

# SJF NEWS

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## **Citizen of the Week**

This week's recipient will be announced at the end of year Mass of Thanksgiving on the last day.

Congratulations to all the recipients of this special award, which is presented each week to children who try to live up to each 'Statement to Live By'; our Learning Values; and our vision and mission.

Flourishing communities are ones where relationships are strong; where there is unity around a common purpose, and where members are known, understood and respected as unique, equal and special. Recipients of the 'Citizen of the Week' award do good things because they understand it is the right rather than for reward and recognition. Here are some of the other things that they have in common:

- they engage with school life...
  - ✓ ...and represent the school, volunteer, take part in our liturgies and after-school activities
- they are honest and trustworthy
  - ✓ ...and through their good example help others to be the same
- they follow (and support) the rules...
  - ✓ ...and through their good example help others to do the same
- they respect the rights of others...
  - ✓ ...and understand that we are all unique, special but have the same worth
- they are informed about the world...
  - ✓ ...and think about it and pray for those in need
- they are compassionate...
  - ✓ ...and choose to love rather than judge others
- they respect their own property; the property of others; and our school building and resources...
  - ✓ ...because they know that these things should be looked after and not taken for granted
- they take responsibility for their actions...
  - ✓ ...and are prepared to be honest; apologise sincerely; reflect on (and learn from) poor choices; and then follow-up apologies with actions that show they are serious about starting afresh
- they are there for others who need them...
  - ✓ ...whether they are friends or not, as they try to put the needs of others before their own
- they want to protect the environment
  - ✓ ...by helping to keep the school building and grounds nice; by caring for our local area, city and wider world; and by wanting to help us do things that protect habitats, plant and animal life



## **Final Term 6 House Smiley Scores!**

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
<b>398</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>385</b>

## **Term 6 House Champions!**

Congratulations the children and staff of St David's House, who are our Term 6 champions! The members will be able to enjoy some 'Golden Time' in the final week. Thank you also to all our Heads of House and House Captains this year. The money raised over the year has been passed to the relevant House charities. So thank you all for your support and generosity. Next year we will continue to support Children in Need as we have always done, plus our three main charities: Mission Together, CAFOD and the Good Shepherd Appeal 2020 and a fourth which will be chosen in due course. Thank you.



## 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)

16-07-19	• Spelling Bee Final (Terms 5 & 6)
17-07-19	• TT Rock Stars Final (Terms 5 & 6) • FS2 visit to Shirebrook Valley
18-07-19	• Y6 Leavers' Liturgy (7.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church)
19-07-19	• End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving (9.30am, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church) • No Celebration Assembly • End of school year for children
← Summer Holiday (22-07-19 to 30-08-19) →	
02-09-19	• Staff In-Service Training (INSET) Day (school closed to children)
03-09-19	• School reopens for new school year for new Year 1-6 groups (8.40am, Wake Up, Shake Up!)

## SJF Calendar 2019-2020

Next Year's calendar of events is being finalised and will be shared in due course.

Weekly Attendance					Get Set, GO! (8.45am)				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y4		98.6%		Bobby Bear will be visiting	1 <sup>st</sup>	Y4		96%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y3		98.1%		Brenda Bear will be visiting	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y6		93%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	FS2		98.0%		Elvis the Owl will be visiting	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y2		92%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y2		97.7%			4 <sup>th</sup>	FS2		90%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y6		96.9%			5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5		90%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5		95.0%			6 <sup>th</sup>	Y1		89%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y1		92.3%		7 <sup>th</sup>	Y3		88%	
<b>Target = 98%</b>					<b>Average = 91%</b>				

Our whole-school attendance is down slightly on last week and so is below our 98% target, with three classes this week managing to exceed our 98% target and the children of Y2 were very close. Well done!

## Polite Request

### Books & School Resources

Please have a good look at home for anything at all belonging to school, including **reading** books, **library** books and other school resources that have been borrowed and not yet returned. Please return items as soon as possible, and by **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019** at the latest. Budgets, sadly, remain ridiculously tight and so it would be helpful if we did not have to replenish items loaned to children which are not returned. Please help us by having a good look and by returning anything you find. Thank you.

### Reading Records

Please note that the reading records for children in **FS2** and **KS1** will be collected in by colleagues on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019** and for children in **KS2** checks will be made on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**. This is so we have just enough time to sort everything and award the correct Reading Awards before the end of term. Thank you.

## Achievements Outside of School

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

- **Hyrum** in **FS2** received an award for swimming 5 metres! What an amazing achievement Hyrum!
- **Seb** in **Y1** achieved the required standard to be awarded the 'Octopus 2' certificate. Congratulations Seb, a fantastic achievement!
- **Bronte** in **Y2** has achieved her Goldfish 2 swimming award! Amazing Bronte! Congratulations!
- **Isabelle** in **Y2** achieved her gymnastics proficiency award (Level 1) last weekend. She also received her 'Goldfish 3' certificate for swimming! What fantastic achievements Isabelle, well done!



**Our Catholic Life**

**Our July Prayer: 'The Lord's Prayer'**

Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name - Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On Earth as is in Heaven. Give us, this day, our daily bread,	And forgive us our trespasses - As we forgive those - who trespass against us, And lead us not in to temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen
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**Our July Song: 'This Little Light of Mine'**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!



**Weekly Liturgy of the Word**

Our next 'Liturgy of the Word' will be on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019** and will be led by the young people of the new **Y5** class. We invite their family and friends to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

**Celebration Assembly**

Our next Celebration Assembly will be in the new school year. Thank you to everyone who has been able to come along to one of these assemblies during this academic year. It is a special time in the busy week when we pause to recognise and celebrate the achievements and contributions of our amazing children.

**Y6 Leavers' Liturgy (Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 7.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church)**

We invite the family and friends of our Y6 children to join us for a celebration of their time at St John Fisher and to give thanks for all that they have done to contribute to, and shape, our community over the last seven years. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together in order to offer prayers for their individual intentions and for the opportunities and futures that they so richly deserve at this key milestone in their lives.

**End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving**

Everyone is invited to our special end of school year Mass of Thanksgiving on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019** at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, starting at **9.30am**. It is a special Mass led by children in different year groups, staff and by representatives of those who help our school in such important – but often quiet – ways.

Our special school does not just 'happen' it takes the combined efforts of lots of people in many different ways coming together – including our incredible staff, Fr Paul and our parish, our Governors, our Diocese, our local authority, our multi-agency partners, our friends from All Saints, our Sheffield Catholic Schools' partnership, our Multi-Academy Trust, our south-east Sheffield schools network, our phenomenal PTFA and volunteers, and of course you - our wonderful parents, carers and families.

As we look back on another incredible year in the life of our community, we have so much to be proud of, and to give thanks for. If you can join us for Mass on the last day, you would be most welcome. Thank you.

**SJF Spelling Bee & Times Tables Rock Stars**

Next week the school finals will take place on:

- 16-07-19 **Spelling Bee** School Final (Terms 5 & 6)
- 17-07-19 **TT Rock Stars** School Final (Terms 5 & 6)



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





### **Golden Children & Writing Champions**

These will recommence in the new academic year. Thank you.

### **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](http://www.yourschoolgames.com)
- <https://www.yourschoolgames.com/schools/st-john-fisher-catholic-primary-school-a-voluntary-academy/>



### **Second Hand Uniform**

Mrs Pickering and Mrs Cooper (on behalf of the PTFA) are setting up a second-hand school uniform shop where quality items of uniform that have been donated, as well as unclaimed items of lost property, will be cleaned and either given to families in need or resold for a small amount and the money passed to the PTFA.

We would therefore appreciate donations of good quality items of school uniform, including our SJF PE uniform. Donated items can be left directly with Mrs Pickering on the school gate or passed to her via the School Office.

### **Lost Property**

Lost property will be left on the gate at the beginning and end of the school day. Please check for any items you are missing. Everything will be sorted at the end of term, so please have a good look and claim what is yours before it goes.

### **Names in Uniform**

Please label all items of uniform – even school shoes. This enables us to identify and return any missing items.

### **Borrowed Clothes**

Please do not forget to launder and return any items of uniform that we lend out, including underwear and socks. We desperately need these in case children have accidents. When borrowed items of uniform and underwear are kept and not returned it means that we have to source and sometimes even purchase additional items in order to replenish stocks. If you have any items at home, please return them. Thank you.

### **Final Curriculum Showcase**

Here are some photographs from our final curriculum showcase of the year. It included examples of work produced by the children in all areas of the curriculum since Easter, during Terms 5 and 6. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to support us. Thank you also to the PTFA for laying on refreshments; the teachers and support staff for all their tremendous hard work in supporting the children and preparing our magnificent displays; and the children who acted as guides and produced all the amazing work! Please follow the link to see more: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/final-curriculum-showcase-exhibition/>





### A Huge Thank You!

A huge 'thank you' to the PTFA for organising last week's fantastic Friday Fayre. In the end the weather decided to behave and the result was a fantastic evening during which the community came together to have fun in the sun; to support our talented Y5 entrepreneurs; and to raise much-needed funds for school. Thank you to all who supported this special event, especially the PTFA and all the volunteers who helped them during the evening.



### FS2 Graduation & Liturgy

On Thursday we celebrated the end of our first year in school with our Graduation and liturgy. Our families joined us in the school hall and the class were supported throughout the celebration by our Y4 Buddies. We reflected on the parable of the Good Samaritan, we prayed and we sang songs. The children also received a special bookmark and we were very proud of them all. Please follow the link to see more pictures:

<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/graduation-day-and-liturgy-/>

### Y5 Rounder's Competition

On Thursday the young people of Y5 travelled to the Davys Sports Centre in order to take part in an inter-school Rounders tournament involving schools across the city of Sheffield.

The event started at around 10.00am and finished at 2.30pm, meaning that our children took part in many matches against lots of schools.

Our players were accompanied by Mr MacInnes, Mrs Holloway and Mr Cross – and my thanks go to them for looking after our children so well and encouraging them so positively.

Our pupils were very well behaved and a credit to the school as they demonstrated our school sports values when competing. A big well done to our children!





**Summer Reading Challenge 2019**

We are again inviting all the children to take part in the annual Summer Reading Challenge 2019. This year's title is 'Space Chase'. All they have to do is read six library books and visit the library over the summer, collecting incentives along the way.

Please encourage your children to visit the library and sign up to see the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to their reading skills, confidence and enjoyment.

We will be celebrating all children who take part at the beginning of the new school year. Please follow the links below for more information:

- ✓ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=czDFvaXX4hl&feature=youtu.be>
- ✓ <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

**Statement to Live By**

Our last 'statement to live by' of the year is: **"We are all special"**

**Time to talk:** This statement is the statement that we start and end the school year with, and it is probably the most important one of all.

To know we are special is to know that we are loved.

To know that we are loved is to know that God made us in His image, and that He is always present in our lives if we are open to seeing and hearing Him.

We all amazing; created to be unique and special by a God who knows us and loves us.

We all have our own gifts and talents - those special things which make us unique.

What makes you special?

What makes your friends special?

What about your parents, brothers and sisters, cousins, uncles and aunts?

Remember that God created each of us to be brilliant and to shine brightly every day. When we are feeling down on ourselves (or others) it is important that we remember this first, and then try to refocus, because the truth we are *all* special.

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt

