



St John Fisher News

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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Jack Odley** in **Y4** for knowing that it is important to help others when they are in trouble in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Jack is a very quiet, kind and determined young man who is always willing to help anyone in need. He never makes a fuss nor does he seek reward, other than to know that he has made a positive difference to someone else. We are all extremely proud of you Jack!

End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Tests (SATs)

Next week our fantastic Y6 pupils will join young people across the country in sitting their end of Key Stage 2 tests, otherwise known as SATs. It is therefore very important that the children attend school every day, having benefitted from a decent night's sleep and a good breakfast. The tests they face are one of the ways in which the performance of schools are checked. The outcomes of the tests provides inspectors with evidence to measure a school's effectiveness in delivering the high quality education that all children deserve.

However, the outcomes of these tests cannot ever tell the whole story of what special places schools are, nor can they (or should they) ever be used to define our amazing young people. In 2015 a Headteacher in another school wrote a beautiful letter to her Y6 children which really resonated with me. I want to share some of what she said and add some thoughts of my own.

Dear Y6 children,

The SATs tests do not assess all what makes each of you special and unique. The people who create these tests (and score them) do not know each of you, the way that we do, and certainly not in the way your families do.

They do not know that some of you speak two languages or that you love to sing or draw.

They have not seen your natural talent for dancing or playing a musical instrument.

They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them; that your laughter can brighten the darkest day or that your face turns red when you feel shy.

They do not know that you participate in sports, wonder about the future, or sometimes help your little brother or sister or parents after school.

They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day you try to be your very best. They have not seen you conquer fears bravely or overcome those obstacles which have held you back.

The outcomes of these tests will reveal some things, but they cannot reveal everything, because there are many, many ways to be smart - and you are all very smart!

So while you are busy preparing for (and doing) the tests please remember that there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing and awesome things that make you, YOU!

Aristotle said: "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all" and at St John Fisher everyone believes this to be an absolute truth.

So always be proud of who you are and remember we believe in you and always will...

God bless,

Mr Barratt and all the staff at St John Fisher

Term 5 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  57	St David's House  57	St Patrick's House  55	St George's House  79
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Parent Advice and Support – Drop-in Sessions

Please remember that support and advice is available to you on a wide range of issues through our partnership with the MAST Parent Support Team. We have weekly drop in sessions in our school library from **8.30am** on **Thursday** mornings which are open to all. If you need help and advice with anything please make an appointment by speaking to Mrs Asquith. Thanks.



Our Catholic Life

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

There will be no Y4 liturgy next week due to the End of Key Stage tests (SATs) taking place next week. Our next Liturgy of the Word will therefore be on **Thursday 18th May 2017** and will be led by the young people of **Y3**. The family and friends of our **Y3** children are invited to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly

We invite the family and friends of our **Y6** children to join us for our Celebration Assembly next **Friday 19th April 2017** in the School Hall at 2.55pm.

Parish News

Important information is available via this link to the parish website: www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk.

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
James Christopherson	Annabell Ost	Summer Marsden	Jia Robinson	Finlay Jones	Lily Sanders	Vinny Ambrose

Golden Children

FS2	Edie Mae Smith for being really kind and understanding when choosing other friends in class for partner work! We are all very proud of you Edie!
Year 1	Stefania Jankowska for settling into her new school and for trying hard with all her work! What a star!
Year 2	Alex Turner for setting so well into the new term and for trying hard with his work! We are all very proud of you!
Year 3	Bethany Beatson for being an all-around superstar! Bethany has given 100% effort in everything this week, including in her attitude to school and learning! Brilliant!
Year 4	Marcus McKernan for showing a really mature attitude to his work! His writing this week has been completed to a really high standard! Amazing effort!
Year 5	Joel Broadhead for answering questions really well on his reading comprehension quiz this week! Mrs Holloway can see good progress! Keep it up!
Year 6	Isabella Ramsden for growing in confidence and ability in Mathematics! What a superstar you are!

Achievements Outside of School

- **Cavani Alvaranga** in **FS2** achieved an ASA Rainbow Swimming Awards for swimming 25 metres and for achieving the Stage 1 standard! An amazing achievement Cavani, what a star you are!
- **Connor Whitehead** in **FS2**, **Mia Whitehead** in **Y2** and their big sisters (who are not at our school) will be taking part in the 'Race for Life' in memory of their dad, Dean, who died last autumn after a very brave battle with Pancreatic Cancer. They are also running in support of Dean's sister (their aunty) who has also been fighting Cancer for the past six months. We send this special family all our prayers and best wishes! (<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/deborahs-fundraising-page-46>)
- **Al Hamzah** in **Y2** achieved the standard for Stage 2 in swimming recently! Well done superstar!
- **Ethan Yan** in **Y2** and **Oscar Yan** in **Y3** both received beautiful certificates for successfully attending the Children's University for 30 hours! A fantastic achievement, well done boys!
- **Leon Chudzinski** in **Y2** and his mum took part in 'Colour Dash 5k' charity run on Saturday 29th April in Rother Valley Country Park in support of Bluebell Wood. They want to say big thank you to everyone who sponsored them and helped them to raise an incredible £270 for this special place! Well done!
- **Tamzin Samba** in **Y3** dances at Susan's Dance Studio in Eckington and has recently achieved a merit for her 'Modern Jazz Primary Grade'! What a fantastic achievement Tamzin, congratulations young lady!



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Non-Uniform Day

Next **Friday 12th May 2017** is a special non-uniform day to help us raise some money to help us fund our forthcoming Jubilee celebrations! We would be grateful if every child could bring in a donation of at least **£1**. If you can manage a little bit more we would be extremely grateful. Thank you for your support!

'60 for 60'

You can also help us raise money by taking part in our '**60 for 60**' competition. Notices went out today. You are challenged to name songs from 1957 to the present day using only initials of the and singers. If you wish to try your luck please send in £1 per entry in a sealed enveloped marked clearly with your child's name, Year Group and '60 for 60' written on the front.

Attendance This Week			
FS2		94.2%	
Year 1		97.8%	
Year 2		99.5%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
Year 3		98.3%	
Year 4		96.9%	
Year 5		99.2%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
Year 6		98.4%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week
Weekly Target		97%	This week's average attendance: 97.7%

The overall average is back comfortably above our target, thank you.

Reading Volunteers

Thank you to those who have contacted us, we will be in touch shortly.

If you are able to help us we could really do with some more Reading Volunteers to join our small team and support our children in FS2, Y1 and Y2. It will make such positive difference to our children.

If you have any spare time and would be prepared to listen to children read we would really appreciate your help.

One-to-one reading is a really important way that children can build confidence and practise new skills.

Volunteers will be subject to our necessary safeguarding/security checks. Please contact Mrs Darken or Mr Smith if you would like more information or to volunteer. Thank you in advance for your support.

All Saints Admissions 2018/19 Workshop

The Admissions Officer from All Saints Catholic High School will be available to assist the parents/carers of children in Y5 currently who are interested in applying for a place at All Saints next year. The workshop will take place on **Tuesday 27th June 2017** in our school library from **3.00pm to 4.00pm**. Children will be supervised during the course of the workshop.



FS2, Y1 and Y2 Visit to Cannon Hall Farm

When paying through ParentPay please do not forget to give details of the lunch option in the 'Notes' box.

If you are choosing a school packed lunch please make your choice on ParentPay. If you do not want your child to have a school packed lunch, please de-select 'Dinner'. Thank you.



Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is "**I understand what trust means.**"

Time to talk: What is trust? Using a dictionary look up its meaning. Were you right? Close? Trust is a gift of God. It something very special that is born out of the love and respect one person has for another. It is something to be treasured. Trust is such an important part of school life and key to learning effectively. Every day the children in our school are challenged to trust the grownups who are there to help them learn and step, bravely, out of their comfort zones every day. What would school be like if learners did not trust teachers and teachers did not trust learners? What do you think friendships are like without trust? Why does Jesus call every single one of us to trust in Him?

John 14:1
Do not let your hearts be troubled.
TRUST IN GOD

Trust in His timing,
Rely on His promises,
Wait for His answers,
Believe in His miracles,
Rejoice in His goodness,
Relax in His presence.


**Trust is earned
when actions
meet words.**
Chris Butler

Have a great weekend,

Mr Barratt