

# SJF NEWS

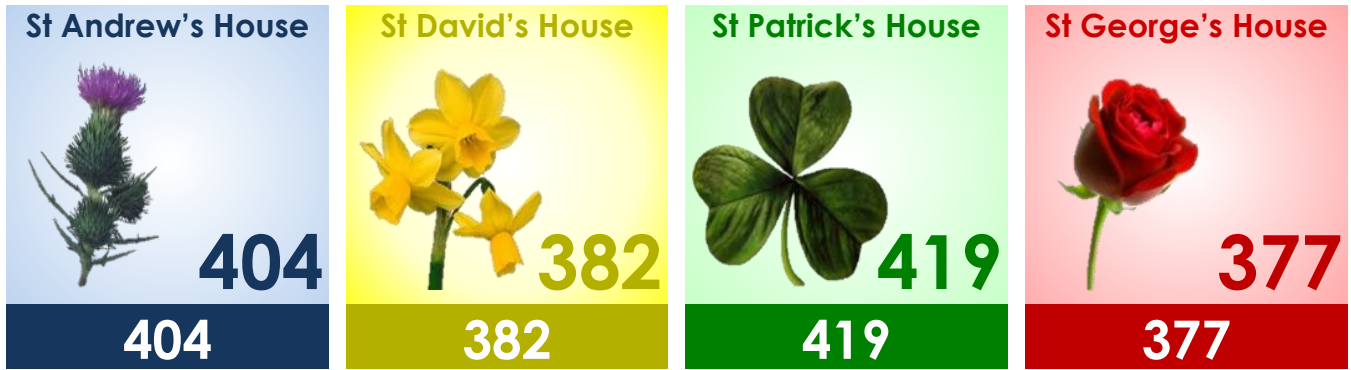


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## **Citizen of the Week**

This week's Citizen of the Week is **Kaylani** in **Y2** who understands the importance of forgiveness in line with this week's 'Statement of Belief'. Kaylani understands that everyone makes mistakes from time to time and when we are hurt by someone and offer them the gift of forgiveness, the hurt can be healed and the bridges rebuilt. Congratulations Kaylani, thank you for your wonderful example! Everyone is very proud of you!

## **Term 1 Smiley Scores**



## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**



### **Volunteering at SJF**

We are in desperate need of volunteers willing to support us in various ways in school, or with educational visits. Please speak to a member of staff on the gate or in the school office if you would like to offer, or just need more information. We will be able to help you and also explain what the required safeguarding checks involve.

You can contact us by phone and email (0114 2485009 or [enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)). We are particularly keen to recruit the following, so if any parents, carers or grandparents can help, please let us know.

### **Reading Volunteers**

Can you support our young readers? The commitment does not have to be a big one and we are flexible with timings.

### **Swimming Volunteers**

Can you help escort our **Y4** pupils to/from their swimming lessons on Wednesday afternoons?

### **Wildlife Volunteers**

Can support us to develop and maintain our new wildlife area and planting around school?



Weekly Attendance			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y2	99.2%	Bobby Bear visiting
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y3	98.1%	Brenda Bear visiting
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6	98.1%	Elvis Owl visiting
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	98.0%	Billy Bear visiting
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	96.9%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	96.8%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	91.9%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 97.0%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 <sup>st</sup>	FS2	84%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5	80%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y4	73%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	72%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	70%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	69%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	68%
Average = 74%		



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# PTFA WELCOME MEETING

You are invited to a very special welcome meeting to find out more about the important work of our PTFA. The meeting takes place after school on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025**, in the **Y6** classroom starting at 3.30pm. Supervised childcare will be available close by. The PTFA does so much to support school life and enhance the experience of all our children.

Without their support we would really struggle to fill the gaps and do the things that they do which includes:

- ✓ funding transport to/from the Lyceum pantomime, treats for children and volunteers staff
- ✓ organising and delivering the fantastic Santa in School event
- ✓ arranging regular discos and family socials and events
- ✓ providing gifts parents for Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day, annually
- ✓ organising gifts from the community of parents/carers for Y6 leavers
- ✓ providing support at school events e.g. curriculum showcases, Sports Days, performances etc.
- ✓ organising the Friday Fayre and annual **Y5** Enterprise Challenge
- ✓ raising funds for projects like the transformation of our library, and our exciting new wildlife area

The PTFA is key to our school life. It is organised by a dedicated group of volunteers. Please join us to find out more, they do so much for our school. The meeting is not long.



## SJF Curriculum Updates

### Term 1 Curriculum Overviews

Our Term 1 Curriculum and RE Overviews are available via this [link](#).

In Terms 1, 2 and 3, we are inviting parents and carers to observe (a) one of our story time sessions in each class; (b) your child's phonics or class reading session; and (c) a Maths challenge session. Please contact the school office beforehand if you would like to book a place for any of the sessions. Thank you.

*Shared Story Sessions (3.00pm, The Marie Kerley library or classroom)*

**Y3** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

**Y2** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Y1** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**FS2 (Parents/carers can book one session)**

- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025

*Shared Phonics and Class Reading Sessions (9.15am, various locations)*

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

- for parents/carers of children in **FS2 Y1 Y2**
- book through school office beforehand
- refreshments in the school hall from 9.00am

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

- for parents/carers of children in **Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6**
- book through school office beforehand
- refreshments in the school hall from 9.00am

*Shared Maths Challenge Sessions (9.15am, various locations)*

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

- for parents/carers of children in **FS2 Y1 Y2**
- book through school office beforehand
- refreshments in the school hall from 9.00am

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

- for parents/carers of children in **Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6**
- book through school office beforehand
- refreshments in the school hall from 9.00am





**Y6 Hollowford Residential 2025**

The majority of our Y6 pupils will be away from Wednesday to Friday next week on residential at the Hollowford Centre, Castleton. It will be a very special three days, during which they will be able to try lots of different activities and experience new things. They will have a wonderful time, and wish them all well.

**Our Catholic Life**



*Weekly Celebration of the Word*

We thank our Y2 pupils for leading this week's fantastic Liturgy of the Word! Our next liturgy takes place on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025**, and will be led by the young people of Y3. We invite their families and friends to join us. Recordings can be viewed by clicking this [link](#).



**Diocese of Hallam**

*Our lady of Lourdes Parish News*

Important information regarding parish and Diocesan life, including Mass times and sacramental preparation can be found [here](#). To view the latest parish newsletter, please click [here](#). Thank you.

*Collective Worship*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Citizenship Statement of Belief Assembly</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>'Virtues to Live By' Class Assemblies</b> (Years 2 to 6)</p>	<p>Hymn Practise &amp; 'Virtues to Live By' Story Circle (FS2)</p>	<p>Themed &amp; 'Picture News' Assembly</p>	<p><b>Weekly Liturgy of the Word</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>'Virtues to Live By' Class Assembly</b> (Year 1)</p>	<p>Celebration Assembly</p> <hr/> <p><b>Chaplains' Liturgies</b> (All Years)</p>



**Our October Prayer: 'Hail Holy Queen'**

Hail, holy Queen  
 Mother of mercy,  
 Hail our life,  
 Our sweetness and our hope  
 To thee, do we cry –  
 Poor banished children of Eve...  
 Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
 Turn then, most gracious advocate,  
 Thine eyes of mercy, towards us,  
 And after this – our exile  
 Show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
 O clement, o loving, o sweet Virgin Mary

**Our Latest Gathering Song**

Ave Maria, Ave Maria,  
 Gratia plena, As I kneel before you,  
 Dominus, tecum, As I bow my head, in prayer.  
 Benedicta tu, Take this day, make it yours  
 And feel me with your love.



**FS2 Mouse Club Newsletter**

To view our latest FS2 Mouse Club newsletter and see what our FS2 children will be doing next week please click [here](#). The newsletters are full of ideas for simple things you can do at home that will support your child's learning. Please remember to use your individual Tapestry log-ins to share things you do outside of school so your children can talk about it with their classmates, during 'Tapestry Time'. Thank you for your support.



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**Reminder: Class Library Days 2025-26**

Please ensure that your children bring their library books with them to school on the appropriate days so that they can be changed. Children with additional reading books must bring them to school every day. Please ensure that all borrowed books are looked over and returned, on time, in a decent state. Thank you.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y2	Y1	Y6	FS2	
Y3	Y4			
	Y5			



**Golden Children!**

- FS2** Our FS2 children joined the rest of the school at celebration Assembly for the first time, so they could see what happens, ready for next week, when they will join in. They were brilliant!
- Y1** **Seb** for being a fantastic role-model for his classmates, by always being ready to learn; by working hard; by being a super listener; and by being kind to others. What a star!
- Y2** **Reyan** for always listening so carefully. You are a wonderful role-model for your peers and we are all very proud of you!
- Y3** **Lexi** for being so patient, productive and positive. Such a wonderful member of our Y3 family!
- Y4** **Ava** for doing an excellent job as our Y4 Travel Tracker Ambassador! She is very efficient and organised and reminds Mrs Hambleton every day. Well done, superstar!
- Y5** **Movean** for having a positive mindset and the determination to have a good go at everything and anything, even when he finds something tough!
- Y6** **Tilly** for being such a positive member of the class - and a great friend to everyone. She is such a valued member of the Y6 family!

**Writing Champions!**

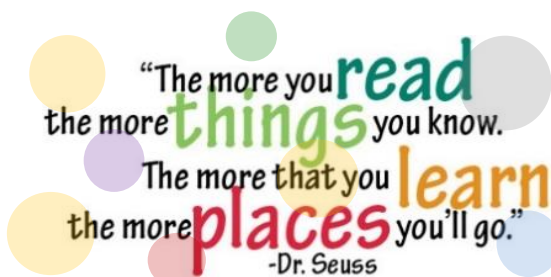
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- Y1** **Harry** for working hard to improve his handwriting and using his best handwriting when writing a simple phrase about our bodies.
- Y2** **Mayah** for writing a beautiful psalm to celebrate God's creations. It was beautifully written!
- Y3** **Edwin O** for producing a great piece of writing in the style of an adventure story!
- Y4** **Pedro** for producing an excellent piece of writing in the style of a newspaper report, that retold the Anglo-Saxon story of Beowulf! He included lots of great description and super eye-witness accounts!
- Y5** **Ewan** for the determination he is demonstrating to improve his writing through his word and sentence choices. Well done!
- Y6** **Renae** for producing some beautiful writing about the Old Testament in our RE work this week. Her extensive vocabulary has helped her to create lots of great writing. Well done!



**Maths Champions!**

- FS2** Our FS2 children joined the rest of the school at celebration Assembly for the first time, so they could see what happens, ready for next week, when they will join in. They were brilliant!
- Y1** **Elsie** for using her completed number-line, counting forwards, to help her find answers to challenge questions.
- Y2** **Alice** for taking such pride in her maths work and for always showing determination to keep trying. What a star!
- Y3** **Akira** being really focused on using her 'making ten' strategy to support her addition work, well done, a great effort!
- Y4** **Lydia** for working really hard in her maths lessons this week as we explore column addition and subtraction. Keep up the good work, Lydia!
- Y5** **Joshua** for the determination he showed as he looked for patterns, applying what he knows when problem solving. A fantastic effort!
- Y6** **Elliott** for taking responsibility for his own learning this week. He consistently aims to challenge himself in maths, and pushes himself with extra equations. Well done, Elliott!

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



Please click [here](#) to view our full 2025-26 SJF Book List.

These are our latest feature books:

- **How To Spaghettify Your Dog**
  - Hiba Noor Khan
- **The Dictionary Story**
  - Sam Winston & Oliver Jeffers

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



**ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?**



**Our Weekly Beat Your Best Challenge**

The latest BYB challenge that our Sports Majors have come up with will test throwing and catching skills. Working in pairs the aim of the challenge is to throw and catch the ball, at speed, with accuracy as demonstrated by our Sports Majors.

The level of challenge can be increased/decreased by adding a time limit, and reducing it and seeing how many successful throws and catches can be made. You can also increase and decrease the distance between you and your partner or try different positions, e.g. kneeling, standing on one leg, using one arm etc. Why not try at home, in the garden, or at the park, with family? Join the Sports Majors at morning break! Will you beat your best? Click [here](#).



# Healthy Minds

## Pupil Voice Update: The Healthy Minds Champions

Coordinator, Mr Murphy

This week our Healthy Minds champions continued their amazing work. Mr Murphy has especially been impressed to see that they have been encouraging children to 'walk and talk' which incorporates conversation and light exercise as a way to help children talk about their worries and concerns. Our Healthy Minds champions are on duty every break and dinner time to provide support for the children.

## 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 love to share and celebrate our children's good news!

- Henry in Y4 achieved the next (blue) cap in swimming and is now working at Stage 5. Well done, Henry!

## Our Statement of Belief

Next week our 'statement of Belief' continues to be about forgiveness. It is "I know how to show I am sorry."

**Time to talk:** You could think about what *being* sorry is really like. What does it actually mean - to be sorry? How can we show that we are sorry? How *should* we show we are sorry?

Why is it so difficult to actually say sorry sometimes?

Why does Jesus challenge us to say sorry when we have hurt others and have been unkind or unfair?

How does it feel when you pluck up the courage to say sorry - and you are then forgiven, unconditionally?

A sincere apology  
has three parts:

I am sorry

It is my fault

What can I do to  
make it right?

