

SJF NEWS



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Farewell Y6 – The Class of '23

It is now time to say goodbye to our Y6 class of '23, a group of very special young people, as they prepare to move on to their new schools. It only seems like yesterday that they first arrived, and throughout the years since, they have all contributed so positively to the life of the school, living and sharing our values, as they have grown, learned and given back.

We thank each of them for being a special part of our SJF family and for all they have shared and contributed, and we pray for them and as they prepare to embark on the next exciting phase of their life journeys. T



Each child will leave with all our love and best wishes for the very happy and successful future they all deserve as we say goodbye to:

- Cavani
- Priscilla
- Mia
- Katy
- Ellie
- Eleana
- James
- Hannah
- Freddie
- Owen
- Elizabeth
- Daniel
- Finn
- Alexia
- Logan
- Aleks
- Mateusz
- Charlie
- Oscar
- Evan
- Lydia
- Lily
- Edie
- Natalia
- Isabelle
- Jacob
- Bella
- Bronte
- Connor
- Lily-Mae
- Emily
- Lena



We are also saying final goodbye to a number of parents, carers and families who have been part of our community for a long time. We thank them for entrusting their children into our care, and for choosing us to be their partners. We thank them for their support and encouragement and for all they have contributed to our community over the years. We wish all our parents and carers good health and happiness, and especially those who are leaving us, for the last time. Our prayers will follow them and their families too.



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A Thought...

(Marianne Williamson)

*Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure!
It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.
We ask ourselves;
"Who am I to be brilliant, talented, gorgeous and fabulous?"
Actually, who are you not to be?
You are a child of God.
You playing small does not serve the world.
There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that others won't feel insecure around you.
We were all born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.
It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone!
And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.
As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.*



The Leavers' Liturgy 2023

Thank you to everyone involved in organising this year's wonderful leavers' liturgy. The children were magnificent, fulfilling their various roles proudly and with such confidence. We thank their families for joining us, along with Mr McGurrin, our PTFA and Mr Pender, Headteacher at All Saints Catholic High School, who will welcome many of our children in September. At the end of the liturgy, the children received a special bookmark, just as they received one when they joined us in FS2. They also received a special gift from the PTFA and a flower for their parents/carers. Following the presentation of the gifts they returned to be their parents and carers, to mark the end of their SJF journeys. One of our SJF traditions that a few Y6 leavers receive a special award at their Leavers' Liturgy or Mass. The awards were voted for by the staff as a whole.

The Liam McGurrin Award for Citizenship

The award recalls and celebrates the rich legacy of Mr McGurrin, who was our school's Headteacher from 1982 until 2007. The Liam McGurrin Award for Citizenship is presented to a child who lives our school values and demonstrates them, consistently, in their behaviour and responses in school. What was special, this year, was the presence of Mr McGurrin at the liturgy to share the origin of the award with all those present.

This year's recipient is **Edie-Mae**.

The Nick Zelly Memorial Shield for Sporting Achievement

The award honours the memory of a former pupil, Nick Zelly, who, during his time with us, contributed so much to school life, especially in the field of sport. He is remembered as a very talented footballer, with links to Sheffield Wednesday FC and as an enthusiastic all-rounder. He was developing as both a promising leader and fantastically supportive teammate because he lived the school's values. Sadly, Nick died from complications after contracting meningitis when he was in Y8 and a pupil at All Saints Catholic High School. The idea for a memorial shield was conceived by Mr McGurrin and his parents as a way of honouring his memory, and so it is a very special award given to a child who has followed his wonderful example.

This year's recipient is **Oscar**.

The Excel Award

The Excel Award is presented to a child who manages to make significant progress, whilst demonstrating our school values. It celebrates the positive attitude, resilience, determination and focus that shaped the journey.

This year's recipient is **Charlie**.

The Endeavour Award

This award is presented to a child who has exhibits our school values as they have faced, tackled and overcome any sort of significant barrier to their inclusion or to the achievement of their goal or goals.

This year's recipient is **Finn**.

We congratulate the recipients of this year's awards, and all our Y6 children, who have been such special members of our SJF family. We will miss them and wish each of them happiness and success as they continue their own journeys through Y7 and beyond in to the future. Best wishes, everybody!

Term 6 Scores



2022-2023 Termly House Champions



2022-2023 Overall Scores



Attendance: Term 6 - Final Week


1 st	Y3	96.9%	Bobby Bear will visit next year
2 nd	Y4	96.1%	Brenda Bear will visit next year
3 rd	FS2	95.0%	Elvis Owl will visit next year
4 th	Y6	94.4%	Billy Bear will visit next year
5 th	Y2	94.3%	
6 th	Y5	94.2%	
7 th	Y1	93.7%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 94.9%	




Get Set, GO!

1 st	Y2	84%
2 nd	Y4	84%
3 rd	Y5	82%
4 th	FS2	80%
5 th	Y6	74%
6 th	Y1	67%
7 th	Y3	65%
		Average = 78%

Attendance: Term 6 - Overall

1 st	Y3	97.4%	
2 nd	Y4	96.7%	
3 rd	Y2	96.0%	
3 rd	Y5	96.0%	
5 th	FS2	95.7%	
6 th	Y6	95.1%	
7 th	Y1	95.0%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 96.0%	

Attendance: 2022-2023

1 st	Y3	97.5%	
2 nd	Y5	96.7%	
3 rd	Y2	96.5%	
4 th	Y4	96.1%	
5 th	FS2	95.6%	
6 th	Y6	93.6%	
7 th	Y1	93.4%	
Target 98.0%		Overall Average Attendance = 95.6%	

Congratulations!

We congratulate the eighteen children who managed to achieve 100% attendance, because they did not miss a day of school. These children were presented with certificates at our end of year Mass of Thanksgiving. We also congratulate all the children who managed to achieve or surpass our 98% target this year. These children were also applauded and received certificates. Our overall attendance this year, has been affected hugely by the high number of term-time holidays taken, and so I ask you to **please do not book term-time holidays** in the next academic year. Thank you.



Our Catholic Life

Parish News

For information about parish and Diocesan life including; the times of Masses, services, confession; and details about sacramental preparation please click this [link](#). Thank you.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Citizenship Statement of Belief Assembly (Headteacher) Chaplains' Liturgies (Years 5 and 6)	'Virtues to Live By' Class Assembly (Teachers & Chaplains)	Themed Assembly (Teacher-Led)	Weekly Liturgy of the Word (Class-Led)	Celebration Assembly (Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher) Chaplains' Liturgies (Years 1, 2, 3 and 4) Story Liturgy (FS2)

End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the celebration of our end of year Mass of thanksgiving. We offered praise to God and thanks to our Patron, St John Fisher, for guiding and protecting us. It was a joyous and fitting way to mark the end of what has been an exciting and happy year, but one that has not been without its challenges too. We thank Fr Bede for celebrating it, so beautifully, and all the children and adults who represented different parts of our community that work together in order to make our school community the special place that it is.



Father Bede and the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes

I would like to thank Fr Bede and our friends from the parish for their fantastic support of school life, and of our Catholic life in particular.



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

Our link to the wonderful parish of Our Lady of Lourdes with St Anthony is incredibly important to our school and I am proud of the way that we work together in service to our wider community. Our special parish is such an important and integral part of school life.



Our SJF PTFA

I would like to thank our PTFA Committee for all their hard work this year. They have been wonderful and have worked so incredibly hard for our children and wider school community. Always focused and always positive, it is staggering how much the PTFA committee is able to achieve with the support of a team of fantastic volunteers!

In spite of the many pressures, including their small size, the PTFA committee somehow managed to organise fantastic events like Santa in School; school discos; Bags2School; the Friday Fayre and Y5 Enterprise Challenge; gifts for Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day. They also supported school events like Curriculum Showcases, Jubilee Day, Sports Day, the new FS2 parents/carers meeting, the BBC 'Children in Need' day; our annual pantomime visit; and they took a leading role in the transformation of the amazing Marie Kerley Library.

Our PTFA Committee members this year were Catherine Cooper (Chair); Cat Ball; Swathi Lokesh-Kumar; Marie O'Donnolly; Jess Patterson; and Lucy Wells. We thank them and everyone who volunteered to support PTFA events this year. If their amazing example has inspired you to get more involved and support our school in a very special way, please email the committee (pfpa@st-johnfisher.org). Your commitment to the PTFA does not have to be a big one. Every offer of help is appreciated, hugely. Thank you.



Our SJF Governors

I would like to thank our Governing Body for their continued dedication and support of our school community. Much of the vitally important work they do goes unseen, but their support of the strategic leadership of our community is absolutely key.

We thank Dan Beever (Chair), Nuala Nelis (Vice Chair), Jon Ball; Beki Otieno; Clair Prestidge, Greg Purchase; Andrew Drummond, Sarah Ludlam and our Staff Governors, Mrs Barrett and Mrs Ramsden. We have vacancies for anyone interested in becoming a Governor, so if you would like to find out more about this interesting role, please contact us (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you.



Our SJF Team

I would like to say a very big and special 'thank you' to all my colleagues for their tremendous hard work and dedication to our children and community. I am so proud of them for the great job they do in all their different and important roles. Their focus, every day, is on helping our children to thrive within a welcoming setting that enables them to also feel happy, safe and loved. As we say goodbye to very special colleagues we also prepare to welcome Miss Lockham and Mrs Hambleton who will join us in September.

Mr Broadhead

After nine fantastic years we are saying a sad farewell to Mr Broadhead who is leaving us to pursue exciting new opportunities. I would like to thank him for the enormous contribution he has made to our school community, including the transformation of our IT provision. Over the years Mr Broadhead has worked tirelessly to support all the children in his care so that they were able to enjoy and achieve. On our behalf, he also worked closely with Sheffield Hallam University in order to support trainees on various undergraduate and post-graduate courses whilst they were on placement with us. We thank Mr Broadhead for being such an important part of our story, for almost a decade of growth, and we wish him every happiness and success for the future.

Miss Brownbill

We say goodbye to Miss Brownbill after four wonderful and successful years. Miss Brownbill's first year in the profession was impacted so significantly by the Covid pandemic that suddenly gripped the UK in the Spring of 2020. Miss Brownbill's love and care of the children was so evident at this time and in the months that followed, as she established herself as both a highly regarded and respected member of our SJF staff team. We thank her for the dedication she has shown to our community and to all the children in her care! As she now embarks on her exciting travels throughout south-east Asia, Australia and New Zealand, our heartfelt thanks, prayers and best wishes will follow her.

Mr Smith

After two incredible years, Mr Smith is leaving us to join the safeguarding team at a Multi-Academy Trust, and will be based in a large Sheffield primary school. Mr Smith has achieved so much in a relatively short time, including: re-establishing 'The Hub'; engaging the Sheffield Healthy Minds Team to work in school with vulnerable pupils; setting up and coordinating the Healthy Minds Champions; supporting children with various therapies and other interventions; editing the Healthy Mind newsletter; supporting safeguarding; working hard to improve attendance; and helping pupils with their learning. We thank him and wish him lots of happiness and success his new role!

Miss Barrett

After a very successful and busy year, Miss Barrett leaves us to begin her post-graduate studies in order to become a teacher. She has worked so hard to support the work of the Sports Majors and the daily 'Beat Your Best' challenges. She has supported the teaching and learning of PE and has been integral to our reading strategy, helping lots of children each day so that they are able to develop reading confidence and a love of books - whilst closing gaps. She has also supported teaching and learning in class and provided 1:1 care for children needing additional support. We thank her sincerely, and wish her lots of success in her future studies and career!

Mr McGurrin, Mrs Downes and Mr Matthews

We thank Mr McGurrin, Mrs Downes and Mr Matthews for their generous, and voluntary, support of weekly hymn practices and for leading the joyful music liturgy at our school Masses. The dedication to us is incredible!

Mrs Sherwood

We thank Mrs Sherwood, our wonderful reading volunteer. Mrs Sherwood volunteers to read with children and makes a huge difference by doing so. The children love to read with her, and just to have that quality time with her to read, look through books and to be read to. It has built confidence and helped open children's eyes to the magic and wonder of books. If you are interested in joining Mrs Sherwood in volunteering, please contact us. Please note that all SJF 1:1 volunteers are subject to full safeguarding checks.



The Children

I would like to thank our children for all their hard work, positive attitudes and for the way they have tried to live by our values as they have learned, grown and matured over the past year. We thank them for their positive engagement with school life generally and in the various official roles that are available to celebrate pupil voice. They have all been incredible!

Thank you to the members of our SJF School Council 22-23:

- our Y6 Senior Councillors were:
 - Alexia (Chair)
 - Mia (Vice-Chair)
 - Owen (Treasurer)
 - Cavani (Secretary)



We also thank our:

- SJF Eco Team members
- SJF Chaplaincy Team members
- SJF Healthy Minds Team members
- SJF Sports Majors and Leaders



Thank you to the staff who have support the important work of these pupil groups:

• SJF School Council	Mr MacInnes	• SJF Chaplaincy Team	Mrs Barrett
• SJF Eco Team	Miss Brownbill	• SJF Healthy Minds Champions	Mr Smith
• SJF Sports Majors & Leaders	Mrs Broadhead, Miss Barrett and our partners at the LINKS partnership		

SJF School Council 2022-24

Elections for the new SJF School Council for children in Years 1-5 have already taken place.

In Y6 all the children are again eligible to stand for election for any one of the four senior posts on the SJF School Council that are reserved for **Y6** pupils. They can stand regardless of how many times they have been elected as a class councillor, previously.



There will be hustings at the very beginning of the new academic year, at which the **Y6** candidates will be invited to talk to the rest of school about their motivation for wanting to be a Senior Councillor. They will be able share what sort of Councillor they would be. Once the candidates have spoken, the children can ask questions which the candidates will be given equal opportunities to answer.

The hustings will be followed by a whole-school 'general' election with all children in Years 1 to 6 visiting polling booths in order to cast votes privately. We try to recreate the democratic process and encourage the children throughout to think for themselves and vote for the person they believe will do the best job. They are also reminded that their votes are private so they do not have to talk to anyone about who they voted for.

The **Y6** candidate receiving the most votes will then choose the role they would like to do most, from the four available. Though most candidates in this position choose the Chair's role, it does not have to be the case. The candidate who receives the second highest number of votes will then choose from the three remaining roles, and so on until all the posts are taken. In the event of a tie the candidates can choose different roles or they can do one jointly – it will be left to them to choose.

If your child will be in **Y6** in September, and is interested in being a Senior Councillor, they might like to think about it so that they are prepared, because the election will be in the first days.

Staff Update

Following the resignations of Mr Smith and Miss Barrett, and Mrs Prentice's decision of to reduce her hours, the following appointments have been made.

Inclusion & Learning Mentor

Mr Christopher Murphy has been appointed as our new Inclusion and Learning Mentor. Mr Murphy is a former pupil and was part of the Y6 Class of 2000. He was also the recipient of the Nick Zelly Award for Sporting Achievement that year. He brings with him a wealth of experience and looks forward to succeeding Mr Smith and continuing his important work supporting children and families in our community.

Teaching Assistants

Miss Holly Raynes has been recruited on a fixed-term contract to succeed Miss Barrett, supporting children with learning in and out of class. She will play a key role supporting lots of children, daily, to develop reading confidence, fluency and key comprehension skills.

Miss Amelia Luxton has been recruited on a fixed-term contract to work in **Y2** and job share with Mrs Prentice who has reduced her hours. Working on Thursdays and Fridays, Miss Luxton will support learning generally within the classroom and help to ensure that the specific needs of vulnerable pupils are also met.

End of KS2 Outcomes 2023

Congratulations to the young people of **Y6** for their impressive achievements in the end of Key Stage 2 statutory assessments (SATs).

Mathematics		Reading		Writing		GPS		Combined	
SJF	National	SJF	National	SJF	National	SJF	National	SJF	National
88%	73%	78%	73%	81%	73%	81%	72%	75%	59%
Greater Depth 19%		Greater Depth 34%		Greater Depth 9%		Greater Depth 38%			

The Sheffield Summer Reading Challenge 2023

We know reading for enjoyment is really important for future success and happiness in life so it's vitally important. This summer we would really love you to explore what you enjoy reading and have time to discover new authors, genres and books and spend time reading what you love. This can include reading together with family and friends or reading on your own and everything counts! If you've not already joined and visited, the summer holidays can be a great opportunity to discover your local library. Sheffield libraries are now fine free, it's free to join and children can borrow up to 15 books for three weeks. Discover your nearest library [here](#) and you can apply to join the library and download the app by clicking this [link](#). We would also encourage you to join the summer reading challenge and we will celebrate children who reach the goal they set. For more information, please click [here](#)



We would love to see what you've enjoyed reading over the summer so please email your class email photos of you and your family reading. It can be on holiday or somewhere you love to read all the time like a bedroom, the garden or a favourite chair. In September we will create a display to help us share our love of reading and talk about books. Thank you for your support in encouraging reading for pleasure. Enjoy reading!

Important School Uniform Reminders

Our uniform is important and pupils are expected to wear it and look smart every day. Our uniform is key to our school's identity and reflects our ethos, standards and high expectations. Please support us.

Official Uniform Suppliers

We have two official suppliers and items with the official logo can be bought from either 'Logo Leisurewear' or 'School Trends'. **No one else**, including the market at Crystal Peaks, has permission to sell uniform with the SJF official logo. Here are the links to the SJF pages on the websites of our two official suppliers:



- for **Logo Leisurewear** SJF uniform please click [HERE](#)
- for **School Trends** please click [HERE](#)

Parents and carers can also purchase uniform items in the correct colours without a logo from other sources. Please note that our official suppliers are the only organisations permitted to sell SJF uniform with a logo.



PE Uniform

Please note that children are expected to come to school wearing their PE uniform on PE days. The official items can be purchased, with logos, from either supplier. If parents/carers opt to source items from elsewhere they must be absolutely plain with no logos, slogans or other embellishments. **No designer labels e.g. Nike, Puma or Adidas etc.** The sweatshirt must be plain maroon/burgundy and the bottoms must be **plain light** grey joggers. **No leggings.**

PE Days 2023-2024

- **Mondays** FS2
- **Tuesdays** Years 1 and 2
- **Wednesdays** Years 3 and 4
- **Thursdays** Years 5 and 6



Official PE uniform with logo or plain in the correct colours. **No** designer labels and **no** leggings.

Earrings and Jewellery

A reminder that children are **not** permitted to wear earrings/studs or any kind of jewellery at school – even taped up earrings. Please consider having your child’s ears at the beginning of the summer holiday so that they are ready for September, if this is something you want. The wearing of sensible watches is encouraged.

School Shoes

Children must wear sensible black school shoes. Velcro shoes for younger children are preferable. Trainers/high boots **can** be worn to/from school e.g. in bad weather or to play football **at break-times**, as long as pupils have appropriate school shoes with them to change in to and wear around school. So, **no** high boots or trainers (even all black ones) to be substituted for proper school shoes please.



(except on PE days and for break-times)

Other Uniform Reminders

- no leggings at any time
- no open necked shirts/blouses
- no blue polo shirts
- mid-length shorts
- black school shoes not trainers (trainers can be worn on PE days or at break-times to save school shoes)
- white socks with summer dresses (Terms 1, 5 and 6)

SJF Open Morning



Spread the word! We have an Open Morning from 10.00am to 12.00pm on **Saturday 23rd September 2023**. It will be a great opportunity to have a look around and meet some of our children, staff, Governors and other parents in order learn more about our special community. All are welcome!



UK Health Security Agency

Important Information: MMR

We have been asked to share important information about vaccines.

Please click [here](#) to view an important leaflet produced by the UK Health Security Agency about a vaccine available to all children that will protect them from the potentially devastating consequences of Measles, Mumps and Rubella.



Reopening

School reopens for children, for the start of the new 2023-24 academic year on Wednesday 6th September 2023, with Wake Up! Shake Up! From 8.40am.

An Irish Blessing for you All

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind always be at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.



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ADHD Parent and Carer Information Café Drop-In Evening

Help
Support
Advice
Information

Come along to this informal evening session to have a coffee and chat with other parents and meet staff from Sheffield Family Hubs, Parenting, SENDIASS and the Parent Carer Forum



Tuesday 15th August 2023
Monday 11th September 2023
4:30pm - 7pm

Diagnosis not needed



Sharrow Community Forum
South View Road
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For any queries, contact Sheffield Family Hubs on 0114 273 5665



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