


SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

 The week's recipient is **Edie-Mae** in **Y3** who understands that rules exist to help us feel happy, safe and loved in line with our 'Statement to Live By'. Edie-Mae is an extremely well-mannered and kind member of our community who can be relied upon to work hard and behave well. Congratulations Edie-Mae, we are very proud of you!

Term 3 Smiley Scores

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| St Andrew's House  74 | St David's House  63 | St Patrick's House  92 | St George's House  126 |
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Calendar Reminders

Our **SJF calendar** is available online on the Homepage of our website and in two formats via these links:

- <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)

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| 16-01-20 | • Y1 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall) – Y1 family and friends are welcome |
| 17-01-20 | • Y5 Celebration Assembly (9.05, School Hall) – Y3 family and friends are welcome • Y3 and Y4 trip to the Yorkshire Farming Museum |
| 23-01-20 | • FS2 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall) –FS2 family and friends welcome |
| 24-01-20 | • NSPCC fundraiser event • Y6 Celebration Assembly (9.05, School Hall) –Y6 family and friends are welcome |
| 30-01-20 | • Y6 Liturgy of the Word (9.05, School Hall) – Y6 family and friends are welcome |
| 31-01-20 | • FS2 Celebration Assembly (9.05, School Hall) – FS2 family and friends are welcome • Y6 visit to Beth Shalom |
| 06-02-20 | • Y5 Liturgy of the Word (9.05, School Hall) – Y5 family and friends are welcome |
| 07-02-20 | • PTFA Bags2School • Y1 Celebration Assembly (9.05, School Hall) – Y1 family and friends are welcome |
| 13-02-20 | • Y4 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall) – Y4 family and friends are welcome |
| 14-02-20 | • Y2 Celebration Assembly (9.05, School Hall) – Y2 family and friends are welcome • Y6 educational visit to London (The Eye, Parliament, a Thames cruise and The Tower of London) |

Collective Worship

New Year Community Mass

Today we came together as a community of pupils, staff, family and friends to mark the beginning of the new calendar year with a special Mass. I would like to thank Mrs Holloway, Mr Hawley and the young people of Y6 for leading the liturgy; Fr Paul for celebrating Mass and for helping us with the preparation of the liturgy; Mr McGurrin, Mrs Downes and Mr Tandy for leading the music; everyone who was able to join and support us; and finally the children whose behaviour was exemplary.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next 'Liturgy of the Word' will be on **Thursday 16th January 2020** and will be led by the young people of **Y1**. We invite their family and friends to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am.



Celebration Assembly

Our next Celebration Assembly will be on **Friday 17th January 2020** just after 9.00m in the School Hall. The family and friends of our **Y5** pupils are invited to join us.

January Prayer

A reminder that our January prayer is called the Agnus Dei or 'The Lamb of God'. The prayer is recited during Mass, and recalls The Last Supper of Jesus and His apostles during which the bread and wine were transformed in to the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the first time. It is therefore a very special prayer. The words are:

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace



NSPCC Visit

On Wednesday 15th January the children will have special assemblies led by Natalie from the NSPCC who will talk to the younger and older children separately about keeping safe. This will be followed up in Years 5 and 6 the following Wednesday (22nd January) with specific workshops.

Our School Council will be arranging a special fundraising event on Friday 24th January 2020 so look out for further information in next week's newsletter.

Safeguarding Update

Here is an important update from the NSPCC.

We all want to keep our children safe.

You've probably already talked to them about things like crossing the road safely, but have you spoken to them about how to stay safe from sexual abuse?

We know it's a conversation that no parent wants to have, but we believe it can feel just as natural, and be just as easy, as the road safety chat.

We call it talking PANTS.

From P through to S, each letter gives an important message for children as young as four to help them stay safe. That is why we want all parents to talk PANTS – because we know that talking regularly with children about these important messages really can help them stay safe.

We know what you might be thinking: this isn't for my child! Of course, no parent ever wants to think that their child will be affected by sexual abuse. But that's exactly why it is vital that you have this conversation – to help keep them safe. We also understand that discussing this topic might feel daunting, but it doesn't have to be.

PANTS has been created specifically – with the help of parents and professionals – to make sure that these conversations are as easy and appropriate as possible for children as young as four.

PANTS never mentions sex. We know you might feel that your child is too young to talk about sex so that is why it is not mentioned. **PANTS** is certainly not about learning about the birds and the bees either. It is simply about the sharing and reinforcing of practical and reassuring messages designed to help children stay safe.



We never use scary words either. Talking **PANTS** is about using simple, child-friendly language to give your child the confidence and knowledge in order to stay safe.

Finding the Right Moment

Every family is different and when and where you have these conversations depends on your child's age or how grown up they are. It is about what feels right.

Here are some ideas from other parents:

- ✓ when you are running your child's bath, or helping them with getting dressed or applying cream
- ✓ car journeys are a great time to talk
- ✓ going swimming is a great time to talk about the idea that what's covered by your pants and your swimwear is private
- ✓ if they've had a lesson about personal relationships at school, ask them what they remember when they get home
- ✓ if their favourite TV programme is handling a sensitive storyline encourage them to talk about anything that might upset or worry them

NSPCC Links:

Main Site:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

Parent's Guide:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf>

Ice-Breakers:

www.nspcc.org.uk/pants

Term 2 Reading Awards

KS1

Bronze Reading Award (for having a go and reading most weeks)

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| FS2 | |
| Y1 | Charlotte, Eddie, Jake, Rebecca |
| Y2 | Noah, Gabriel |

Silver Reading Award (for reading 3 or 4 times most weeks)

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| FS2 | Freya, Kristian |
| Y1 | Florence, Sanaya |
| Y2 | Florence, D'Mari, Sofia |

Gold Reading Award (for reading at least 5 times every week)

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| FS2 | Archie, Caleb, Charlotte, Drew, Ema, Gabriella, Hector, Jack s, Jacob, Jan M, Jan Z, Julia, Kaius, Kyrel, Matilda, Nakai, Natalia, Niamh, Phelan, Peter, Tilly and Zuzanna |
| Y1 | Amelia, Aureilia, Charlie F., Charly W., Dominic, Emily, Jacob H., Jacob W, Jenson, Kayl, Keyla, Lincoln, Louis, Luke, Max, Olivia, Roman and Scarlett |
| Y2 | Bruno, Erin, Isaac, Alana, Kacper, Bella, Ava, Willow, Aalia, William, Katie, Poppy, Hugo, Amelie, Preston, Alfie, Luca, Eliana, Zayd, Dominique, Lexi, Sebastian and Connie |

KS2 - receiving a reading award in KS2 for showing they are enjoying lots of reading are:

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| Y3 | Priscilla, Charlie, Bronte, Finn, Lily, Isabelle, Edie-Mae, Paige, Ellie, James, Isabella, Jacob, Emily, Hannah, Daniel, Tadisa, Mia, Zack, Owen, Lena, Katy, Alexia, |
| Y4 | Olivia W, Dylan, Faye, Kessy, Giovanni, Olivia M |
| Y5 | Leon, Jason, Daniel, Marisa, Summer, William, Mike |
| Y6 | Tamzin, Emily M, Amelia |



| Attendance this week | | | |
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| 1 st | Y1 | 100% | Bobby Bear will visit next week |
| 1 st | Y6 | 100% | Bobby Bear will visit next week |
| 1 st | Y3 | 100% | Bobby Bear will visit next week |
| 2 nd | FS2 | 99.2% | Brenda Bear will visit next week |
| 3 rd | Y5 | 98.8% | Elvis the Owl will visit next week |
| 4 th | Y2 | 97.1% | |
| 5 th | Y4 | 95.7% | |
| Target = 98% | | Average Attendance = 98.7% ↑ | |



| Get Set, GO! | | |
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| 1 st | FS2 | 84% |
| 1 st | Y2 | 84% |
| 2 nd | Y1 | 82% |
| 3 rd | Y4 | 80% |
| 5 th | Y5 | 71% |
| 6 th | Y3 | 65% |
| 7 th | Y6 | 64% |
| Average = 76% | | |

We have made fantastic improvements in our attendance this week- 3 classes with 100%. Wow! Let us see if we can get more children in classes in time for the 'Get Set, GO!' sessions before school next week!

Term 3 Learning & PE Value

Respect

Our Term 3 Learning Value is 'Respect' and we marked the start of our new third term by introducing it during a special assembly led by Mr Johnson and our Sports Majors and Leaders.

Having respect for ourselves and others is very important.

- ✓ it helps us to be more self confident and to encourage others so that they can also be more confident
- ✓ it helps us to see ourselves and others through *kind eyes*
- ✓ it teaches us to like ourselves and to be proud of our achievements without being arrogant
- ✓ it teaches us to celebrate joyfully the qualities, attributes and achievements of others
- ✓ it enables us to build resilience so that we can face challenges positively - and overcome them eventually
- ✓ it keeps communities strong and united
- ✓ it enables us and others to feel happy, safe and loved
- ✓ it opens our minds to new ideas and possibilities
- ✓ it helps us to learn more about our own lives and those of others
- ✓ it teaches us to be unafraid of difference and to always remember that which is shared in common
- ✓ it helps us to grow as people, as children of God, and achieve our potential over time
- ✓ it teaches us that we play a part in also helping others to grow and achieve their potential too



Honesty

Mr Johnson also congratulated those who had worked hard to demonstrate last term's 'Honesty' Learning Value. Well done children!

The Term 2 'Honesty' Award Winners

| FS2 | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| Renee | Charlotte | Sebastian | Cavani | Kessy | Emilia | Mitchell |

Golden Children and Writing Champions

We will start next week as there was no Celebration Assembly this week.

Achievements Outside of School

This week's achievements are:

- **Daniel** in **Y3** has had a fantastic experience, scoring the winning goal in the NHL Jamboree on the 27th December. He scored two goals in total and his team won the JLMC Stanley Cup! Amazing Daniel.
- **Eleanor** in **Y5** played her flute beautifully at the Sheffield Cathedral Christmas Extravaganza event on the 17th December. A fantastic achievement Eleanor!
- **Tamzin** in **Y6** read at a carol concert at St James' Church, Woodhouse. Well done Tamzin!



FS2 Refurbishment

Please follow the link to see pictures of the refurbished FS2 classroom:

<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/fs2-classroom-refurbishment/>

Curriculum Showcases

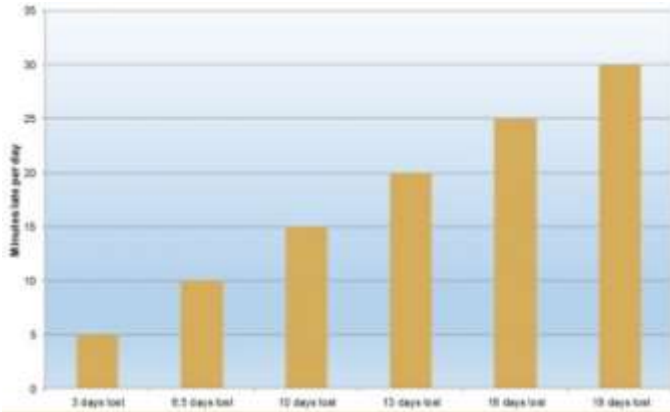
Our curriculum Showcase in December was a fabulous event and showed the hard work and achievements of our children during the first two terms of the year. We have two further showcases planned for

- Thursday 9th April 2020
- Friday 10th July 2020

We understand that it is difficult for some to attend our showcases as they are first thing in the morning so for our next two events we will be extending the showcase to the end of the day as well. This means that that the displays will be available to see from 8.45 to 9.30am and then again in the afternoon from 2.45pm until 3.30pm. This means that the school hall will be out of action all day, including at lunchtime, so we will be offering a 'picnic' packed lunch on those days as we did on the day we went to the Lyceum Theatre.

The Importance of Punctuality

It is really important to arrive at school on time. This chart shows how just a few minutes here and there can quickly add up. If you have any concerns, please get in touch. Thank you.



Calling FS2 and Y1 Parents/Carers!

Here is an invitation from Mrs Pickering

Come and join us for a coffee and find out more about our partnership with **Families Connect**.

We will be running a course for the parents/carers of children in FS2 and Y1 to help them engage their children in the school experience and get the most out of school life.

The sessions will run for eight weeks and will involve learning some new skills and spending time with your children in school, taking part in some fun and rewarding activities together.

We will be in school on **Wednesday 15th January** at **9.00am**, so please do come and join us to find out more.

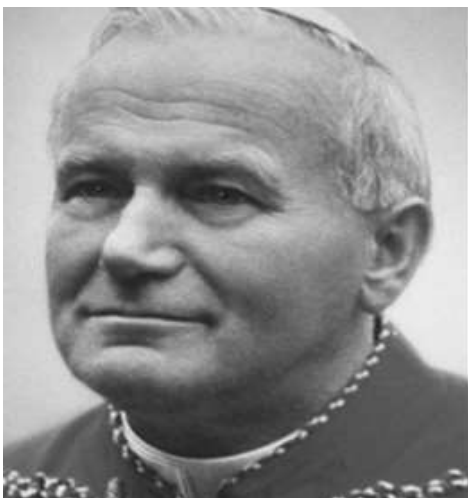
Thank you

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is:

'I know I belong to a community that includes my school'

Time to talk: Together why not think about what the word 'community' means. What makes a community strong and special? Why is our school a community? Who is in your community?



A community needs a soul if it is to become a true home for human beings. You.. the people must give it this soul.

— Pope John Paul II —