



# St John Fisher News

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## Citizen of the Week

This week's award goes to **Max Peckham** (Y3) for understanding why it is important to forgive, in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. Max is trying really hard and showing real maturity this year in his attitude and behaviour. If there is an issue he tries to be very sensible. He is ready to forgive and forget and sets a good example to others. Everyone is so impressed with Max for being such a kind and thoughtful young man!

## Questionnaires

Thank you, we have had a great response to our annual appeal for feedback and I really appreciate the time taken to complete and return the questionnaires. We will now start analysing the responses, and it is possible that we will contact some of you from next week regarding your feedback and ideas. I aim to publish an overview on our website as soon as possible, and let you know when I have done so. Thank you.

## Free School Meals

Please contact us if you think that you might be entitled to claim free school meals for your child(ren). We can advise and help you – in confidence – to apply for what you are entitled to. Children who receive free school meals are not (and never been) singled out by the systems and processes we use.

## Curriculum Overviews

The Term 3 overviews were sent out at the beginning of the week and will be published on the website shortly. Please take time to have a look and if you can help support learning by perhaps sharing an experience or resources with the children; by volunteering to help with a visit or in class please do get in touch. We greatly appreciate all offers of help. Thank you.

## Parish News

You are all invited to the next children's Mass on Sunday on 17<sup>th</sup> January, at 10.30am, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

I have been asked to share with you a link to a video clip of the parish Immaculata group's Christmas concert <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I90HiPTW7O8>. If you or your children would like to find out more about the group and/or get involved please speak to Mr Boratyn after Mass. Thank you.

## Term 3 Smiley Scores

<b>St Andrew's House</b>  <b>132</b>	<b>St David's House</b>  <b>90</b>	<b>St Patrick's House</b>  <b>155</b>	<b>St George's House</b>  <b>160</b>
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## Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for a Cleaning Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisor. For further information and/or an application pack please email us at [enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk). Thank you.

### School Closure Alerts

In the event of extreme weather it may occasionally be necessary to close school. Once this decision is made we will try to alert you in a number of ways.

We will:

- send you a text
- update the website
- notify the local radio stations so that the closure can be announced on air and put on their websites
- notify Sheffield City Council who will put an alert on the main council website; send out an alert via the council twitter account to its followers; and an email to every parent/carer registered with them, via their 'GovDelivery' system

You can sign up for these email alerts from Sheffield City Council via this link:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/register-for-alerts.html>

It is very important that you make sure we have your current mobile phone number otherwise you might miss an important text.

It is no good relying on phoning school as we only have one telephone line which can become quickly clogged. It is also possible that in very extreme conditions no one will be in school to answer the phone.

It is a really good idea to sign up for council alerts. I have done it, and it is simple and takes seconds to do.

### Assemblies

#### *Weekly Liturgy of the Word*

I would like to thank Mrs Davies and the wonderful children of Y1 for leading yesterday's liturgy so beautifully. Next week the Liturgy of the Word will be led by **FS2** on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016**. All parents, carers and friends of our FS2 children are invited to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

#### *Celebration Assembly*

Congratulations to everyone mentioned in today's assembly. Next **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** the parents, carers, family and friends of the young people in **Y3** are invited at 2.50pm. Thank you.

### Reading Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to read with our children on a regular basis. Reading at school and at home is vital for helping children develop fluency and confidence. Ideally you would be able to support us on two or three days each week for about twenty minutes at either end of the school day. However any help would be appreciated and training and support will be provided if required.

If you are interested please leave your details with my colleagues in the School Office in an envelope marked: 'Reading Volunteers – Miss D'Roza' and we will get back to you. At SJF all volunteers are subject to appropriate safeguarding checks. Thank you.

### Y5 St John Ambulance Club

Today Mrs Pickering is sending letter home inviting Y5 children to take part in first aid courses accredited by St John Ambulance, with a chance to take part in a national competition. There will be eight places on each course and if there is a lot interest names will be drawn out of a hat to decide who is on each course. That said, all children who want to take part will be given an opportunity to do so.

### Achievements Outside of School

- **Tamzin Samba** in **Y2** for progressing to Stage 3 in swimming! What a fantastic achievement Tamzin, well done, we are all very proud of you!
- **Cole Hague** in **Y3** saved his mum's life last week when she suffered a major epileptic fit and hit her head on a mirror as she collapsed! He remained calm; reassured her and alerted a neighbour so that his mother could receive the help and support that she needed. A special young man and a little hero!

## Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Olivia Moomba</b> for getting stuck in to everything that goes on in class and for 'squeezing the juice' out of every day! What a superstar!
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Leon Chudzinski</b> for settling well in to school life and his new Y1 family so brilliantly and for following instructions and trying his best to produce work of a high standard!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Harry Cawthorne</b> for trying to improve his attitude to work and for showing resilience in sticking at a task! Well done!
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Odette Paige</b> for having a fantastic attitude towards lessons! Brilliant! Well done superstar!
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Matthew Ford</b> for always having a wonderful attitude towards his work and school life! A wonderful role-model to others!
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Benjamin Cartwright</b> for being an excellent role-model! Yesterday he was setting himself challenging targets in his writing! Keep it up Ben!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>John Genita</b> for his great attitude, hard work and perseverance. He is <i>always</i> a superstar!

## Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Emily Murray	Summer Marsden	Sophie Ball	Willis Stoeman	Jared Ward	Abdullah Al-Rammahi & Jensen Gough	Sara Mura
Please look out for their fantastic work in the school hall						

## Attendance This Week

<b>FS2</b>	<b>98.0%</b>	
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>100%</b>	Bobby Bear will visit next week!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>100%</b>	Bobby Bear will visit next week!
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>99.1%</b>	
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>97.5%</b>	
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>99.7%</b>	Brenda Bear will visit next week!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>99.3%</b>	Elvis the Owl will visit next week!
<b>Weekly Target</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>This week's Average Attendance</b> <b>99.1</b>

For the second week running every class managed to beat our 97% target! A huge thank you to everybody!

## Top Table

This week's winning family - chosen by Mrs Bower and our lunchtime supervisors - is the Swift family! Congratulations to Matthew, Joseph, Jenson P, William O, Sam, Harry, Reuben and Willis. Well done!

## Y3 Viking Trip

The Y3 children also went to the Yorkshire Farming Museum. During their time there, children took part in a variety of activities which allowed them to experience what life would have been like. They all dress as Vikings and some were lucky enough to be married and were the mother and father of each family. The activities involved defending the village from attack, making an oil lamp, hunting and fishing, and daily housework. Fun was had by all, even though it was freezing cold.



I would like to thank Mr Broadhead for organising the visit as well as Miss May and out trainee teachers: Mr Attle and Mrs Fenton for all their hard work to make the visit such a success. Please see the Y3 class blog for more pictures (<https://stjohnfishersheffyear3.edublogs.org/>).

#### **Y4 Roman Trip**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016, the children from Y4 went to the Yorkshire Farming Museum to experience what life would have been like living as a Roman soldier.

They were taken by a real-life Roman centurion to a replica Roman Fort where they were inducted into the Roman army.

The children were able to experience first-hand what life as Roman might have been like by dressing up; making a Roman oil lamp; and by practising their fighting skills using swords, shields and spears!

A fabulous day was had by the children and staff alike. I would like to thank Mr Smith for all he did to organise the event as well as our trainee teachers: Mr Shelton and Mr Palfreman as well as Mrs Walton-Hall for making the visit so memorable and such a success. Please see the Y4 class blog for more pictures (<https://stjohnfishersheffyear4.edublogs.org/>).



#### **Statement to Live By**

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"I know how to show I am sorry."**

**Time to talk:** Together you could think about what being sorry is really like. What does it mean to be sorry? How can we show that we are sorry? Why is it so hard to say sorry sometimes? Why does Jesus challenge us to say sorry when we have been unkind or unfair to others? How does it feel when you say sorry and are then forgiven? How does it feel when someone who has hurt you says sorry and really means it?

***A healthy family life  
requires frequent use of three phrases:  
"May I? Thank you, and I'm sorry"  
and  
"never, never, never end the day  
without making peace."***

Pope Francis

Have a great weekend

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt