

SJF NEWS

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★ Citizen of the Week

★ The week's recipient is **Kacper** in **Y6** who understands the importance of treating people with dignity and respect in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. Children enjoy learning and socialising with Kacper because he is so respectful and includes them. Staff also very much appreciate Kacper's impeccable manners and positive attitude. Congratulations Kacper, you are such a super role-model to others!

Final Term 5 House Smiley Scores!

House Name	Smiley Score
St Andrew's House 	485
St David's House 	344
St Patrick's House 	416
St George's House 	365

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)

School Holiday (27-05-19 to 31-05-19)

03-06-19	• Start of Term 6 & start of International Week (Whole School)
06-06-19	• Y1 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall)
07-06-19	• Y2 Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall) • Y2 Skipping Festival at the EIS • End of the SJF International Week 2019
08-06-19	• First Holy Communion Mass (Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 10.00am)
10-06-19	• Y1 National Phonics Screening Week (Day 1)
11-06-19	• Y1 National Phonics Screening Week (Day 2) • FS2 Visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Phonics Screening Week (Day 2)
12-06-19	• Y1 National Phonics Screening Week (Day 3)
13-06-19	• Y1 National Phonics Screening Week (Day 4) • Y2 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall) • Y3 and Y4 hockey at Westfield School
14-06-19	• Y1 National Phonics Screening Week (Day 5) • Y3 Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall)
18-06-19	• Welcome Meeting for parents/carers of children joining FS2 in Sep 2019 (6.00pm, School Hall)
20-06-19	• No Liturgy of the Word (School Mass on Friday)
21-06-19	• SJF Day 2019! (<u>Full</u> school uniform) • Feast Day Mass of St John Fisher (9.30am Our Lady of Lourdes). Children who have made their First Holy Communion recently are invited to again wear their special clothes for Mass • No Celebration Assembly (School Mass)
25-06-19	• Taster Session for children joining FS2 in September 2019
27-06-19	• Taster Session for children joining FS2 in September 2019
28-06-19	• Sports Day 2019 - similar format as in previous years (details will be confirmed in due course)



SJF International Week 2019: Flag Day



FS2: India



Y1: Australia



Y2: Kenya



Y3: China



Today everybody looked fantastic dressed in the colours of the flags of the nations they will be investigating and learning about when return from the holidays! Thank you to everyone who donated, and thanks to the PTFA for collecting the donations.



Y4: USA



Y5: France



Y2 Visit to 'The Deep' (<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/the-deep/?p=1&tags=,1089>)

What a wonderful day! Today we went to 'The Deep' in Hull and learned lots and lots about ocean life! We observed lots of different and exciting creatures - from tiny shrimps to rays and great sharks, tree frogs to turtles! It was all amazing! Our children were amazing, interested, inquisitive, excited, engaged - and of course, well behaved and polite! Thank you to our volunteers who helped make this trip possible!



THE DEEP





Y1 Visit to 'The Old Moor Wetlands Centre'



We had such a fantastic day at this amazing RSPB reserve! The weather was very kind and the children were so engaged and well behaved throughout the day! We were all 'plant detectives' - which was a super way to apply our classroom learning from last week - as we explored and investigated the different flowers and plants around the reserve. In the grasslands the children went on a mini-beast hunt, using different ethical methods in order to collect the bugs safely. Working independently, they then used a chart in order to identify them. There was a lot of super scientific work happening!

A huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents who gave up their time to accompany us and support the learning today. More photos of this important and enjoyable educational visit are available via this link: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/old-moor-wetlands/?p=1&tags=,1089>.



Attendance in the last week of Term 5			
1 st	Y6	96.9%	Bobby Bear will be visiting
2 nd	Y5	96.7%	Brenda Bear will be visiting
3 rd	Y4	95.9%	Elvis the Owl will be visiting
4 th	Y2	94.7%	
5 th	Y3	92.8%	
6 th	FS2	90.0%	
7 th	Y1	89.0%	

Target = 98% **Average Attendance = 96.6%**

Term 4 Attendance			
1 st	Y6	97.8%	
2 nd	Y4	97.7%	
3 rd	Y5	96.7%	
4 th	Y2	96.3%	
5 th	Y3	95.9%	
6 th	Y1	95.2%	
7 th	FS2	93.7%	

Target = 98%
Term 4 Average = 96.2%

2018/19 Attendance			
1 st	Y4	98.0%	
2 nd	Y1	97.1%	
3 rd	Y3	96.8%	
4 th	Y2	96.7%	
4 th	Y5	96.7%	
4 th	Y6	96.7%	
7 th	FS2	96.6%	

Target = 98%
2018-19 Average = 96.9%



Get Set, GO! (from 8.40am)			
1 st	Y2	90%	
2 nd	Y1	88%	
3 rd	FS2	87%	
4 th	Y4	86%	
5 th	Y6	83%	
6 th	Y5	81%	
7 th	Y3	72%	

Average = 84%

Congratulations to the **Y4** pupils who still have the best attendance average this year and to **Y6** pupils who had the best attendance in Term 5. Sadly no class achieved our 98% target. A combination of Chicken Pox and unauthorised holidays hit our data hard. As there are only **190** school days in a school year **every day matters**. This still leaves **175** other days for holidays and appointments that can be pre-booked. Families where unauthorised holidays is an issue have been flagged and will be picked up by MAST/legal services. Support/advice will also be offered to ensure better attendance.

Meet the Governors

Mrs Beatson (Foundation Governor)

Hello, I am Heather Beatson. I am married to Craig and we have 2 amazing daughters, Bethany in Y5 and Katy in Y2. I work as a HR Policy Consultant for the Cabinet Office, and I enjoy the challenges that my job brings and feel that it has helped me to develop the skills that add value to my role as Governor here at St John Fisher.

I have been a Governor at the school for two and a half years now. I started by volunteering to go on school trips or help out in class when needed and after getting more involved with school - and seeing the passion and commitment from all the teachers and staff - I decided to go for it when the opportunity of parent Governor came up! I get involved in many different aspects of school as part of my role, from helping with recruitment to working closely with the Lead for Mathematics and PE as Curriculum Link-Governor. I am also the chair of the committee for Curriculum and Pupil Welfare.

As well as a Governor I am the current Secretary of the PTFA. Being on the PTFA committee can be a real challenge as planning things such as school discos, 'Santa in School', SJF Friday Fayre and helping out as much as we can at school in other areas takes time and dedication. If we had the time there is so much more that we could do for our fantastic school but sometimes there just aren't enough hours in the day!

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family and our wonderful friends. Whether that is going on holiday, for days out or having a party in the garden. I am also in a band with a few of my friends where I sing and play (or try to play!) the ukulele.

The thing I enjoy most about being a Governor and on the PTFA committee is spending time with the children across the school. Watching them develop and grow and sharing in their excitement as they share stories about what they have done or what activity they are involved in is amazing. As a former pupil myself, being able to contribute to the ethos and spirit of the school now makes me feel very proud.



Ms Morley (Parent Governor)

Hi my name is Kelly Morley and I became the new Parent Governor here at St John Fisher recently.

I am mum to four boys - Fred (9) and Ernie (7) who both attend here at SJF, as well as Ted (14) who attends a local secondary school and Lenny who passed away sadly from Meningitis aged just 22 months old.

I also live with my partner, Jordon, and our two dogs Warrior and Krixous. In my spare time I enjoy going to the cinema, shopping, going out for meals with friends and enjoying holidays with my family.

As I am fairly new to the Parent Governor role I am attending lots of Governor courses and attending meetings. I am also the new Curriculum Link-Governor for Humanities, which covers History and Geography. I am really excited to see what the future holds for me and everyone else here at St John Fisher!



Golden Children

The Golden children are chosen by teachers each week.

- FS2** **Lincoln** for creating – independently – a fantastic story mat based on the well-known and much loved story, 'The Hungry Caterpillar'!
- Y1** **Ava** for being such a fantastic role-model for all the children Y1 (and throughout school)! Her behaviour is exemplary!
- Y2** **Bella** for having such an amazing Term! Though challenged at points, she has embraced them and adapted. Her smile and ability to 'give it a go' is a fabulous example! She is so ready for Y3!
- Y3** **Phoenix** for trying his best all week and for having the right attitude! Well done, keep it up!
- Y4** **Daisy** for always doing the right things and for working well with others! Well done!
- Y5** **Daisy** for making a brilliant effort in all her assessments this week! What a star you are!
- Y6** **Aleks** for maintaining a very positive attitude to all learning! Well done!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Rebecca	Florence	Lola	Max	Leon	Oscar	Willis

Achievements Outside of School

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

- **Olivia** in **Y3** made her First Holy Communion recently in her parish with her friends and family around her. We congratulate her on achieving this important milestone in her spiritual journey and pray for her intentions



Our Catholic Life

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next 'Liturgy of the Word' is on **Thursday 6th June 2019** and will be led by **Y1** and will start about 9.05am. We therefore invite our Y1 families and friends to join us in the School Hall. There is no liturgy next week as it is Assessment Point 4.

Celebration Assembly

Our next Celebration Assembly will be on **Friday 7th June 2019**, will be in the School Hall and start just after 9.00am and we invite our **Y2** families to join us.



First Holy Communion 2019

We think of and prayer for all the young people of our community who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on **Saturday 8th June 2019**.

Our June Prayer: 'The Gloria'

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



Our June Song: 'We Believe'

We believe in God the Father
We believe in God the Son
We believe in God the Spirit
God is three - - - - and God is one

At the Start of the Day...

If the weather is poor at the start of the day, and the children need to come straight into school, we would be grateful if they could be left at the door to either make their own way in or to be cared for by Mrs Pickering and other members of staff.

Our children are now well used to moving around school independently, but if they do need additional care and support in the morning, we will make sure they get it, so that they have the best start possible to their day. Sometimes it can delay and even interfere with the start of the school day if parents/carers make their way into the classrooms and even attempt to speak to the teacher or supervising adult.

Messages can always be left with Mrs Pickering, Mr Andrews or myself at the door; with Office staff; or written down and left in the post box in the foyer. Non-urgent messages for teachers can be emailed directly to the class email whilst more urgent messages can be emailed to our enquiries@st-johnfisher.org address or phoned through after. We do appreciate your cooperation and support with this matter. Thank you.

'Acting Out' Drama

- Every Saturday
- 10.00am
- St John Fisher School, Spring Water Avenue, S12 4HJ

Have fun, meet new people and learn *amazing* skills! Affordable drama lessons run by a local based family with over twenty years' professional experience in theatre, television, as well as directing and teaching all aspects of drama. Please call **07478435080** to join or for more information. All welcome!



SJF Spelling Bee & Times Tables Rock Stars

Please encourage your children to practise their spellings and times tables every day. If you need help with anything please contact your child's teacher via the appropriate year-group email address.



Children have a 'log in' Times Tables Rock Stars and there are lots of fantastic online resources and games, that your child(ren) will really enjoy playing as they learn. Thank you.

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

SJF ports Update

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
- <https://www.yourschoolgames.com/schools/st-john-fisher-catholic-primary-school-a-voluntary-academy/>



Extra-Curricular Opportunities

- The new Term 6 programme of extra-curricular activities will be published in the next newsletter

FS2 and Year 1 Sports Afternoon

On the last Monday of term 5, Mr Cross hosted a special sports afternoon for the FS2 and Y1 classes. During this session the pupils opportunities to try different exercises and activities - challenging and developing both their team and individual skills.

There were a large range of different exercises for the pupils to try some of which were familiar and some were completely new. It was great to see everyone having a go and challenging themselves.

Mr Cross would like to say a massive thank you to all who took part and an extra big 'thank you' to the young people of Y5 who helped set up and run the exercise stations.

Raising Teens

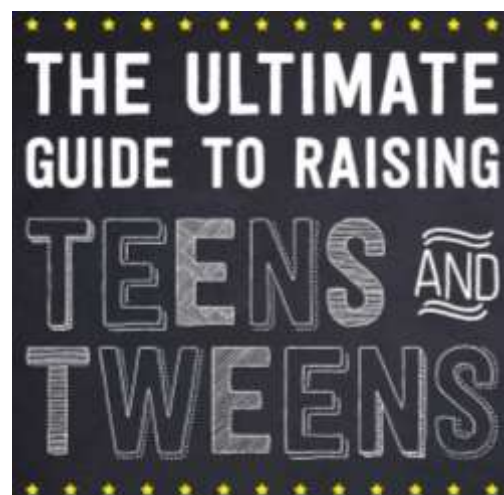
Do you need support and advice as your 'tween' becomes a teen?

Come and join us for a fun and informative parent/carer seminar focused on raising teens.

Lots of ideas and tips and an opportunity to share if you want and to learn from others

No need to book, just come along to Our lady of Lourdes Parish Centre on Tuesday 11th June 2019 from 9.00am until 12.00pm.

For further information please speak to Mrs Pickering. Please spread the word and bring a friend if you think they would also benefit.



Statement to Live By

Next week our 'Statement to Live By' will be:

"I stand up for others being treated unfairly"

Time to talk: why is it important to stand up for those being treated unfairly? What could happen if people said or did nothing?

How can we stand up for someone safely without putting ourselves (or others) at risk?

Who can **we** talk to if we feel unhappy, unsafe or unloved?

Can you find an example of anyone who stood up for someone who was being treated unfairly? Who was it? What did they do? Did they manage to do this peacefully?

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

