

SJF NEWS

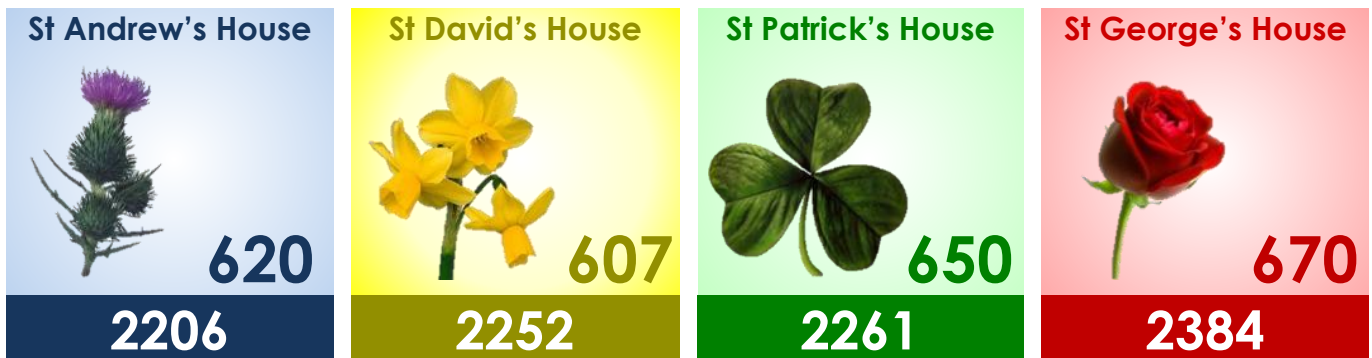


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Citizen of the Week

This week's citizenship award was presented to **Harry** in **Y3**, for knowing that we can learn from our mistakes. Whether the mistake is linked with his learning or his choices, Harry understands that mistakes will happen from time to time. He knows that it is how he responds that matters. Being willing to learn from mistakes (and staying positive throughout) help him to be a *fearless* learner rather than a *fearful* one. Well done, Harry!

Term 4 Smilies



Weekly Attendance			
1 st	Y6	97.1%	Bobby Bear visiting
2 nd	Y2	97.0%	Brenda Bear visiting
3 rd	Y4	96.5%	Elvis Owl visiting
4 th	Y1	95.8%	Billy Bear visiting
5 th	Y5	95.4%	
6 th	Y3	94.1%	
7 th	FS2	92.8%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 95.5%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	FS2	73%
1 st	Y1	73%
3 rd	Y5	68%
4 th	Y4	63%
5 th	Y6	62%
6 th	Y2	61%
7 th	Y3	54%
Average = 65%		



Be in to Win!

This week the randomiser selected **FS2** to be the focus class for 'Be in to Win'. All the children who arrived on time on **Wednesday** were entered in the draw. The wheel landed on our winner who then chose a prize from the prize box. Remember, to be in with a chance of winning a prize, children have to be in school, on time, on the day of the draw. Who will be next week's prize winner?



Our Catholic Life

Weekly Celebration of the Word

Thank you to the children of **Y1** who led this week's Celebration of the Word, supported by a few of their **Y5** buddies. Our next Celebration of the Word on **Thursday 27th March 2025**, will be led by the children of **Y2** and we invite their families and friends to join us at in the hall at 9.00am.

Our Virtues to Live By

In our 'Virtues' class assemblies, the children are focusing on **forgiveness**.



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Friday 21st March 2025




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



Parishes of St Theresa and Our Lady of Lourdes with St Anthony


Our Lady of Lourdes Parish News
Information about Mass times, events during Lent, confession and parish life can be found [here](#). Please click [here](#) to view the parish newsletter.



Our Lenten Prayer

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore, I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.



Our Gathering Song

*Oh Lord hear my prayer
Oh Lord hear my prayer
When I call, answer me.
Oh Lord hear my prayer
Oh Lord hear my prayer
Come, and listen to me.*

Lent Class Reflections

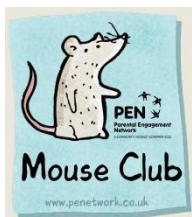
A reminder that during Lent there will be reflections in classes up to **Wednesday 26th March 2025**. We invite parents/carers to join us, please book through the School Office first and arrive by **3.00pm** if attending, thank you.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	FS2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	FS2 Y1 Y2 Y5 Y6	FS2 Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4	No visitors

SJF Community Passion Service 2025

A reminder that our annual passion service, involving children in Years **Y3**, **Y4** and **Y5**, will take place on **Thursday 17th April 2025** (Maundy Thursday) in **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**, starting at **2.00pm**.



FS2 Mouse Club Newsletter

You will be able to find the latest edition of the FS2 Mouse Club newsletter by clicking [here](#). The newsletter links to the children's learning in the last week of Term 4. Please remember to use Tapestry to share what you do together at home, and it will be celebrated by the children with classmates, during 'Tapestry Time'.



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Children and Sleep – Key Information

Please click [here](#) for information produced to support parents/carers by our partners from the Sheffield Healthy Minds Team with their questions about healthy sleep.

Reading for Pleasure: Our Latest Feature Books of the Week



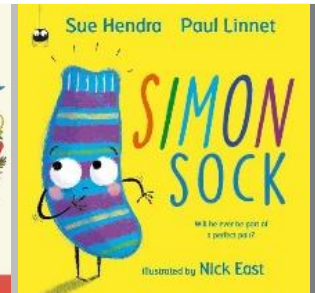
READING FOR PLEASURE

“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 24-25 SJF Book List. These are our latest feature books of the week:

- **Just So Stories – Puffin Classics**
 - Rudyard Kipling
- **Simon Sock**
 - Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet

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



ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Beat Your Best Challenge!

The latest 'Beat Your Best Challenge' designed by our Sports Majors uses a rugby ball, and is aimed at developing throwing skills. The aim of the challenge is to pass the rugby ball in groups of three or in pairs, accurately and under control.

How many passes can the group manage in 30 seconds? The challenge can be increased/decreased by:

- increasing or decreasing the distance between pairs/threes
- increasing or decreasing the time they have to make as many passes as they can

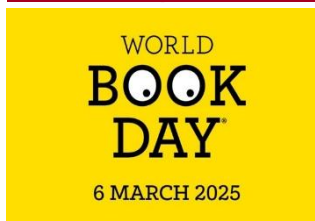
Can also think of your own *additional* challenges? Please find the Sports Majors on the playground at break-time and have a go. Will you beat your best? You can also think of your own extra challenges. Click [here](#) to check out the demonstration and find the Sports Majors on the playground at break-time and have a go. Will you beat your best?



Meeting Reminder: The Oakes Residential

The parents/carers of children in **Y4** currently are invited to a meeting on **Monday 14th March 2025** at **3.30pm** in the **Y6** classroom. There will be an opportunity to find out more out the Y5 residential. Supervised child care will be provided.

WBD25: People Need People



Please click [here](#) to view a simple school performance of Benjamin Zephaniah's incredible poem, 'People Need People' for our World Book Day 2025 celebrations. Click [here](#) for more information about the book.










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Non-Uniform Day

There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 28th March 2025**, the very last day of Term 4, in support of the PTFA Rainbow Raffle 2025. Please click [here](#). Thank you.








Golden Children!

- FS2**  **Marcel** for trying really hard to join in during 'carpet time' by answering questions and sharing his thoughts and ideas. Well done!
- Y1**  **Gigi** for being an enthusiastic member of the class and trying hard in her work. A great example to others!
- Y2**  **Vilma** for being such an amazing helper around the classroom! She loves to help all the other children around her, and whenever there is a job to do, Vilma will be first to volunteer! What a star!
- Y3**  **Henry** for participating enthusiastically in class challenges, showing respect to others and trying hard to demonstrate our school values too. Well done!
- Y4**  **Joshua** for working so hard in English, whilst maintaining a positive mind-set and showing such determination too. Well done, Joshua!
- Y5**  **Kaius** for his growing resilience; for the determination he shows to succeed; and for becoming a role-model. Well done, Kaius!
- Y6**  **Jacob H** for the mature attitude shown when trying to find solutions to problems, and for the determination demonstrated to not let it affect his efforts and work. We are very proud of you, Jacob!

Writing Champions!

- FS2**  **Noelle** for trying really hard with her letter formation and writing in phonics. Good girl!
- Y1**  **Ellis** for writing sentences that matched pictures from 'The Three Little Pigs' story. Her handwriting was super and well punctuated and she remembered to read the sentences to ensure they made sense.
- Y2**  **Aria** for writing an amazing 'Great Fire of London' report, packed full with facts and figures. Her enthusiasm and love the topic really shines through!
- Y3**  **Abigail** for trying to expand her sentences and make them more impactful in her writing about Jesus' difficult time in the Garden of Gethsemane, just before his arrest.
- Y4**  **Enzo** for caring about his writing and for working very hard to expand his noun phrases in his writing this week. Well done, Enzo!
- Y5**  **Jack M** for his great work in our *information text* writing this week. Well done, Jack!
- Y6**  **Isabelle** for continuing to focus on the presentation of her work in our writing sessions. Her handwriting is improving with every written piece!

Maths Champions!

- FS2**  **Orla**, who has loved our focus on fairy-tales, managed to sort and order by size and *weight* different items Red Riding Hood's basket. Well done!
- Y1**  **Patricia** for working hard and independently using the *part-part-whole* strategy, when adding. Well done, Patricia.
- Y2**  **Esmæ** for being so eager to challenge herself during our mathematics lessons and for showing her enthusiasm by being the first to put her hand up to find out what the '*stretch it*' challenges are.
- Y3**  **Maya** for all the effort and enthusiasm she demonstrated as she completed her fantastic work on fractions. Well done!
- Y4**  **Ava L** for her positive attitude and enthusiasm during our mathematics lessons. Keep up the good work, Ava!
- Y5**  **Esma** for the enthusiasm shown in our mathematics lessons! She asks and answers questions and is prepared to have a go, even if she sometimes finds things a little tricky!
- Y6**  **Jake** for taking pride in his achievements. He works hard and strives to go further. Well done.



Beth Shalom



For information about the recent Y6 visit to Beth Shalom, the National Holocaust Centre in Ollerton, Nottinghamshire, please click [here](#). For more information about the centre itself and its focus please click this [here](#).



Achievements outside of School

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

- **Hugo** in **Y2** made his debut for the U7s team at Mosborough RFC, taking part in the Doncaster Festival of Rugby, recently, winning four of the five matches played. Well done, Hugo!
- **Caleb** in **Y5** pulled off a match-winning save recently as he managed to keep two 'clean sheets' that enabled his team to win their tournament. Congratulations, Caleb!



All Saints Information

Spring Newsletter

To view the All Saints Spring Newsletter, please click [here](#).

Y6 to Y7 Transition Information

A reminder that transition information can be accessed via this [link](#). Thank you.



Pupil Voice

SJF School Council

Mr MacInnes, Coordinator

This week the Y5 and Y6 councilors met to prepare for our forthcoming meeting with Mr Garner from Taylor Shaw, who provide our school dinners. The meeting will involve all councilors, who will have an opportunity to share their thoughts and recommendations, as well as those of their classmates, with Mr Garner. We would like to thank Mr Garner for his continued work with this year's Council, which began in October.

SJF Health Minds Champions

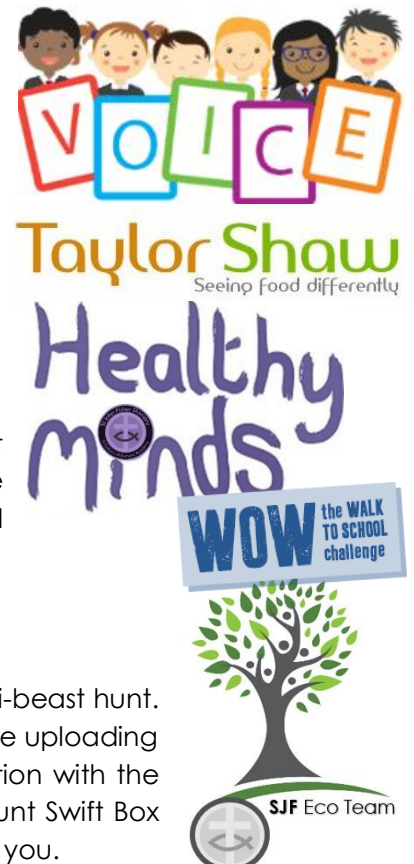
Mr Murphy, Coordinator

Our Healthy Minds champions have been working together over the past few weeks to create an assembly that they will deliver to the rest of the school. They want to use this assembly to reiterate their role with school, and talk about exciting future projects, including the Wow Travel Tracker.

SJF Eco Team

Mrs Steenson, Coordinator

A reminder that the team is using the **Nature Park App** to undertake a mini-beast hunt. They will find and count insects around the school grounds, carefully, before uploading data to the app. They also want to help increase our mini-beast population with the introduction of more *bug hotels* around school grounds. The mini-beast hunt Swift Box Competition close on **Thursday 27th of March 2025**. Please click [here](#). Thank you.



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REMINDER: Red Day 2025

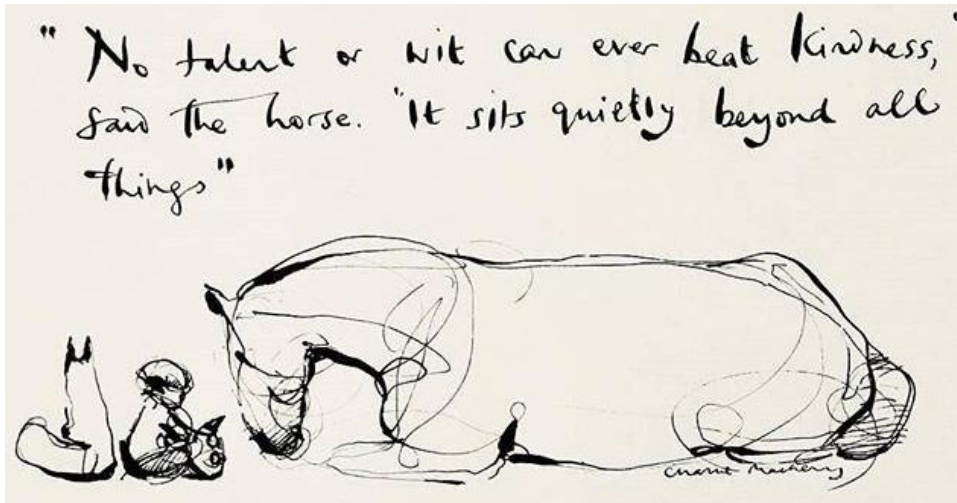
This year the feast of St George is on Wednesday 23rd April 2024. For different reason we will have to delay **Red Day** for the members of St George's House until **Monday 28th April 2025**. Please make a careful note of the date, if you have children in St George's House. On that day we invite the members of **St George's House** to dress down and wear something red if they want to. A reminder that the children in the other three houses must wear full school uniform on that day as they have already had their special colour days. Thank you.

Statement of Belief

Our next 'Statement of Belief' is **"I know what humility means."**

Time to talk: Humility is a quality that people demonstrate when they have a modest or low sense of their own importance – not their worth. It is a quality demonstrated by the life and example of Jesus Christ, especially at Easter. It is also a trait of all the saints who came to know and love God, including our very own great patron, St John Fisher, whose life serves as a particularly great example to us all. To show humility is not to diminish ourselves in any way, but rather to lift others up by our words and actions.

Why do you think it is important to show humility? What difference can showing humility make? What would our world be like if people showed more humility, especially those in powerful positions?



Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.

C.S. LEWIS.





RAINBOW RAFFLE



FS2

YEAR 1

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

YEAR 4

YEAR 5

YEAR 6



Friday March 28th is
a non-uniform day.

Please bring a donation in the
colour of your year group to
add to a colourful family
hamper which will be
available to win during our
Easter Rainbow Raffle!

Donations could be:

snacks, drinks, alcohol, toys, stationery,
toiletries, homewares, games, crafts etc..

The draw will take place at the
Easter Scavenger Hunt
on Thursday 17th April 2024.

