

SJF NEWS



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Friday 20th March 2026



Important Public Health Update

Here is a message sent to all schools in Sheffield on behalf of Greg Fell, Director of Public Health.

In light of the recent cases of invasive meningococcal disease reported in Kent, Sheffield public health services are reminding parents and carers about the importance of ensuring children and young people are up to date with routine vaccinations.



In particular, we would like to highlight the importance of the 6-in-1 (DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB) vaccine and the MenB (meningococcal B) vaccine, which are offered across several doses in the first 18 months of life.

These vaccines provide vital protection against serious illnesses, including meningitis and sepsis. While these are usually given in infancy, children who have missed one or more doses can still catch up.

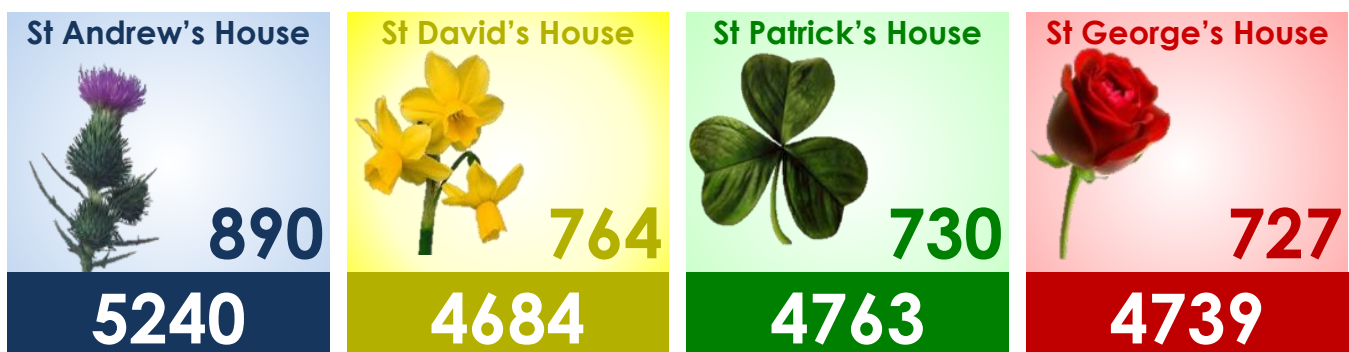
It also crucial to ensure children are fully vaccinated against measles, as we know the disease continues to circulate in Yorkshire. If any doses have been missed, they can be caught up by contacting your child's GP practice or by attending a local School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) drop-in clinic.

Further information on clinic locations and times is available [here](#) and this [link](#) will take you to Sheffield City Council's public health page.

★ Citizen of the Week

★ This week's citizenship award was presented to **Igor** in **Y4**, for knowing that we can all learn from our mistakes. Whether they are linked to learning or his choices, Igor understands that mistakes *will* happen from time to time. He knows that it is how he *chooses* to respond that matters most. Being willing to learn from mistakes is so important because it can help us grow into *reflective* and *fearless* learners rather than fearful ones – the sort of response that provides encouragement, reassurance and good examples to others. Well done, Igor!

Term 4 Smiley Scores



SJF Red Day

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Members of St George's House only can dress down and wear something red if they want to. Uniform for all others.



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| Weekly Attendance | | | |
|-------------------|-----|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 st | Y2 | 100% | Bobby Bear visiting |
| 2 nd | Y6 | 99.0% | Brenda Bear visiting |
| 3 rd | Y4 | 95.9% | Elvis Owl visiting |
| 3 rd | Y5 | 95.9% | Billy Bear visiting |
| 5 th | Y3 | 95.3% | |
| 6 th | Y1 | 93.8% | |
| 7 th | FS2 | 91.0% | |
| Target = 98.0% | | Average Attendance = 96.0% | |



| Get Set, GO! | | |
|-----------------|-----|-----|
| 1 st | Y5 | 80% |
| 2 nd | Y1 | 78% |
| 3 rd | Y4 | 70% |
| 4 th | Y6 | 68% |
| 5 th | FS2 | 67% |
| 6 th | Y3 | 56% |
| 7 th | Y2 | 55% |
| Average = 68% | | |



Our Catholic Life

Weekly Liturgies of the Word

We thank our **Y1** children, who, supported by a few of their **Y5** buddies led this week's wonderful Liturgy of the Word. Our next liturgy, on **Thursday 26th March 2026**, will be led by our **Y2** pupils, starting just after 9.00am. We invite families and friends. All recordings can be viewed [here](#).

Our Virtue to Live by

The children are currently reflecting on '**forgiveness**' in their weekly class virtues assemblies.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|--|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Citizenship Assembly 'Virtues to Live By' Class Assemblies (Years 2 to 6) | Hymn Practise & 'Virtues to Live By' Story Circle (FS2) | Themed & 'Picture News' Assembly | Weekly Liturgy of the Word 'Virtues to Live By' Class Assembly (Year 1) | Celebration Assembly Chaplains' Reflections (All Years) |



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

Jesus, remember me -
When You come into Your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me -
When You come into Your kingdom.



Lent Class Reflections

Our Lenten class reflections conclude on **Thursday 26th March 2026**. Please book through the school office.

| LENT | 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 reflections |



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SJF Community Passion Service

Our annual Passion Service, led by our pupils in Years **Y3**, **Y4** and **Y5** will take place on **Maundy Thursday** (02-04-26) at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, starting at 2.00 pm.

Simple refreshments will be served in the school hall afterwards, and all are welcome!



Diocese of Hallam

Our lady of Lourdes Parish News

Important information about parish and diocesan life, including the times of Masses and confession during the Lenten and Easter seasons, parish events, sacramental preparation, and the parish newsletter, can be found [here](#). Father Bede and the whole parish community would be delighted to welcome you to join them and parish events.

Reading for Pleasure: Our Latest Feature Books of the Week



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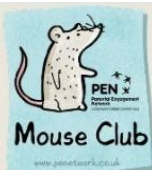
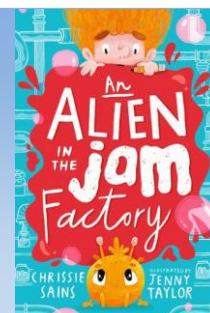
“The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go.”
-Dr. Seuss

Please click [here](#) to view our full 25-26 book list.

These are our latest feature books:

- **An Alien in The Jam Factory**
 - Chrissie Sains
 - **The Kindest Red**
 - Ibtijaj Muhammad

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



Our Latest FS2 Mouse Club Newsletter

For our latest FS2 Mouse Club newsletter, please click [here](#). Thank you. Please take time to enjoy this week's stories, songs, and activities together. We would love you to capture these moments, along with any other family outings, and share them via your personal Tapestry log-in.

Spending just a short amount of time each day supporting your child each day can make a huge difference to their confidence and how well they engage and learn. Your support is very important. The children love sharing their experiences during the daily 'Tapestry Time' sessions. Thank you for your continued support.

Travel Tracker News



SJF Class of the Week & Month

The SJF class with the best recorded active journeys

Y5 again

How we compare with schools locally and nationally

Up to 13 out of 35 participating Sheffield schools

272 out of 1171 schools nationally



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Our Latest SJF Football Update

On Tuesday, a squad of eight **Y5** boys competed in an inter-school football tournament at Springs Academy, facing teams from four other schools. In their opening match, our team was held to a 0–0 draw, with both sides creating chances but unable to break the deadlock. The second match followed a similar pattern, full of energetic attacking play and resolute defending, yet again ending goalless.

Frustrated but determined, the team regrouped during the break. In a huddle, they spoke with passion and belief, convinced that the next match would be the one where the goals would come...

Having returned to the pitch with a renewed focus they quickly took a 1–0 lead through a superbly taken goal by Dylan. As the opposition tightened defensively, our players remained patient and persistent. Their resolve paid off when Dylan struck again with a superb finish from the right, rifling the ball into the far corner. Ewan then reacted quickest to a rebound, calmly powering home to extend the lead. Victory was finally sealed at 4–0 when Dylan completed his hat-trick with another clinical finish. The match also featured several outstanding saves from our goalie, Max, ensuring that clean sheet was maintained.

Following a quick turnaround, the fourth match presented another tough challenge. Once again, our team rose to the occasion, with strong a defence provided by Edwin and Eliel; excellent goalkeeping from Max; and impressive control of the midfield ensured by Ewan and Noah combined to provide the perfect platform for a number of attacking threats to be made by Dylan, Freddie and Josh. With the necessary space created, Dylan struck twice more to secure a deserved 2–0 victory against worth opposition.

This triumph marked a third straight tournament win for SJF footballers, following the recent successes of the **Y5/Y6** and the girls' team and the **Y6** boys' team.



All three teams have now progressed to Sheffield-wide finals, where they will compete against other locality tournament winners for a place in the South Yorkshire finals.

Huge congratulations to our players, and sincere thanks to the organisers and hosts. We are also grateful to our coach, Mr Murphy for providing our children with these opportunities and for his dedication in preparing them, as well as Mr Pursehouse, who is one of our parents who also serves as our Vice-Chair of Governors, for his tremendous support too.

Across all three tournaments, the conduct of our St John Fisher players has been exemplary. Their determination, teamwork and manners have been evident throughout - as has been their sheer joy at just being involved!



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London 2026

Last Friday, the young people of **Y6** travelled to London to visit the UK Parliament, as well as various other famous and historic landmarks. Here's a word from **Natalia**, one of our Y6 children on how the day unfolded:

On Friday, we went on the annual Y6 visit to London. We had all been so excited about this trip for weeks, and we'd been asking Mr MacInnes lots of questions in class about the sites we were going to see. When the day arrived, we had to wake up really early and arrive at school by 5:30am! No one minded though, because we were very giddy and excited about the things we were going to see – and McDonalds!



After about three-and-a-half hours we got there. The first landmark that we visited was Westminster Abbey, which is one of the most famous and oldest churches in the country. We had already learnt lots about its history and some of the famous people who are buried there, which made it even more interesting. We found the tombs of individuals such as Henry V, Edward III, Edward the Confessor, as well the royal throne that the monarch sits on when they are coronated!

Following this, we made our way to Westminster Pier where we caught a boat along the River Thames. Here, we sat down and ate some lunch. After twenty minutes we got off outside the Tower of London and walked to Tower Bridge. When we walked up the bridge's tower, we had the chance to walk on a glass walkway. It was thrilling – especially because we were all wondering how much weight it would take!



Later in the afternoon we got back on the coach and drove through London towards Parliament where we met our classmate, Peter. We were welcomed by our tour guides who gave us our visitor badges and then began to show us around.

The coolest part was when we got to go into the gallery of the House of Lords to watch a debate! After this we walked through the House of Commons and saw where the Prime Minister and his cabinet sits. It was very interesting learning how bills become law, and the role of the king in Parliament.



By the end of the day we had seen so many fascinating sites and we were all tired from walking around London. Everyone was excited and ready for McDonalds! Eventually we got to the service station and ordered our food – everyone was very happy. London was an amazing trip where we saw tons of historical landmarks, and learnt lots of new things. All of us in Y6 would like to thank everyone who made this trip happen.



Here are the thoughts of some of our other children about the London visit:

- *'It was great! I loved it!'* **(Peter)**
- *'There was so much to explore. I think that Westminster Abbey was my favourite because there was so much history behind it.'* **(Renaë)**
- *'I learnt so much and saw so much. I loved it!'* **(William)**



Special days like this do not just happen, and so we thank Mrs Ramsden and Mrs Grayson for all their hard work in sorting arrangements and logistics; Mr MacInnes for coordinating the visit supported by Mrs Grayson, Mr Pursehouse and Mr Barratt. We also thank our amazing coach drivers, and those who supported us at each of the venues, including the team at the Palace of Westminster. We of course thank our children too, for their enthusiasm on what was a very special day that will live long in all our memories. For more photos, please click [here](#), thank you.



Golden Children!

- FS2** **Santino** for being such a kind and caring member of FS2. He is always ready to help others and is also a great friend to all. Well done for setting such a wonderful example, Santino!
- Y1** **Teddy** for being a kind member of our class - for taking time to listen to others and for being a good friend. Thank you, Teddy!
- Y2** **Aneurin** for being such a kind and calm member of our class. He is loved by his peers and sets a sensible example for everyone.
- Y3** **Cruz** for trying hard this week in lessons, including with his writing and work on fractions this week.
- Y4** **Macoley** for pushing himself this week and has making a wonderful effort with his writing about The Last Supper, as part of our preparations for Easter. Well done! Keep up the good work!
- Y5** **Enzo** for having a positive attitude to learning and for trying hard to both focus and improve his work. Great teamwork too!
- Y6** **Drew** for consistently starting each day *ready to learn*. He always works hard and is a reliable member of the class. Well done!





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Writing Champions!

- FS2** **Ezra** for working really hard to write independently and it is becoming so neat. Good boy!
- Y1** **Erin** for writing a super description of the *Big Bad Wolf* from our story, using punctuation and lots of adjectives to describe the wolf!
- Y2** **Kaylani** for creating an amazing report about *The Great Fire of London*, in which she remembered to include some fantastic adjectives and historical facts.
- Y3** **Dior** for her a great retelling of the agony in the garden.
- Y4** **Nickolas** for his use of expanded noun phrases as he continued his writing on *The Last Supper*. There were some beautifully descriptive sentences. Well done!
- Y5** **Heidi** for trying very hard to use new sentence structures in her writing and to include some exciting new vocabulary too!
- Y6** **Elliott** for his efforts in writing this week, he has produced some great quality work in his books.

Maths Champions!

- FS2** **Albert** for the way he loves to count and for trying hard this week to work out how many we have when we add two groups together! Well done!
- Y1** **Harvey** for working hard all week as he learned about time. He can talk about *seconds*, *minutes* and read the time for o'clock! He knows that working hard *stretches* his brain, and helps him to learn lots!
- Y2** **Johan** for his impressive knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes and for being an enthusiastic contributor to our class discussions this week.
- Y3** **Ceci** for some super fraction work this week.
- Y4** **Harry** for pushing himself this week and for using his understanding of fractions to support his learning of decimals. Well done, Harry, great job!
- Y5** **Adriana** for challenging herself and for having a go at everything, learning from her mistakes along the way. Well done, Adriana!
- Y6** **Esma** for her brilliant work in arithmetic this week. Esma has put in extra time and should be very proud of the progress she is making as a result. Well done!

Statement of Belief

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

Time to talk: People who show humility have a modest sense of their own importance, *not* their worth. It is a quality demonstrated by Jesus during His earthly mission. It is also a trait of all the saints who were inspired by Jesus' example, including our own patron, St John Fisher. To show humility is not to diminish ourselves, but rather to lift others up by our words and actions. Why do you think it is important to show humility? What difference can does it make? What would our world be like if more people showed humility?

"No talent or wit can ever beat kindness," said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things"



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

C.S. LEWIS.

Dress Down Day

Next **Friday 27th March 2026** will be a non-uniform day in aid of the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal. Donations of £1+ per pupil will be collected by JPAC and on the gate.



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