

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

The week's recipient is **Olivia** in **FS2** who is friendly and supportive to everyone in our school community. This week's 'Statement to Live by' was '**I can tell you how I look after myself**' and Olivia understands that it is important to make good choices about health because she is very proactive about keeping herself healthy. Congratulations Olivia, we are all very proud of you!

School Lock Down

A message from Mr Barratt

I would like to thank you for your patience and support as we had to again 'lock-down' school in response to a specific risk that we faced. It is not a nice situation, but sadly it is a reality that from time to time schools can become targets. We will never take any risks with the safety of our children and I will never take any risks with the welfare of my colleagues either. We have worked closely with the Police and other agencies in order to manage this situation effectively and I can tell you that a man has now been apprehended and taken into custody. I would like to praise my colleagues for their actions in keeping our children safe and the day as normal as possible for them and to Mrs Barrett who coordinated our response.

Term 2 Smiley Scores

 St Andrew's House 163	 St David's House 140	 St Patrick's House 128	 St George's House 152
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Calendar Reminders – Countdown to Christmas!

The **SJF calendar** is available online on the Homepage 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)

30-11-18	• Celebration Assembly (9.30am, School Hall) – Y3 family and friends • Advent Wreath Blessing led by Y4 pupils (2.30am, School Hall) – Y4 family and friends
03-11-18	• Blue Day (non-uniform for members of St Andrew's House only who can wear blue instead)
07-12-18	• Annual PTFA Santa in School Day
10-12-18	• Assessment Point 2 (all pupils) – Day 1 • FS2 Nativity dress rehearsal (performed to pupils in school)
11-12-18	• Assessment Point 2 (all pupils) – Day 2 • Whole-school visit to the pantomime (Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield) – late return to school
12-12-18	• Assessment Point 2 (all pupils) – Day 3 • FS2 Nativity Play (2.15pm, School Hall)
13-12-18	• Assessment Point 2 (all pupils) – Day 4
14-12-18	• Curriculum Exhibition (8.45am -10.00am, School Hall) - NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TODAY
17-12-18	• Key Stage 1 (KS1) Nativity Play dress rehearsal (performed to pupils in school)
18-12-18	• KS1 Nativity Play (2.15pm, School Hall)
19-12-18	• KS1 Nativity Play (2.15pm, School Hall)
21-12-18	• Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall) – Y4 family and friends • KS2 (Years 3-6) Community Carol Service (2.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes) – all welcome • PTFA refreshments, mince pies and Christmas raffle (2.50pm, School Hall) – all welcome • End of Term 2



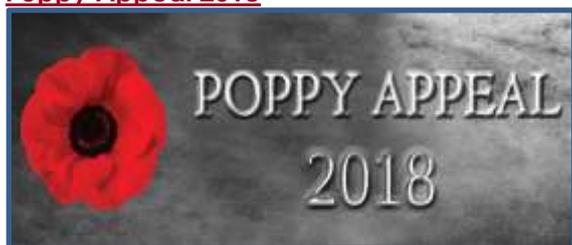
Golden Children

FS2	Isabella for always choosing the right behaviour and trying hard.
Y1	Alana for trying so hard each day learning nativity songs and singing her heart out.
Y2	Ellie for accepting challenges in class and striving to succeed. Well done!
Y3	Lacey-Lou for trying really hard in class and taking responsibility for her own learning. Brilliant!
Y4	Harley for having a fantastic week; working hard in every subject.
Y5	Scarlet for always being polite, kind and hard-working (especially in maths).
Y6	Rebecca for a fantastic start at St John Fisher- and for brilliant maths work. Well done superstar!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Charlie	Bruno	Freddie	Stefania	Jason	Maks	Laurie

Poppy Appeal 2018



Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy as part of this year's national poppy appeal! Thanks to your generosity a total of **£65.07** was raised.

This has been added to monies collected around the area for the appeal to make a grand district total of £2143.88 to support of the important work of the Royal British Legion helping ex-service personnel and their families.

Appeal for Reading Volunteers

We are still looking for more reading volunteers willing and able to commit to coming in to school on a regular basis once or maybe twice a week in order to listen to readers, particularly in Y3. Reading Volunteers fulfil such an important role in school and make a huge difference to our children. We are so grateful to everyone who is supporting us currently, or who has supported us in the past.

If you are interested in finding out more please speak to Mrs Barrett or email us (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you.

Attendance this week			
1 st	Y5	99.3%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y4	98.9%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	FS2	98.0%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y6	97.4%	
5 th	Y1	96.4%	
6 th	Y3	95.9%	
7 th	Y2	95.3%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 96.9% ↑	



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	Y3	96%	
2 nd	Y5	95.7%	
3 rd	Y4	92.6%	
4 th	FS2	92%	
4 th	Y1	92%	
4 th	Y2	92%	
6 th	Y6	82%	
		Average = 91.7%	

Again, just three classes managed to beat the school target this week unfortunately. Please avoid booking all holidays in term time, unless the circumstances are exceptional. Missed learning in all year groups really does have an impact on pupils' learning, confidence and wellbeing. Every day matters in school.





Mission Together

Mission Together is the Catholic Church's official children's charity for overseas mission and has been working in Catholic schools and parishes worldwide since 1843, encouraging children to pray, fundraise and become missionaries themselves – children helping children. This year the school has raised **£61.72**.

Collective Worship

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

There is no liturgy next week because of our Advent Wreath Blessing Service, so our next 'Liturgy of the Word' will be on **Thursday 6th December 2018**, 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.

Advent Wreath Blessing Service

Our annual Advent Wreath Blessing Service takes place on **Friday 30th November 2018** and will be led by the young people of **Y4**. The service will start at 2.30pm and the family and friends of our Y4 children are invited to join us in the School Hall. Entry will be via the main entrance.

Celebration Assembly

Our next Celebration Assembly will be on **Friday 30th November 2018** at just after 9.00m in the School Hall. The family and friends of our **Y3** pupils are invited to join us there.

Our November Prayer

In November we pray for the souls of those we have loved and who have died. We also pray for the dead of war and those who have no one to remember them or pray for them. The prayer is called 'Eternal Rest'.

Advent & The Daily Advent Class Reflections

Our daily Advent class reflections will start during the week beginning **3rd December 2018**. This is a lovely way to remember that the season of Advent is all about getting ready for the birth of Jesus. There will be reflections in each class every day except PE day. Parents, carers, family and friends are all welcome to join us on the following days to help parents/carers with children in multiple classes.

- **FS2:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- **Y1 & Y2:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- **Y3 & Y4:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- **Y5 & Y6:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday



Spaces are limited and should be booked on the day through the School Office if you wish to attend. If you are attending, please arrive at 3.00pm so you are on time for a 3.10pm start as we won't be able to interrupt once the reflection has begun. Thank you.

Achievements Outside of School

This week's achievements are:

- **Charlie** in **FS2** achieved his Octopus 1 swimming badge and smashed his personal best at the 'Junior Park Run' by 44 seconds! His new time is 14.11m for two kilometres. A fantastic achievement!
- **Keyla** in **FS2** has entered the '50 club' at Explore Learning as she has mastered 50 skills. Fantastic!
- **Kessy** in **Y3** has entered the '300' club' at Explore Learning, as she has mastered 300 skills. Amazing!



Y6 Hollowford Residential 2019

The deposit for the Hollowford trip is now due. This is the Year 5 children, for the trip to Hollowford in October 2019. Many thanks to those parents who have already paid.

If you wish for your child to attend, kindly log onto your ParentPay account to give your consent and make payment. Simply put, the more children attending, the cheaper it will be - as the cost of the coach and activities is divided by the number of children taking part.

Christmas Fair

Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Fair will take place this Saturday **24th November** from 2pm – 4pm in the parish Hall. There will be lots of stalls and Father Christmas will even be making an appearance! All welcome!



Statement to Live By

Our statement next week will be 'I think before I make choices that affect my health.'

Time to talk: Together you could think about what it means to be healthy. What sorts of things help us to be healthy? What sorts of things will make us unhealthy? How can making healthy choices help us to be happy?

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."
~ Mahatma Gandhi

TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY. IT'S THE ONLY PLACE YOU HAVE TO LIVE IN.

"MAY YOUR CHOICES REFLECT YOUR HOPES, NOT YOUR FEARS"
- Nelson Mandela

Have a great weekend!
Mrs Barrett

