

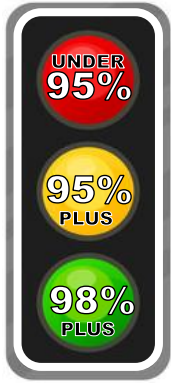
# SJF NEWS



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## Awards of the Week

As it was Sports Day, there was no Celebration Assembly. This week's awards will therefore be shared at the Celebration Assembly on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Everyone is invited.



Attendance: Final Week of Term 5			
1 <sup>st</sup>	FS2	97.3%	Bobby Bear will visit
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y6	96.8%	Brenda Bear will visit
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y2	95.8%	Elvis Owl will visit
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	95.6%	Billy Bear will visit
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	94.8%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	94.4%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	92.1%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 95.2%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 <sup>st</sup>	FS2	86%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5	82%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y2	80%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	78%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	68%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	64%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	56%
Average = 73%		

Attendance: Term 5		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y5	97.5%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y1	97.3%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6	96.9%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	96.7%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	96.6%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	94.6%
7 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	94.0%
Target = 98.0%		Term 2 Attendance = 96.3%



Attendance: Year to Date		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y6	96.4%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y2	96.3%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y3	95.9%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y4	95.9%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	95.7%
6 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	95.2%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	95.1%
Target 98.0%		Overall Year to Date = 95.8%



## SJF Sports Day 2026

Sports Day 2026 began with our annual Festival of Sport. The children were split into ten mixed-age teams across FS2, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, and took part in a carousel of activities organised with the help of our Sports Majors. Children were able to earn points for their skills in each event, their active participation, and for demonstrating our school values: passion, determination, honesty, respect, self-belief and teamwork.

Thankfully, the weather was kind to us, and so what a fantastic experience it was. It was wonderful to see the children supporting one another, their buddies and teammates so generously throughout the day.



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We congratulate all of the individual winners, including those recognised for demonstrating our school values. Well done to all the children, and huge thanks to all our incredible volunteers for giving so generously of their time to help make the occasion so special and memorable for the children.



The morning's activities were followed by a fantastic fun-filled afternoon of races of all kinds. Once again, the children's enthusiasm was exceptional as they continued to demonstrate our school values so positively.



We thank all the families and friends who joined us for the afternoon races, as well as our amazing team of volunteers and the PTFA. Your support is greatly appreciated by us all. We thank all our members of staff for preparing the children and then supporting them so brilliantly throughout the morning and afternoon events.

Special thanks also goes to Mr Ramsden for his hard work to prepare the grounds, and to Mrs Broadhead for her magnificent coordination of this year's Sports Day events. More photos can be found [here](#) with more being added in due course, as soon as they have been checked thoroughly.



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**Passion: Our Term 6 Learning Value**



Passion is important because it motivates us to keep going, even when things feel difficult. It helps us stay resilient and keep trying until we improve or achieve goals.



Passion comes from within and shows in our commitment and care. It can be expressed in both bold and quiet ways, helping us stay focused, determined and brave when facing challenges.

With passion, we can achieve more than we might expect, overcoming obstacles along the way. It also makes learning, and life, more exciting and fulfilling.

Passionate people inspire others. It helps us believe in ourselves, build confidence and grow in resilience - all essential for learning and wellbeing. One passionate person can make a positive difference in the world.



**Term 6 Curriculum Overviews** Please click on the image to link to the overview(s) you require. Thank you.





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### Welcome Meeting

The **Welcome Meeting** for the parents/carers of our new intake of **FS2** children, who will start with us in September 2026, takes place on **Tuesday 2nd June 2026**, at **6.00pm**, in the school hall. Thank you.

### Key stage 1

#### Phonics screening check

Pupils' materials

### National Phonics Screen 2026

A reminder that all of our **Y1** pupils will participate in a *statutory* national Phonics Screen during the second week of Term 6, commencing on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026**. Those **Y2** pupils who did not achieve the phonics screen last year are required to complete the screening again. Attendance every day is therefore **very** important.



### Football Finals

Three SJF football teams qualified for Sheffield finals that take place in the first week of Term 6, after the holiday. We wish all our **Y5 Y6** girls' squad; our **Y5** boys' squad; and our **Y6** boys' squad the very best of luck, and thank Mr Murphy and Mr Pursehouse for supporting all our players!



### Wake Up! Shake Up!

Please click on the logo to link to the daily videos for Term 6. Remember Wake Up! Shake Up! Begins every day at 8.40am, and everyone is invited to join us to get their day off to happy and active start!

### SJF Eco Team Update

Mrs Steenson, Coordinator

As we head into the final term, our SJF Eco Team are excited that the warmer weather is giving us even more opportunities to learn outdoors. They will soon be carrying out their final wildlife counts of the year, including mini-beasts, birds and other wildlife around the school grounds. These surveys mean they can compare results with previous years and decide which priority areas they need to focus on next.

During a recent survey, the members noticed that bird numbers were lower than in previous years. The children will learn why wildlife numbers change during different seasons, and some of the different things they can do to encourage wildlife so that it can thrive in our outdoor spaces.



They are also hoping to spot activity in our new **swift nesting box**, kindly donated by the Sheffield Swift Network and decorated in line with the winning design chosen by members following last year's competition.



As late May marks the beginning of the nesting season, the members are excited to see whether a swift family will choose to make SJF its new home!

We thank Mrs Steenson, for all her hard work in support of the work of our SJF Eco Team.



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### Class Photos

A reminder that class photographs will be taken on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026**. Children are expected to dress smartly in full school uniform, which can be summer dresses for pupils wishing to wear them. There will not be a Celebration Assembly on that day.



### Our Catholic Life

#### Weekly Liturgies of the Word

Our next Liturgy of the Word, led by our **Y2** pupils, takes place on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026**, starting just after 9.00am. We invite their families and friends. A reminder that the last ever Liturgy of the Word to be led by our **Y6** pupils takes place on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026**, and we welcome their families.

### Our Virtue to Live by

The children continue to focus on the virtue '**honesty**' in their weekly class-based virtues assemblies.

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

### Our June Prayer: 'The Gloria'

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will*

*We praise you,  
We bless you,  
We adore you,  
We glorify you,  
We give you thanks for your great glory.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father,  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
Have mercy on us.*



*For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.*



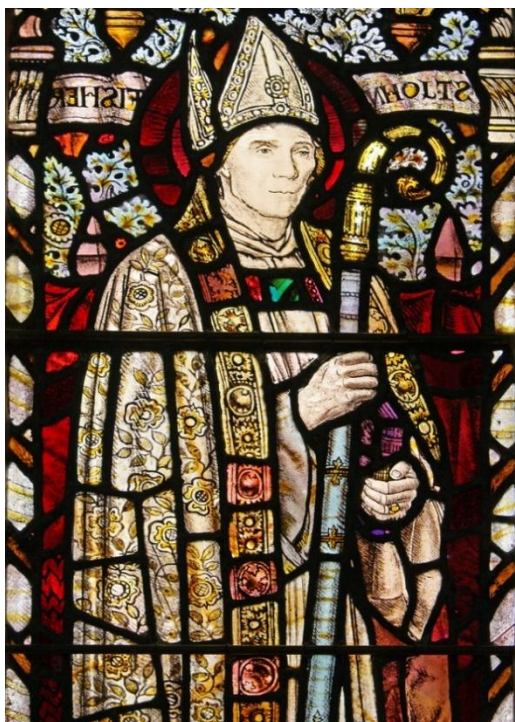
### Our June Gathering Song

**We believe in God, the Father. We believe in God, the Son!  
We believe in God, the Spirit! God is three – and God is one.**



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*Our Annual SJF Feast Day Mass*

The Feast of St John Fisher, is on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. This year Fr Bede will celebrate our Feast Day Mass on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026**, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, and everyone is invited!

It is a special day when we will come together as a community to mark the feast of our patron. We recall his story; his example of a deep and unwavering faith and a life lived simply. We will also reflect on his lifelong commitment to education and learning too.

We will also celebrate those things that make our school such a special and unique place. We will give thanks for our amazing children, families, staff, Governors and special parish friends, including Fr Bede, our incredible Parish Priest.

Our special Mass of Thanksgiving will be led by the children of **Y3**, starting at **10.00am**. All SJF children who have made their First Holy Communion during this academic year are invited, if they want, to wear the special clothes they wore when they received the Eucharist for the very first time.

As Mass does not begin until 10.00am, our communicants are asked to come to school wearing their school uniform, and bring their special clothes with them. They will be given private spaces and time to get changed, with staff close by to help if needed. Alternatively, one parent/carer can come in to school from **9.20am** to help their child get ready. They can also come back in to school *after* Mass to help their children change back in to uniform and take their special clothes back with them. Everyone else is expected to look smart in their school uniform as usual. Children in **Y1** and **Y2** should wear their PE uniform, as it is their PE day.

*Non-Uniform Day*

To mark the feast of our patron, and as a special 'thank you' to our wonderful children for all they do to help make our school the special place it is, there will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026** and we would very much appreciate a £1+ donation per child to support the work of our four special House charities.



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*Our lady of Lourdes Parish News*

Key information about parish and diocesan life—including Mass and confession times, parish events, sacramental preparation, and the parish newsletter—can be found [here](#). Father Bede and the whole parish community warmly welcome you to join them.

*Reminder: Change to Mass Dates*

- St John Fisher Feast Day Mass
- End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving

**Previous date**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**New Date**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026



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### FS2 New Starters for September 2026

#### *New Starter Home Visits*

Home visit appointments will take place between 9.00am and 4.00pm on the following dates:

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026

#### *FS2 New Starter Transition Visits*

<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026</b>	✓ <b>Group A</b> (9.00am-11.00am) ✓ <b>Group B</b> (1.15pm-3.15pm)	<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026</b>	✓ <b>Group B</b> (9.00am-11.00am) ✓ <b>Group A</b> (1.15pm-3.15pm)
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On both transition days new starters will be handed over and collected from the foyer by the school office.

#### *SJF Class Teachers 2026-27*

<b>FS2</b> Mrs V Barratt	<b>Y1</b> Mrs I Hadfield Mrs S Sambrook	<b>Y2</b> Miss P Lockham	<b>Y3</b> Mrs A Broadhead
<b>Y4</b> Mrs A Hambleton	<b>Y5</b> Mrs MM Barrett Mr C Falding	<b>Y6</b> Mr MacInnes	

#### *SJF Transition Days 2026*

All children will have **two** transition days to coincide with the Y6 to Y7 transition days organised by All Saints Catholic High School on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026** and **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026**. Any **Y6** pupils *not* transferring to All Saints Catholic High School *must* attend our school on *both* days where they will participate in a range of supportive transition activities. Please note that **Y6** pupils transferring to schools other than All Saints Catholic High School will be authorised to attend all transition events in their new schools.

Before the first internal transition day, the children will visit their new classrooms, so they will know where to go. They will also meet the staff who will look after them next year. This means that on the first transition day, straight after 'Wake Up! Shake Up!' the children will go to their *new* classrooms, with staff on hand to help any who forget where to go, or who might need encouragement and support. At the end of both days, parents/carers are asked to wait on the playground in the usual way. The younger children will be brought down to meet you by staff, whilst the older children will exit their new classrooms under the supervision of their new teachers. Staff will also be stationed on the inner and outer gates, so they are on hand to help.

Please note that on both transition days, lunch times and PE days will be the same as the children's current classes. For example, for PE, this will mean:

- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026** PE lessons will take place for **current Y3** and **Y4** pupils who are moving to Y4 and Y5 in September 2026
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026** PE for **current Y5** and **Y6** pupils who are moving to Y6 as well as our current Y6 pupils who are *not* transferring to All Saints in September 2026

#### *Another Non-Uniform Day Reminder*

A reminder that linked to our SJF Feast Day, **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026**, the day after the two transition days, will be a non-uniform day, in support of Caritas, with donations collected by JPAC and on the gate before school.



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With your child, please take time to enjoy the story, song, and activities planned for the first week of Term 6, which can be found [here](#). Reading with your child for as little as ten minutes per day will make a huge difference! Please share the Mouse Club activities you do, and anything else, via your own Tapestry log-in.

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



**READING FOR PLEASURE**

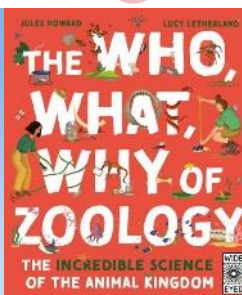
“The more you read the more things you know.  
The more that you learn the more places you’ll go.”  
-Dr. Seuss

Please click [here](#) to view our full 2025-26 book list.

These are our latest feature books:

- **The Who, What, Why of Zoology**
  - o Jules Howard
- **Hello Me**
  - o Dr Naira Wilson

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



**Travel Tracker News**



**SJF Class of the Week**

**The SJF class with the best recorded active journeys**

**▶ Y2**

**How we compare with local schools and nationally**

**Back up to 18 out of 37 participating Sheffield schools**

**Dipped to 477 out of 1562 schools nationally**

**Achievements outside of School**

Please email us ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) with details of your children’s achievements outside of school because we love to celebrate all our children’s achievements including those outside of school!

- **Erin** in **Y1** recently achieved both her ‘Stage 2’ and 5m distance awards! What great achievements!
- **Esma** in **Y6** plays for Charnock Ridgeway U11 Girls, and received ‘The Players’ Player Award’ and ‘The Manager’s Award’. What fantastic achievements! Congratulations!



**Statement of Belief**

Our ‘Statement of Belief’ is: **“I know what human dignity means and I respect others”**

**Time to talk:** What do the words ‘dignity’ and ‘respect’ mean? Why is it important to treat others with dignity and respect? What happens when we don’t? Imagine a world where everyone treated everyone else with dignity and respect. What would it be like?

**Finally**

We thank our dedicated staff, Governors, PTFA, Fr Bede and our wonderful parish friends and volunteers for their continued hard work and support throughout the term. Finally, we thank our incredible children for their hard work, enthusiasm and for the kindness they show others. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026** for the start of Term 6.



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