

SJF NEWS

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★ Citizen of the Week

★ The week's recipient is **Seb** in **Y1** who understands that it is very important to be accepting of others in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Seb is a real team-player. His teachers and others have noticed how he involves everyone and supports and encourages them, whether it is in a group task in class or a PE/sporting activity; or outside during playtime. Seb is the same with those he knows less well as he is with his closest friends. In doing what he does, Seb shows he cares and that he values others. In doing what he does Seb also demonstrates that he really does understand what it means to be a member of our special community. What a fantastic role-model you are! Congratulations Seb, we are all extremely proud of you!

Term 6 House Smiley Scores!

 St Andrew's House 279	 St David's House 283	 St Patrick's House 242	 St George's House 233
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Calendar Reminders

- <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents-and-carers-zone/calendar/>
- [http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20180713194822-9030/SJF%20CALENDAR%20%20\(2018-2019\).pdf](http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20180713194822-9030/SJF%20CALENDAR%20%20(2018-2019).pdf)

25-06-19	• Taster Session for children joining FS2 in September 2019
26-06-19	• FS2 Educational Visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park (rescheduled)
27-06-19	• Taster Session for children joining FS2 in September 2019
28-06-19	• Sports Day 2019 - similar format as in previous years (details will be confirmed in due course)
02-07-19	• Reserve Sports Day - in case bad weather leads to the cancellation of events on 28/6/19*
03-07-19	• Taster Session for children joining FS2 in September 2019 • Taster Day for Y6 pupils transferring to All Saints Catholic High School • Y6 All Saints Moving Up Day (SJF 'Moving Up Day' has been moved to 09-07-19)
05-07-19	• PTFA Friday Fayre to include the annual Y5 Enterprise event – all welcome (details to follow)
08-07-19	• Assessment Point 5 – Day 1 (FS2, Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5 only)
09-07-19	• Assessment Point 5 – no assessments because it is the rescheduled 'Moving Up Day' • SJF Moving Up Day (rescheduled from 03-07-19)
10-07-19	• Assessment Point 5 – Day 3 (FS2, Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5 only)
11-07-19	• Assessment Point 5 – Day 4 (FS2, Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5 only) • FS2 Graduation & Liturgy of Word (9.05am, School Hall)
12-07-19	• Assessment Point 5 – Day 5 (FS2, Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5 only) • Final Curriculum Showcase Exhibition (8.45am, School Hall) • Confirmation Mass (7.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church)

* Please note that in the unlikely event that poor weather forces the cancellation of both Sports Day events it will not be rearranged.

Important Calendar Change

Please note that 'SJF Moving Up Day' scheduled for 03-07-19 is now taking place on **09-07-19** as we have key staff attending an important Phonics update course on 03-07-19. Y6 children *not* transferring to All Saints must attend school as normal on 03-07-19 and Y6 children will have a normal day of activities on 09-07-13.



Weekly Attendance			
1 st	FS2	99.3%	Bobby Bear will be visiting
2 nd	Y3	98.4%	Brenda Bear will be visiting
3 rd	Y6	98.1%	Elvis the Owl will be visiting
4 th	Y5	97.4%	
5 th	Y1	94.7%	
6 th	Y2	94.3%	
7 th	Y4	93.9%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 96.7%	



Get Set, GO! (8.45am)		
1 st	Y2	93%
2 nd	FS2	92%
2 nd	Y1	89%
3 rd	Y6	89%
5 th	Y4	88%
6 th	Y3	85%
7 th	Y5	84%
Average = 89%		

Our whole-school attendance has improved again this week, but is still not where it needs to be. Attendance figures have been affected by the recent Chicken Pox outbreak and some unauthorised term-time holidays. A reminder that every school day is important in *all* year groups and key assessments continue in school throughout May and June for the DfE. Good attendance is important to ensure that children have the best chance possible to achieve their potential. Time off must be avoided at all costs, unless the circumstances are truly exceptional. Please support our drive for 98%+ attendance! If you need help, please contact us.

Golden Children & Writing Champions

There was no Celebration Assembly because of Mass so look out for next week's newsletter!

The Acting Out Drama Club

Here is a message from our partners at the 'Acting Out Drama Club that meets in school each Saturday morning and who are always looking to welcome new members of all ages!

'What an amazing start we have made at Acting Out Drama Club! The children have been working really hard and have learned so much and really flourished over the past few weeks!

The final lesson before we break up will be on Saturday 13th July 2019. It will run as normal 10.00-11.30am but at 11.30am instead of collecting, we would like to invite family and friends to stay and watch a short showcase of what the children have been learning. It is a real chance to celebrate and a lovely way to finish.

Classes will continue after the summer holiday from Saturday 7th September 2019. Any queries please feel free to contact us on 07478435080. Many thanks!'



Achievements Outside of School

Achievements can be left in the postbox in the school foyer or emailed to us (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) and can be *anything* that is important to your child – big or small we will publish it and celebrate it!

- **Daniel** in **Y2** passed Level 4 grade in ice hockey and already started on Level 5! Moving to Level 5 was very important as it gave him the opportunity to play competitive ice hockey. He has shown such determination, teamwork and passion for the sport. He has also been given the opportunity play with the U9 Sheffield Ice Hockey team and we are all very proud him! An incredible achievement Daniel, congratulations!
- **Molly** in **Y5** and **Max** in **Y6** took part in a 5k 'Race for Life' on Saturday 15th June recently in very muddy conditions. Together they managed to raise a whopping £232 to support cancer research and managed to finish the run in an impressive 44 minutes! They both had a great time running in their first race and everyone is really impressed with them! Congratulations to you both on your fantastic achievements and for raising money for such an important cause! We are all extremely proud of you!
- **Fraser** in **Y6** has worked extremely hard over the past three and a half years, as a member of the Ki-Ma-Do Club to develop his skills, technique and knowledge within the mixed martial arts discipline! His hard work, resilience and dedication was rewarded with the achievement of a Black Belt on 14th June 2019! Congratulations Fraser! What an incredible achievement! Well done!





PTFA Friday Fayre 2019

Please watch out for information regarding this year's Friday Fayre! It is a great family event (when the weather behaves) and so we want to see as many of you there as possible! Bring family and friends! Enjoy the good weather (we hope), the grounds, the stalls, the work of the Y5 'enterprisers' and much, much more!

If you want to get involved (and help is always welcomed) please speak to a member of the PTFA or email them (PTFA@st-johnfisher.org).

Sports Day 2019

Next Friday is Sport Day and we would like all the children to come to school wearing their **SJF PE uniform**. Children should also have sun hats to wear and sun cream applied at home, before school if it is sunny.

There will be no Celebration Assembly as the children will be taking part in a 'round robin' of activities throughout the morning in groups. The children will then enjoy an earlier lunch so that we can accommodate both the FS2/Key Stage 1 competition at **1.00pm** and the Key Stage 2 at **2.00pm**.

As usual we welcome family and friends to join us in order to support and encourage all the children, but we ask respectfully that you remain in the designated area. Thank you

FS2 & Key Stage 1 (Years 1-2) Competition

- races for children in FS2 and Years 1 and 2 start at 1.00pm
- the gate will be opened (and supervised) at 12.50pm - and remain open until 1.05pm
- once the gate is locked, visitors are asked to report to the School Office in order to gain entry into school
- after the races the younger children will return to class
- the younger children can be taken home early, but only if parents and carers are leaving school and are not staying for the races involving the older children
- if you wish to take your FS2/KS1 child home only please follow the children to their classroom and wait for them to be released into your care by a member of staff and you leave via the main entrance
- those staying for the Key Stage 2 competition at 2.00pm are requested to leave their younger children in class until the end of the day

Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) Competition

- races for children in Key Stage 2 start at 2.00pm
- the pedestrian gate will again be opened and supervised from 1.50pm until 2.10pm
- once the gate is locked at 2.10pm, visitors will need to report to the School Office in order to gain entry
- after the races guests are asked to remain on the playground until the children are released
- the pedestrian gate will be opened/supervised in the usual way as soon as the children are ready

Bad Weather

In the event of bad weather a text will be sent out late morning advising parent/carers that the event is either going ahead or is cancelled. If the event has to be cancelled then it will be rescheduled for **Tuesday 2nd July**, and the same arrangements will apply. Unfortunately if this event is also cancelled because of the weather our Sports Day will not be rescheduled, so we are all praying for good weather!

Our Catholic Life

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.*

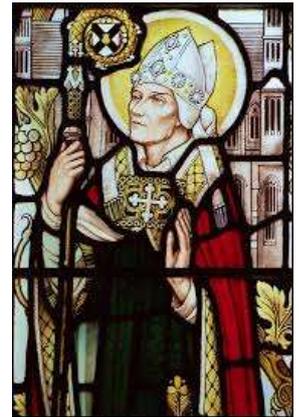
*For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.*

Amen



Annual Feast Day Mass

Today we celebrated the feast of our patron, St John Fisher, with a special Mass as we do every year. Our celebration was led by the young people of Y3, including the children who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time this year. They joined their classmates in playing key roles during the Mass and all looked very smart in their special First holy Communion outfits.



Thank you to Mr Shepherd and all the other Y3 children for preparing and leading the liturgy so well. Thank you to Fr Paul for celebrating Mass; Mr McGurrin, Mr Tandy and Mrs Barrett for preparing and leading the wonderful music; and all the family members and friends who were able to join us.

The children enjoyed some 'Golden Time' in the afternoon as we remembered and celebrated the life of our patron and marked the school's official birthday.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next 'Liturgy of the Word' takes place on **Thursday 4th July 2019** and will be led by the young people of **Y5**. It will start at around 9.05am in the School Hall and all the family and friends of our **Y5** children are invited.

Celebration Assembly

There will be no Celebration Assembly next week because we have our Sports Day. Children are asked to wear their PE uniform to school on that day. Our next (final) Celebration Assembly this year, takes place on **Friday 5th July** in the School Hall, just after 9.00am, and we invite our **Y1** families to join us.

SJF Spelling Bee & Times Tables Rock Stars

Please encourage your children to practise their spellings and times tables every day. If you need help with anything please contact your child's teacher via the appropriate year-group email address. Thank you.



Y1	x2 x5 x10
Y2	x2 x5 x10 x3 x4
Y3	x2 x5 x10 x3 x4 x6 x8
Y4	x2 x5 x10 x3 x4 x6 x8 x7 x9 x11 x12
Y5	x2 x5 x10 x3 x4 x6 x7 x8 x9 x11 x12 x100 x1000 x20 x50 x30 x40 x60 x80 x90
Y6	All above plus multiplying decimals using place value knowledge e.g. $5 \times 7 = 35 \rightarrow 5 \times 0.7 = 3.5$ etc.

Chocolate Tasting in Y6!

Y6 have been learning all about Brazil as part of our topic work this term. This also gave us the chance to not only learn about chocolate harvesting and production but also gave us a great opportunity to have a chocolate tasting afternoon! We tried four types; white, milk, 72% and 90%. Needless to say, the 90% raised a few eyebrows. Everyone had a great time and learned lots!





Sports Leaders' Blog

Use the links to our Sports Leaders' blog and keep up-to-date with news about what is happening with the national 'School Games' programme:

- www.yourschoolgames.com
- <https://www.yourschoolgames.com/schools/st-john-fisher-catholic-primary-school-a-voluntary-academy/>

News this Week

Here is a message from Mr Cross:

It's been a fantastic sporting week at St John Fisher, with our young people representing our community in three different citywide inter-school competitions.

On Monday we had teams involved in the Sheffield Schools' Orienteering Competition at Norfolk Park! Everyone did really well, especially our Y6 girls' team who came second, meaning that they qualified for the finals!

On Tuesday a team took part in the annual Catholic Cup hosted by All Saints Catholic School at the Goals Centre. Sadly did not get out of the group stage but the team played really well in some very tight matches and were unlucky not to win more. It was a great day and everyone had so much fun playing against other schools.

The final event of this great week was the Sheffield Schools' Athletics Finals which we had qualified for earlier. This prestigious citywide even took place at the Woodburn Road Centre. Again our children were on top form, working hard and trying their best against excellent athletes from the other schools participating. Everyone enjoyed it. The weather held up (unlike last time) and conditions were pretty close to perfect. All our athletes did well, with some really notable individual performances. I was very proud of them.

In all competitions our representatives reflected our school values of passion, teamwork, self-belief, respect, honesty and determination. They shook hands with – and showed respect to – their competitors; tried their very best; refused to give up. We are proud of them all! Thank you to the parents/carer volunteers who supported us and to my colleagues who work hard both in school time and in their own time in order to support and encourage our children to push themselves, to go further, try new things, and to shine.



SJF Orienteering Squad 2019



SJF Athletics Finals Squad 2019



SJF Y5/6 Girls' Orienteering Finalists 2019



SJF Boys' Football (Catholic Cup) Squad 2019



Staff News

Mr and Mrs Broadhead

Sadly, last Sunday Mrs Broadhead's mother died after a long illness. As a community we have been supporting them and praying for their intentions. We also prayed for the repose of the soul of Mrs Whyte. They aim to return to work on Monday and we will all be so pleased to see them and welcome them back.

Mrs Holloway

Mrs Holloway returns from maternity leave at the beginning of July. Next week she will be doing some additional days. We are delighted to welcome her back!

Mr Shepherd

Mr Shepherd has been with us for the year as newly qualified teacher and during that time has become a much respected and valued member of the teaching team. At the end of the academic year he will be moving on to Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School in Doncaster to continue his teaching career. We are so grateful for his dedication and hard work which has benefitted the Y3 children and the wider community as a whole. He will leave with all our prayers and best wishes for continued happiness and success in his life and career. Governors are in the process of recruiting a new full-time teacher on a one year fixed-term contract and I will let you know as soon as an appointment is made.

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'Statement to Live By' will be **"I try to forgive people when they hurt me"**

Time to talk: Together you could think about what the word *forgiveness* means. Why is it so important? Why is it so hard to do sometimes? Why does Jesus challenge us to try to forgive others when they hurt us? Can you remember a time when you showed someone forgiveness and when someone showed you forgiveness too? How does it feel after you have offered or received forgiveness? How can offering the gift of forgiveness help make our world a better place?

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered;
FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY.
 If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish motives;
BE KIND ANYWAY.
 If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;
SUCCEED ANYWAY.
 If you are honest & sincere, people may deceive you;
BE HONEST AND SINCERE ANYWAY.
 What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;
BUILD ANYWAY.
 If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;
BE HAPPY ANYWAY.
 The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
DO GOOD ANYWAY.
 Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough;
GIVE THEM YOUR BEST ANYWAY.
 In the final analysis, it is between you and God;
IT NEVER WAS BETWEEN YOU AND THEM ANYWAY.
 justequotes.com -Mother Teresa

I never knew how strong I was until I had to forgive someone who wasn't sorry, and accept an apology I never received

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

