

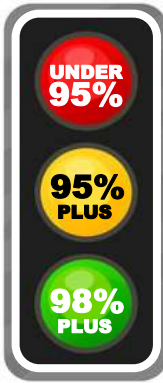
SJF NEWS



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Citizen of the Week

Santa in School Day meant that there was no Celebration Assembly today. Awards will resume in Term 3.



Weekly Attendance			
1st	Y5	99.0%	Bobby Bear visiting
2nd	Y6	98.7%	Brenda Bear visiting
3rd	Y1	97.9%	Elvis Owl visiting
4th	Y3	97.5%	Billy Bear visiting
4th	Y4	97.5%	Billy Bear visiting
6th	Y2	96.4%	
7th	FS2	92.5%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 97.2%	



Get Set, GO!		
1st	Y1	78%
2nd	FS2	74%
3rd	Y2	68%
4th	Y6	65%
5th	Y3	60%
6th	Y5	59%
7th	Y4	58%
Average = 66%		



Be in to Win!

Here is a message from Mr Murphy

This week the randomiser selected **Y2**. The randomiser then selected a winner from all the children who had been in, on time, every day that week. Our final Term 2 winner selected a popper pencil case as her prize and was very delighted with her choice.

Another 'Be in to Win' winner will be selected randomly in the first week so remember don't just be in – be in on time!

Attendance: Term 2 Overall		
1st	Y2	97.3%
1st	Y4	97.3%
3rd	Y6	96.8%
4th	Y1	96.7%
5th	Y3	95.7%
6th	Y5	94.2%
7th	FS2	92.9%
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 95.8%



Attendance: 2024-25 (Year-To-Date)		
1st	Y4	97.0%
2nd	Y2	96.9%
3rd	Y6	96.6%
4th	Y5	95.5%
5th	Y1	95.3%
6th	Y3	92.6%
7th	FS2	91.7%
Target 98.0%		Overall Attendance = 95.1%



Our Catholic Life

Weekly Celebration of the Word

We thank the pupils of **Y5** for leading this week's Celebration of the Word. It was the last one of 2024. Our next Celebration of the Word, led by the young people of **Y4**, takes place on **Thursday 16th January 2025**.

We invite our **Y4** families and friends to join us at 9.00am in the hall. Thank you.



Our Virtues to Live By

In our Tuesday 'Virtues' class assemblies, the children will begin with a focus on **faith**.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Citizenship Statement of Belief Assembly (Headteacher) <hr/> 'Virtues to Live By' Class Assemblies (Years 2 to 6)	'Virtues to Live By' Story Circle (FS2)	Themed Assembly (Teacher-Led)	Weekly Celebration of the Word (Class-Led) <hr/> 'Virtues to Live By' Class Assembly (Year 1)	Celebration Assembly (School Leaders) <hr/> Chaplains' Celebrations (all Years)

Our New January Prayer: *The Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world - grant us peace.

Our Gathering Song: *Praise to You, O my Lord*

Laudate si O mi signore
 Laudate si O mi signore
 Laudate si O mi signore...



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Our Lady of Lourdes Parish News

Information about parish life, including Mass times and parish events can be found [here](#). Please click [here](#) for the parish newsletter.



New Year Mass

We come together for our first school Mass of the year on **Friday 10th January 2025**, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Fr Bede will celebrate Mass at 10.00am, and the liturgy will be led by the young people of **Y6**. Please join us as we give thanks and pray for God's mercy and blessings for the year ahead.

SJF Nativity Plays 2024

Thank you to everyone who attended the performances of this year's **FS2** and **Y1/Y2** nativity plays. Both were fantastic, and everyone was extremely proud of the children for sharing the Christmas story with such gusto and joy! They were all magnificent!



We thank the staff and everyone involved in the production of the plays, for their encouragement and support of the children and behind the scenes too, including preparing the hall, the stage and backdrop; sorting the costumes; selling raffle tickets; and serving refreshments to parents/carers waiting to watch the FS2 play.

SJF Nativity Photographs

- **FS2** (The Sleepy Shepherd!) – click [here](#)
- **Y1/Y2** (It's a Party!) – click [here](#)

Please note that videos of both nativity plays will be uploaded to our website (and shared) in due course.



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SJF Community Carol Service 2024

We thank everyone involved in organising and preparing the children for this year's magnificent Key Stage 2 Community Carol Service. The children shared their personal perspectives of different aspects of the nativity story.

We thank Fr Bede for allowing us to use the church as well as our other parish friends who enabled us to access the church in order to practise. We thank the family and friends who were able to join us as well as the PTFA who laid on refreshments for everyone in the school hall afterwards. We also recognise the great work of some of our older SJF chaplains for their support too.

Finally, we thank all the children in Years 3 to 6 for making the service so special with their beautiful readings and singing. We are so proud of them all. Please click this [link](#) to view a recording of the service.



Santa in School Day 2024

On the final day of Term 2, Santa visited our school! The day began with Santa waving from the roof shortly after he had landed! Everyone was so excited! The children visited a special Christmas fayre with their buddies, which was full of wonderful things to buy, make and do - before going to see Santa in his grotto.

It was such a special day because of all the hard work and detailed planning of our great friends from the PTFA, supported so brilliantly by their volunteer elves! These included parents/carers and some former pupils who had been given permission by All Saints Catholic High School to support our PTFA and this great event!

I would like to thank the brilliant Santa, our fantastic PTFA committee and all the volunteers for their hard work in both the lead up, and on the day itself. Please click [here](#) and check out the 'News' section for photographs taken on this special day. Special events like this, take planning and teamwork. If you would like to get involved and help our PTFA continue making such a positive difference, please click [here](#) to find out more about them. You can use this [link](#) to email the committee directly if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. All ideas and offers of help are as welcomed. Thank you.

Reading for Pleasure: Our Latest Feature Books of the Week



Please click [here](#) to view our full 24-25 SJF Book List. These are our latest feature books of the week:

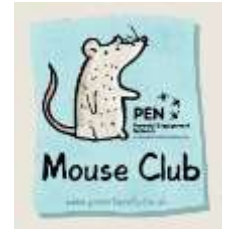
- **Meet the Weather**
 - o Caryl Hart
- **Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet**
 - o Zanib Mian

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



FS2 Mouse Club Newsletter

Please click [here](#) to access last week's FS2 Mouse Club newsletter, which covered two weeks. Don't forget to share your learning via our 'Tapestry' tool so we can talk about learning at home, in class. Thank you.



Reminder: SJF Shared Curriculum Opportunities

Shared Maths Challenge Sessions

Tuesday 14th January 2025

- for parents/carers of children in **FS2 Y1 Y2**
- limited places must be booked beforehand
- refreshments in the school hall from 9.00am

Wednesday 15th January 2025

- for parents/carers of children in **Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6**
- limited places must be booked beforehand
- refreshments in the school hall from 9.00am

Achievements outside of School

Please send us details of your children's achievements outside of school via our enquiries@st-johnfisher.org email address so we can share and celebrate their good news!

- **Freya** in **Y5** received the 'Gold Award' in brownies by achieving the 'Skill Builders' and 'Interest' badges. It was her last night before moving up to guides. Congratulations, Freya, we are all very proud of you.

Statement of Belief

Our 'statement to live by' is '**I try to love others as I love myself**'

Time to talk: Why do some people think that they are better than others? What happens when people put themselves above others? Are these people right to think they are better? How would our world be different if everyone one was fairer and kinder? Would our world feel safer? happier?



Staff Update

Mr Hobson

At the end of term we bade a fond farewell to Mr Hobson who has taken up an exciting new role supporting families in Derbyshire. Mr Hobson has been with us for almost two years, and had become a key member of the team, supporting learning in class and on a one-to-one basis, and also as a phonics and reading tutor. He has made a hugely positive difference to our community and leaves with all our prayers and best wishes.

Mrs Hambleton & Mr Folmer

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Hambleton back to our SJF family after a period of recuperation following planned surgery at the start of the academic year. During her absence her role was covered by Mr Folmer, who settled in to the team brilliantly and has made a hugely positive contribution, whilst covering Y4. We thank him for his hard work and dedication and we all wish him well in his future endeavours.

Miss Raynes

Miss Raynes will leave us on Friday 17th January 2025 when she commences a new Masters course. We are therefore in the process of recruiting a suitable replacement, and have secured the services of a temporary teaching assistant, who has worked with us previously, as an interim measure.

Finally...

I would like to thank my dedicated **colleagues** for their tremendous hard work and dedication during a particularly busy term. We thank our **Governors** for their incredible support, as well as our wonderful **PTFA** for all they have done to enhance school life for our children. We thank **Fr Bede** and our friends from the **parish** for their prayers, friendship and ongoing support. We thank our **volunteers**, the **Trust**, **Learn Sheffield** and all our **families** for their support too. Finally, we thank our **children**, for all they bring – for their gifts and their light.

