!
- **Kristian** in **Y4** reached the required standard to be awarded **purple** from Powers Martial Arts! Congratulations, Kristian, we are all very proud of you!
- **Renae** in **Y4** received *both* the 'Respect' and 'Parent's Player of the Season' awards at her football team's presentation evening, recently! Amazing and deserved achievements, Renae! Congratulations to you!
- **Alana** in **Y6** competed in her first solo beginner ice-skating competition recently, achieving an extremely impressive third place in the process! Such a fantastic achievement, Alana, congratulations!

Staff News

After ten wonderful years, Mrs Holloway will leave us at the end of the school year to take up an exciting new position much closer to home. We thank her, sincerely, for the enormous contribution she has made to our journey during this time, and for all the children and families that she has taught and supported. We will share more later, but, in the meantime, we will focus on ensuring that Mrs Holloway enjoys her final term with us.

Statement of Belief

At the start of Term 6 our 'Statement of Belief' will be **"I notice we are the same and are different"**



Time to think: Our school community is diverse, made up of children from different backgrounds. It makes our SJF family special. We celebrate our diversity, giving thanks for the way it enriches our school and experiences. We know that we are all children of God, and so understand why it is important to treat others with respect.

Failing to listen and to respect difference, can lead to mistrust and war. It is important to both pray for peace and ensure that our school is a place where similarities and differences are understood and celebrated. Why do people struggle with difference?

