

SJF NEWS

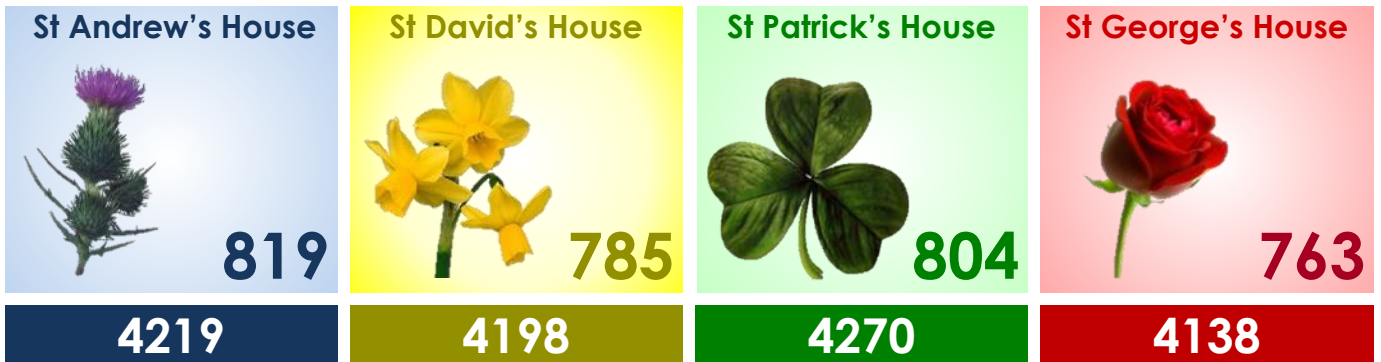


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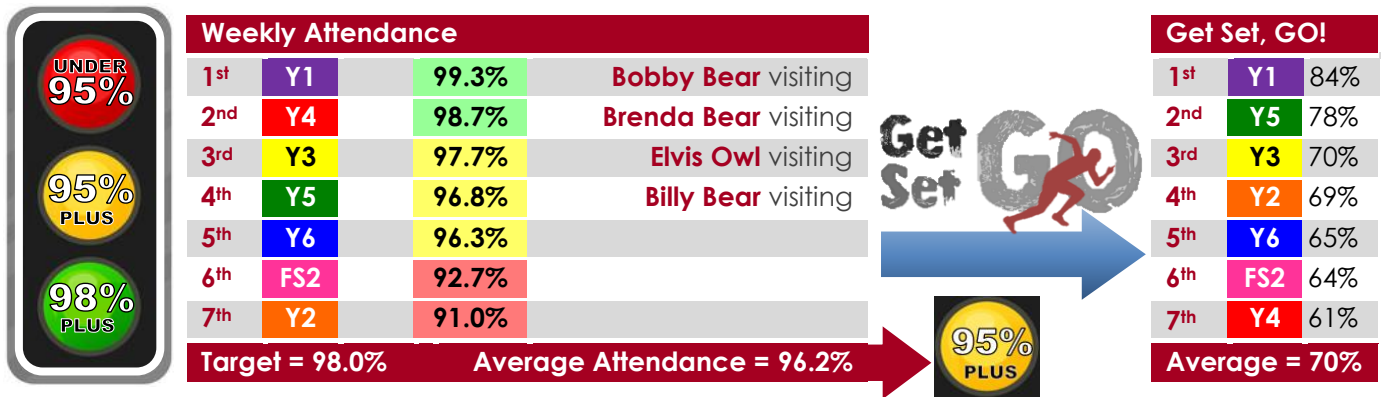
Citizen of the Week

This week our citizenship award goes to **Julia** in **Y4** who understands why it is important that people accept the forgiveness of others. She can be so kind to others, especially the younger children, and helpful around the classroom. If there have been occasional issues, she has both forgiven and accepted forgiveness and in doing so has set a wonderful example. It has been such a positive year for Julia in so many ways, and we congratulate and thank her. Well done, Julia!

Our Term 6 Smiley Scores



Attendance



Our Catholic Life

Weekly Celebration of the Word

Our next weekly Celebration of the Word will now take place in the new academic year. Next week we have our special **Y6** Leavers' Mass on **Monday 15th July 2024** at **7.00pm** as well as our Mass of Thanksgiving at **10.00am** on **Wednesday 17th July 2024**.

Our Virtues to Live By

Our current SJF virtues of focus is **service** in class assemblies and broader learning.

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)



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Our July Prayer: 'The Lord's Prayer'

Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done –

On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day,
Our daily bread,

As we forgive those trespass
against us -
And lead us not in to temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen

Our Late July Gathering Song

Rise and shine -
And give God the glory, glory!
Rise and shine -
And give God the glory, glory!

Rise and shine - and -
Give God the glory, glory...

Children of the Lord!



Diocese of Hallam

Our lady of Lourdes Parish News

Information about parish and Diocesan life, including the times of Masses and sacramental preparation can be found [here](#). To view the latest parish newsletter, please click [here](#). Thank you.



SJF Questionnaire 2023-24

Please click [here](#) to view the outcomes from the recent parent/carer questionnaire. Thanks.

SJF Euros Day 2024

On Sunday evening the England national men's football team will play in the final of the prestigious 2024 UEFA European Championships. It is the first time that one of our UK home nations men's teams has made it through all the way to the final of a major football competition on foreign soil, and the second time in a row that England has made it to the final of the UEFA European Championship.



We know that many of our parents, carers and children will be watching the final, which will finish late. We have therefore decided that on Monday, school will start at the usual time, with JPAC's Breakfast Club carrying on as usual beforehand for those who use it, **but registration will be extended to 10.00am** for children who need to start slightly later.

This means that on Monday children can arrive from 7.00am if they attend the JPAC-run breakfast club, or at the usual time for school. However, if they have stayed up late in order to watch the match, and be part of this historic sporting moment, parents and carers also have the option to let their children stay in bed a little longer so that when they do arrive at school, they feel a bit more rested, refreshed and ready to learn.

We would rather this than children missing the whole day if they are tired when they first wake up.

We encourage you all to talk to your children about the significance of the event, so that they understand why it is special. Talk to them about the National Anthem, Germany (the host nation) and about how Britain has changed since the last time the men's team won in a major final - the World Cup in 1966. Talk about the different countries that have taken part and find them on maps. Find interesting facts about each.



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Discover what you can about Spain, the country, their football clubs, their national teams over the years and the current squad. Talk about what it will mean if England wins and also what it will mean if things do not go as we hope. These are all important lessons. Winning and losing is part of life, and in our school the children are encouraged to take the learning, positively, from both experiences.

We all, of course, very much hope for an England victory, emulating the Lioness' stunning victory in the women's Euros final on 31st July 2022. However, regardless of the result, our national team has achieved well, and sometimes against the odds. The manager, players and coaching team deserve full credit for their achievements; for doing well, for their positive attitudes; and for the way the way they have conducted themselves. The fans of all the qualifying nations, coming together peacefully in Germany with a shared passion for the beautiful game is, in itself, another great example to our children of how things can be.

Their self-belief, teamwork and hard work are all great examples to our children. The individual journeys of our manager and players also serve as inspiring examples to our children about the importance of chasing dreams, and working hard to achieve them. We all hope that their focus and pride are enough to bring it home.

To mark the achievements of the England team, Monday 15th July will be a special day of celebration! The children will have the option to dress in red and white, England kits or they can wear anything else they like, instead of school uniform.

Reminders

- ✓ The children of **Y6** will need to be dressed smartly in school uniform when they attend their **Leavers' Mass** at **7.00pm**, at Our Lady of Lourdes, that evening.
- ✓ Mondays are usually FS2 PE day, when the children would normally come to school wearing their PE uniform. On Monday the children do not have to wear PE uniform, but something suitable for physical activity e.g. football kits, tracksuits, shorts and top and trainers etc.
- ✓ All children are still invited to dress down on the last day of the school year (Friday 19th July) as planned.

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:
Throughout History

- **How We Lived in Ancient Times: Meet Everyday Children**
 - o Ben Hubbard
- **A Different Kind of Freedom: A Romani Story - Voices**
 - o Richard O'Neill

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



SJF Library & Reading Books

Please return any library or reading books to the school office as soon as possible. These are valuable resources, and expensive to replace. We need them so we can start to prepare for next year. Many thanks.



Golden Children!

- FS2** **Selena** for always trying her very best in class! She is so kind and polite and has worked especially hard with her reading and independent seaside writing! Well done!
- Y1** **Bobby** for listening brilliantly all the time! He understands what to do, completes his work so well, every time, because of his amazing listening skills! We are so proud of Bobby, he really is a great role-model!
- Y2** **Pedro** for showing genuine pride and joy for his peers' successes and achievements. He is always there to support his friends, and they all like him, very much, for it!
- Y3** **Lilah** for always being determined and ready to learn! She always demonstrates resilience! Well done!
- Y4** **Tilly** for being a great role-model in our class. She is a kind friend and always tries her best. Well done, Tilly. Keep up the good work!
- Y5** **Kayl** for being a great role-model in Y5. He always works hard and can be trusted to do anything. Well done, Kayl, what a star!
- Y6** **Isaac** for never giving up with his learning, and for working tirelessly in order to make progress. Well done! Absolutely fantastic!

Writing Champions!

- FS2** **Gigi** for always having ago at writing, independently, and for using her phonics knowledge in order to try and spell new and unfamiliar words! Well done!
- Y1** **Amelia** for her excellent writing in RE this week. Amelia now tries so hard to write with no help at all, and has made amazing progress! Well done, Amelia!
- Y2** **Ashwin** for showing determination to finish his writing to the best of his ability. Well done!
- Y3** **Arya** for writing some super adventure story sentences! Well done!
- Y4** **Kyrel** for continuing to work incredibly hard in order to improve his writing. He is now taking more care and showing pride in his work, inspiring others in class to do the same. Well done!
- Y5** **Aurelia** for creating a really beautiful and heartfelt prayer/poem in our RE lesson this week. She also presented it well. Fantastic. Well done!
- Y6** **Sofia** for writing a beautiful piece of dialogue and for the excellent standard of presentation of this, and all her work. Well done!

Maths Champions!

- FS2** **Tinashe** for his fantastic work on numbers to 20 and number patterns to 20. Well done!
- Y1** **George** for his super focus and work as we have explored money, this week! Well done, George!
- Y2** **George** has for demonstrating his great reasoning and investigative skills. Excellent work!
- Y3** **Noah** for making such a fantastic start to his maths investigation. Keep it up!
- Y4** **Matilda** for working so hard on her maths, and especially learning her multiplication tables. Her scores are improving every week! Well done, Matilda!
- Y5** **Amelia** for working hard to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000 this week. She could also explain her working out clearly. Well done!
- Y6** **William** for demonstrating such an impressive ability within maths this year, and for remaining so humble and kind throughout all of his maths achievements. A star!



ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Our Latest Beat Your Best Challenge!

This is the last ever BYB challenge from our current Sports Majors, before they leave us, and it is a **running bean bag toss**.

They are challenging you all, for one last time, to see how far you can throw a bean bag following a running start. How far will you manage? Will you throw the beanbag the furthest? Will you beat your best?



We thank this year's amazing Sports Majors, Bella Luca, Poppy and Zayd - and their trusty cameraman, Alfie. They have been outstanding! We thank Miss Raynes, who has supported and encouraged them this year too. Please click [here](#) to watch their last ever BYB video demonstration.

Pupil Voice

As the year draws to a close, we begin to look forward to the year ahead and engaging children with the various pupil voice groups that we have in school.

SJF Healthy Minds Team Update

Introducing our Healthy Minds Champions for 2024-2025



School Council Update (Mr MacInnes)

During the recent transition days, the children in Years 1-5 elected two new school councillors to represent them on the SJF School Council, in the new academic year (2024-2025). The SJF School Council serves as a valuable forum through which the views and ideas of our children can be shared, debated and sometimes implemented.

We now look forward to the **Y6** hustings and whole-school general election in September, when the four senior positions on the council will be elected. In our school we want as many children to engage with our pupil voice groups as possible. Children can be school councillors twice between **Y1** to **Y5** but not in consecutive years. In their final year, the slate is wiped clean and all children can stand for election to one of the four senior council positions regardless of how many times they have been elected previously.





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STEEL CITY CHORISTERS AUDITIONS

DO YOU KNOW A CHILD WHO LOVES TO SING?

For children Y2 - Y13 and adults with good sight-reading skills.



**AUDITIONS:
MONDAY 2ND
SEPTEMBER 2024**

BY APPOINTMENT
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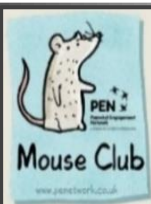
SJF Curriculum Showcase

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our summer showcase, this week, it was great to see so many of you. The hall was very busy, especially during the afternoon session. The children were really excited to share their work and talk about their learning. The standard was very high, as always, and a number of parents/carers commented that they were very impressed.



I would like to thank my colleagues for engaging the children so positively with their learning, and of course, the children themselves, for being so enthusiastic! Thank you to our friends from the PTFA for providing refreshments too. It was a true celebration of great teaching and learning in our school community!

Please check the news section on the homepage ([here](#)) for photos, with more to be added shortly.



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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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). We love to share and celebrate our children's good news!

- **Leo** in **Y1** received the 'Man-of-the-Match' medal last Sunday, after playing well for his team, Eckington boys. He was brilliant and saved lots of goals. Congratulations. Leo, fantastic news!
- **Max** in **Y5** competed in his first Speed Cubing (like Rubik's cubes) competition in Wakefield recently, managing to do very well against record-breaking competitors! Fantastic news, Max, well done!

End of Year Reports & SATs Results

Reports will be emailed home this week, so please make sure that we have your up-to-date details. The SATs results, which are looking very positive, will also be sent home. We have delayed sharing them as we have been checking the papers and scores for a number of pupils and want to release them all at the same time.

Earrings and Trainers

We really need all of you to support our uniform policy. It is an important part of what makes our school special. Help is available for those needing support, and we ask that you speak to us in confidence.

School Shoes

Children are expected to wear proper black shoes to school. Trainers or pumps must be worn on PE days as part of the PE uniform, these do not have to be black. Trainers *can* be worn at play time to protect school shoes, for example, if the child is playing sports, though they must have their shoes with them to change back in to for lessons. When buying uniform for the new school year please do **not** substitute school shoes for expensive black trainers or pumps. Our school uniform really is important to us, it is something the school is known and respected for. Thank you, in anticipation of your support.

Earrings

Our policy on earrings is clear – they cannot be worn to school. If you want to get your child's ear(s) pierced please wait for the very beginning of the summer holiday, to have it done, so they are healed and sorted in time for the new term, in September. Thank you.

Staff News

At the end of the year Mrs Prentice and Miss Luxton will be leaving us in order to take up exciting new opportunities elsewhere. Mrs Prentice will be returning to the nursery sector and Miss Luxton will be taking up a full time and permanent teaching assistant position in a new school. We will share more in the next newsletter, though it goes without saying that both are very special and valued members of our community, and will be missed by us all. They will leave with our sincere thanks, prayers and best wishes for the future.

Please [click here](#).
Thank you

