



# St John Fisher News

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## Citizen of the Week

The recipient of this week's award is **Sara Mura** (Y6) who understands the importance of peace in line with our 'Statement to Live By'. Sara is a fantastic role-model who is thoughtful and kind. She is a young lady who has impressed us all with her good manners and attitude. Congratulations Sara, we are very proud of you!

## Term 5 Smiley Scores So Far...

<p><b>St Andrew's House</b></p>  <p><b>552</b></p>	<p><b>St David's House</b></p>  <p><b>461</b></p>	<p><b>St Patrick's House</b></p>  <p><b>528</b></p>	<p><b>St George's House</b></p>  <p><b>486</b></p>
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## Plants Please

Here is a message from Mrs Darken, our FS2 teacher:

*Last year, thanks to your kind donations, the children of FS2 were able to eat strawberries, beans and tomatoes that they themselves had grown, learning so much in the process.*

*We are blessed, in Foundation, with a wonderful outdoor learning space and now that the weather is getting better we would love to make the most of this area by planting a range of plants and seeds. We are hoping to build some raised beds to plant with vegetables and herbs and would also like to fill some pots and borders with flowers.*

*So again we are looking for any donations of small plants, seeds, plant pots, tools or bags of compost or soil that could further this project. We really feel that the children can gain massive educational benefits from this project in addition to having loads of fun.*

*What is donated will not just be used by FS2 but we are hoping that other classes will also have planters they can tend to. In addition if there are any budding gardeners who would be willing to volunteer and get involved with our gardening project, we would love to hear from you.*

*Thank you in advance,  
Mrs Darken*



## Parish News

### Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes will take place this Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am. It is also Pentecost Sunday and the special celebration will include the baptism of Christian (Y3) and Frederick (Y1) who are also members of the Immaculata Group at Our Lady of Lourdes. Everyone is very welcome!

### Parish Social Event

You are all invited to a parish family fun night this evening on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May in the parish centre next to church, starting at 7.00pm. You are asked to bring your own drinks and a dish to share with other parishioners. There will be bingo, a raffle and snacks available too. It promises to be a great family evening!



### Sparkle Morning

Sparkle exists to support children with additional needs including Autism and their families. On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 9.30 -11.00am, Leesh and her team will be holding a coffee morning for parents and carers in the church hall. She will be available to offer advice and information to parents/carers and raise awareness of the campaigns and activities which are currently taking place in Sheffield.

This informal morning is for parents/carers of children on the autistic spectrum or who have other learning needs and would like an opportunity to come along in order discuss their issues with Leesh and her team.

It will also be helpful for parents/carers, health visitors and other professionals who have an interest in autism and are currently helping children with additional needs. The church hall will actually be open from 9.00am to accommodate parents/carers who want to wait after they have dropped their children off at school.

### Free Family Event

'Hola Sheffield!' is a **free** family festival celebrating all Spanish-speaking communities of St Marie's Cathedral taking place tomorrow **Saturday 14th May**.

This special one-day event aims to showcase and celebrate the outstanding cultural expressions of St Marie's Spanish-speaking communities. It also seeks to promote understanding between the different communities in Sheffield. The event will bring together the exciting cultures of countries like Spain, Mexico, Colombia, Puerto Rico and Ecuador - to mention just a few.

The festival will take place at the **Winter Garden**, 90 Surrey St, Sheffield, S1 2LH (drop in between 11am-5.30pm). Our programme for the day will include family-friendly crafts, displays and music and dance performances. Why not come along and create Mexican sugar skulls and Spanish fans at the Workshops taking place between 11am - 3pm (no need to book).

Further information is available via this link: <http://stmariecathedral.org/visit-us-home/hola-sheffield-festival>.

### School Assemblies & Celebrations

#### *Weekly Liturgy of the Word*

The next Liturgy of the Word will be led by the children of **Y2** on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May** and the family and friends of our Y2 children are invited to join us in the hall just after 9.00am.

#### *Weekly Celebration Assembly*

Congratulations to all the children mentioned in today's assembly. Next week (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May) we invite the family and friends of our **Y3** children to join us in the hall at 2.55pm. Thank you.

### Achievements Outside of School

- **Mia Whitehead** in **Y1** achieved the appropriate standard for both Levels 6 and 7 in gymnastics recently. A fantastic achievement after just four weeks! Congratulations Mia, an amazing achievement!
- **Molly Peckham** in **Y2** received a gold medal last Saturday for her work on the beam and she also achieved the Level 1 standard! Everyone is extremely proud of her! Congratulations Molly!
- **Brody McConaghy** in **Y5** received the Drakehouse Dragons 'Major Player' award for his great work as part of the U11blue team. A fantastic achievement, well done!

### Sports Blog Award

We have been successful with the Sainsbury's School Games website. Zarnetta Moomba (Y5) and Lola Pardo-Figueroa (Y3) have been blogging about all the sporting activities in school that they have been taking part in, trying to keep as up-to-date as possible with all the various activities.

All their efforts paid off as their blogs were selected as this term's winning entries. The prize is £200 for us to spend with the Youth Sport Trust and with the voucher we bought two sets of Boccia Balls ready for our special Olympic and Paralympic week next term. Well done girls, it just goes to show that the blogging really does pay off!



### Top Table Award

This week the children chosen to sit on the Top Table by Mrs Bower and her team of lunchtime supervisors were the members of the Falcon Family! Congratulations to Archie, Mitchell, Sam, Eleanor, Charlotte, Giovanni, Alfie and Azaan, we are very proud of you!

### Attendance This Week

FS2		99.2%	Brenda Bear will visit next week!
Year 1		97.0%	
Year 2		97.3%	
Year 3		99.0%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week!
Year 4		98.1%	
Year 5		95.6%	
Year 6		99.3%	Bobby Bear will visit next week!
<b>Weekly Target</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>This week's Average Attendance</b>	<b>97.9%</b>

Our overall attendance this week is again above our 97% target, with almost all classes over 97%! Thank you.

### Pupil Safety

**Everyone should enter and exit through the pedestrian gate.** If you have cause to use the staff and visitor carpark gate instead please make sure that you supervise your children closely, **and do not let them run ahead**, as cars might be coming/going/manoeuvring and we do not want accidents. Thank you.

### Sun Screen

We would be grateful if you would **not** send children into school with sunscreen for them to apply themselves. As stated in previous newsletters please apply it liberally at home in the morning before school instead. We would appreciate your cooperation and support with this matter, thank you.

### Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

FS2	<b>Lacey Lou Lockey</b> for participating well in class and for doing lots of writing this week!
Year 1	<b>Phil Asumadu</b> for settling in really well into his new class and for producing some lovely writing and super maths work!
Year 2	<b>Vilius Bagdonas</b> for giving his best when writing about rescuing the hedgehog who came into school this week!
Year 3	<b>Max Peckham</b> for working hard all through the week and for trying hard to better himself! What a star!
Year 4	<b>Ola Dominiak</b> for excellent work in all subjects and for being exceptional in her understanding of angles!
Year 5	<b>Hannah Downes</b> for using excellent editing skills this week in her writing and for being determined to do well! Keep it up Hannah!
Year 6	<b>The whole of Year 6</b> for taking this week's tests completely in their stride. They have had a great attitude and done their very best!



## Birthdays

Happy birthday to Sara Mura, Frederick Antwi, Emily Cowlshaw, Leon Chudzinski, May Woodhouse and Luckie Msungil!

## Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Giovanni Mukendi	Ethan Usher-Ashton	Molly Peckham	Kacper Smiechowski	Dadiso Bandawa	Olivia King	Anca Nicula

## KIDZONE

The Kidzone is pleased to inform all parents and carers that there will be a HOLIDAY CLUB SERVICE available during the forthcoming half-term holiday.

### HOLIDAY CLUB DATES

The holiday club service will run Tuesday to Thursday on the following dates:

- 31<sup>st</sup> MAY to 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2016
- 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016

### BOOKING FOR THE HOLIDAY CLUB SERVICE

All bookings for holiday club service must be done by 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### VENUE

St John Fisher Primary – a Catholic Voluntary Academy  
Spring Water Avenue  
Hackenthorpe  
Sheffield  
S12 4HJ

**OPENING TIMES** 08:00AM - 5:00PM

**CHARGES** £3.00 per hour per child

### LUNCH

Though breakfast and snacks will be provided throughout the day children will require a packed lunch.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Parents/carers must inform Kidzone staff of any changes to their contact details and/or allergy status for their respective children.

### CONTACTS FOR DETAILS/BOOKINGS

- Kidzone (work time only) 07939 175 956
- Lesley: 07713806684
- Estella: 07476049907
- Email: [kidzoneclub2013@gmail.com](mailto:kidzoneclub2013@gmail.com)

### Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"I try to accept the forgiveness of others."**

**Time to talk:** When we make a mistake or hurt someone we can end up feeling quite embarrassed and even ashamed of ourselves. We can be so cross with ourselves that we find it hard to accept forgiveness from the person or people we have hurt or let down. We might feel that we do not deserve it; that we are somehow beyond forgiveness. The real truth is that we are never beyond God's mercy and accepting forgiveness is just as important as offering forgiveness to others who hurt us. Jesus died to take away our sins and so when we are forgiven we are *really* forgiven. What do we always say when forgiveness is shared and accepted in our school? Can you think of a time when you did something wrong and then found it hard to accept forgiveness? What happened?

Have a brilliant weekend, best wishes,  
Mr Barratt

