

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

The week's recipient is **Jack S** in **Y6** who understands that it is important to love ourselves and to be proud of our own unique gifts and talents - at the same time as loving and respecting others. He knows that it is important to celebrate those things that are shared e.g. likes and dislikes, as well as those things that are different. Jack demonstrates this without thinking just by being a good friend to everyone. He really cares about people and never leaves anyone out. His cheeky sense of humour quickly cheers up others if they are feeling down – and it is this quality coupled with an ability to really listen that endears him to all the children, making him such a popular member of our community. As with other recipients of this award, Jack does what he does because he knows that it is right. He does not do it for reward and recognition. Congratulations Jack!

Special Badges



The weekly 'Citizen of the Week' award was introduced at the beginning of the 2014/15 academic year, in part to remember Mr Liam McGurrian who was Headteacher of our school from 1982 until 2007. He was always passionate about citizenship and kindly offered to pay for a number of brand new 'Citizen of the Week' badges to be given to all recipients of the 'Citizen of the Week' award. Rather than start from the beginning of Term 3 we thought it would be nice to award a badge to every recipient who still attends our school. On behalf of the pupils, Governors and staff I would like to thank Mr McGurrian for his generosity and continued support of our community.

Final Term 2 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  489	St David's House  526	St Patrick's House  416	St George's House  480
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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)

07-01-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of Term 2 • Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Week – Day 1
08-01-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM Week – Day 2
9-01-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM Week – Day 3
10-01-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM Week – Day 4 • No Liturgy of the Word (Mass)
11-01-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM Week – Day 5 • No Celebration Assembly (Mass) • New Year Mass (9.30am, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church) – led by the pupils of Y6
17-01-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FS2 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall) – FS2 family and friends are welcome
18-01-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3 Celebration Assembly (9.05, School Hall) – Y3 family and friends are welcome
22-01-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 visit to Beth Shalom, the Holocaust Memorial Centre
24-01-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y5 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall) – Y5 family and friends are welcome
18-01-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y2 Celebration Assembly (9.05, School Hall) – Y2 family and friends are welcome



Uniform Reminders

Footwear

Children are required to wear proper black school shoes in school every day. Trainers (including all black trainers) and high boots are not permitted. Children can wear them to and from school and at playtime but must have proper school shoes with them to wear during around school and during lessons.

PE Uniform

Children must wear the correct school PE uniform on PE days. This can be the official uniform provided by one of our two uniform suppliers with the school logo or items sourced from other locations which are **PLAIN** and in the correct colours.

Items bought from places other than our official suppliers must be **completely plain**. We do not want 'designer' items e.g. Nike, Adidas, Puma etc. or items with any labels, pictures, sequins, slogans or any other embellishment. It is uniform and should be as plain and functional as possible.

Please note that the colours of the sweatshirt/hoodie is plain burgundy and the jogging pants are **light grey**.

We do have some donated items of PE uniform which are in good condition that we would be happy to pass on, please make enquiries with my colleagues in the School Office. Thank you.



Collective Worship

New Year Mass

You are all invited to our New Year Mass on **Friday 11th January 2019**, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Mass will start at 9.30am. Thank you.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

The next 'Liturgy of the Word' will be on **Thursday 17th January 2019**, and will be led by the young people of **FS2**. We invite their family and friends to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Please note that there is no liturgy this week because of our annual New Year Mass.

Celebration Assembly

The next Celebration Assembly will be on **Friday 18th January 2019** just after 9.00m in the School Hall. The family and friends of our **Y3** pupils are invited to join us.

January Prayer

In January we return to 'Ordinary Time' in terms of the liturgical calendar. The prayer we recite is called the Agnus Dei but is more commonly known as 'The Lamb of God'. The prayer is said during the most solemn and special part of the Catholic Mass, which we call 'The Liturgy of the Eucharist'. It is the part of Mass when we recall The Last Supper and the first time bread and wine were transformed in to the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. 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**



Attendance in the last week of Term 2		
1 st	Y1	99.1% Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y2	96.7% Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y4	94.4% Elvis the Owl will visit next week
3 rd	Y5	94.4%
5 th	FS2	93.8%
6 th	Y3	92.2%
7 th	Y6	89.5%
Target = 98%		
Average Attendance = 94.2%		



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y1	93%
2 nd	Y2	91%
3 rd	Y4	90%
3 rd	FS2	89%
5 th	Y6	88%
6 th	Y5	84%
7 th	Y3	81%
Average = 88%		

Term 2 Attendance		
1 st	Y1	98.7%
2 nd	Y4	97.2%
3 rd	Y2	96.9%
4 th	FS2	96.3%
5 th	Y6	96.2%
6 th	Y5	96.1%
7 th	Y3	95.9%
Target = 98%		
Average = 96.7%		

2018/19 Attendance		
1 st	Y1	98.2%
2 nd	FS2	97.8%
3 rd	Y4	97.6%
4 th	Y6	97.0%
5 th	Y2	96.8%
5 th	Y3	96.8%
7 th	Y5	96.7%
Target = 98%		
Average = 97.2%		

The tables show attendance figures for each class. Congratulations to the children of Y1 who have managed to sweep the board by being the best attenders of the week, the term and the year so far!

There are just **190** school days in an academic year, so every day counts. There are actually **175** non-school days to use for holidays and appointments where there is the flexibility to book outside of term time. Please ensure your child attends school every day s/he is well enough to attend. Thank you.

Christmas Dinner 2018

The children enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner and party in the last week of term as excitement built for the Christmas holiday! Do you like our Christmas hats? Our catering and lunchtime staff made it really special!



KS2 Nativity

The children of Years 1 and 2 were magnificent in their Nativity play, 'Lights, Camel, Action!!' They performed brilliantly and it was wonderful to see them express themselves so beautifully and with such confidence on the stage as they retold the Christmas story in front of family and friends. The dancing, singing and acting was fantastic, and I would like to thank my colleagues for all their hard work and for the encouragement and support they gave to enable our children to enjoy themselves as they each played their important parts.







Golden Children

- FS2** **Jacob** for listening really well and for singing beautifully!
- Y1** **Kacper** for really focusing well and for trying hard to work independently. We have really noticed all your efforts Kacper, keep it up!!
- Y2** **Lola** for trying her very best all the time! she did some fantastic singing and dancing in the KS1 nativity and we were all very proud of her!
- Y3** **Tyler** for trying his best all the time! You refuse to let a challenge get him down and you are always positive! Well done!
- Y4** **Olivia** for working quietly and very hard all week – for giving everything a good go! We are all very proud of you!
- Y5** **Hibah** for maintaining a consistently sensible and positive attitude in class and around school! You set a great example!
- Y6** **Jack O** for quietly setting a great example to everyone else and for trying your very best at everything! Keep it up superstar!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Scarlett	Erin	Hannah	Marika	Jacob	Tamzin	Cole

Achievements Outside of School

This week's achievements are:

- **Keyla** in **FS2** has been awarded a white belt in kickboxing. Wonderful achievement Keyla!
- **Luca** in **Y1** has been awarded a white belt in Ki-Ma-Do mixed martial arts and kickboxing. Fantastic Luca!
- **Daniel** in **Y2** has been awarded ice-skating level 2 and has already started Level 3. He also started ice hockey with Mr Cross' encouragement and assisted so his teammate could score a goal. Daniel has completed 'Learn to Swim' (Stage 2). What incredible achievements Daniel, congratulations!
- **Kessy** in **Y3** has been awarded a white belt with a red stripe in kickboxing and has progressed to Stage 3 in swimming also! Super achievements, Kessy, well done!
- **Tamzin** in **Y5** has been awarded a white belt in Ki-Ma-Do mixed martial arts and kickboxing. Well done!
- **Filip** in **Y6** achieved a 400m swimming award recently! What an incredible achievement Filip! Well done!

STEM Week

The first week of Term 3 is STEM Week. The curriculum in all classes will focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and whole-school theme will be 'Gadgets and Gizmos!'.

Statement to Live By

Our 'statement to live by' is:

'I try to follow school and classroom rules'

Time to talk: Why do we have rules? Do they help us? What would happen if there were no rules? How do rules help us and others to feel happy, safe and loved? What rules do you have at home? What rules does Jesus give us so that we can grow closer to Him?

In Our Home

Always be honest

PROVERBS 12:22

Forgive and forget

MICAH 7:18

Be kind hearted

EPHESIANS 4:32

Keep your promises

ROMANS 4:21

Work hard

COLOSSIANS 3:23

Be thankful

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

Never give up

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

but most important

Love One Another

1 PETER 1:22

Life Rule:

Knowledge **speaks**,
but wisdom **listens**.

The secret of being

Happy

is accepting where
you are in life and
making the most
out of everyday.

Finally

I would like to thank all my colleagues and our trainees for all their hard work and dedication over the first two terms; the Governors, Fr Paul, the PTFA and all volunteers who have worked so hard to support us in so many ways. I hope you all had a very peaceful and happy Christmas, and I pray that 2019 is a very happy, prosperous and healthy year for you.

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

