



St John Fisher News

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★ Citizen of the Week

★ The recipient of this week's award is **Willis Stoeman** (Y3) who knows how to show he is sorry in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. Willis, is a very enthusiastic young man and a good friend to others. He has a fantastically positive attitude to life and likes it when colleagues are pleased with him – which is often. Well done young man, we are all very proud of you!

Staff News

Mrs Dewsnap

Mrs Dewsnap will rejoin us at the beginning of Term 6 on a phased return following a protracted period of sick leave.

Mrs Bishop

Following her maternity leave Mrs Bishop will return on a part-time basis. Governors yesterday appointed Mrs Sandy Sambrook to work as her job share. Mrs Sambrook is a highly committed and experienced teacher who has worked as part of a successful job share for twelve years in a Catholic school.

Mrs Evans

Sadly Mrs Evans will leave us at the end of the academic year following her appointment this week as the new Deputy Headteacher of St Wilfrid's in Millhouses from September 2016. Since joining us back in September 2013 Mrs Evans has made such an important contribution to our recovery and subsequent growth. We all congratulate her warmly on her appointment, and she will leave with all our prayers and best wishes for a very happy, healthy and successful future. She will be missed enormously, but her fantastic legacy will remain.

Term 5 Smiley Scores So Far...

St Andrew's House  705	St David's House  606	St Patrick's House  710	St George's House  659
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Congratulations to the girls and boys in St Patrick's House, who are our Term 5 champions! Mrs Golland will organise Golden Time at the beginning of Term 6.

Sparkle Morning

Thank you to everyone who was involved in organising this week's event. I would also like to thank all those who were able to come along and support it.

Further information about this brilliant organisation is available via this link:
<http://www.sparklesheffield.co.uk/>

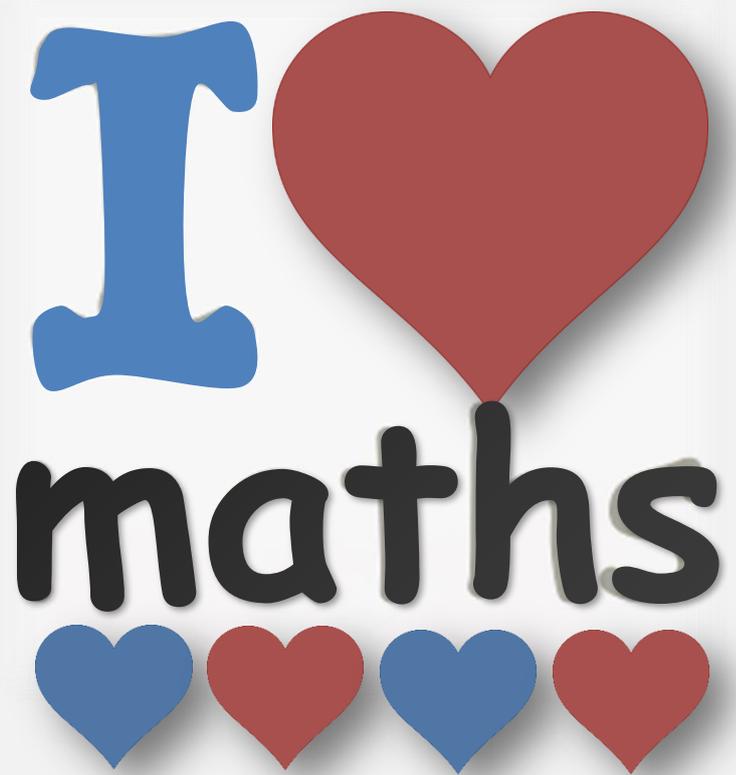


Maths ADVENTURE Day 2016

Today we celebrated our first Maths Adventure Day, and it was fantastic! All the children had fun exploring Mathematics creatively in lots of different ways. It was fantastic to see how they engaged with everything so positively; building on the work Mrs Evans has coordinated this year to challenge pupils' negative attitudes and perceptions, transform their aspirations and raise expectations and standards.

I am really impressed by how many parents, carers and family members joined us for the morning and afternoon parent/carer sessions and assembly. A number of different parents told me this morning how much they had enjoyed the event and how surprised they were by what is now expected of children in primary schools. Some even took challenges in order to test family members at home!

I would like to thank Mrs Evans for coordinating the day and all my colleagues for coming together in order to make it really special for the children and their families.



YORKSHIRE
Wildlife Park



Visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Yesterday all the children in FS2 and Years 1 and 2 travelled to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park for an exciting day linked to this Term's curriculum theme. Everyone had a brilliant time and our children were really well behaved. I would like to thank Mrs Broadhead for coordinating the event; Mrs Darken for leading the visit on the day and all my colleagues and the parent volunteers for ensuring that all the children had a happy and safe experience. We will publish some photographs in the next newsletter.

School Assemblies & Celebrations

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Many thanks to the children and staff of Y1 for leading Wednesday's wonderful liturgy. It was really great! The next Liturgy of the Word will be led by the young people of **Y6** on **Thursday 16th June** and their family and friends are invited to join us in the hall just after 9.00am.

Weekly Celebration Assembly

The next assembly takes place on **Friday 17th June** and the family and friends of our **Y1** children are invited to join us in the hall at 2.55pm.

50p Friday

Thank you to everyone who supported today's '50p Friday'. If you forgot and would like to contribute, please send your contribution with your child(ren) on the first day back. All money collected is used to support our four House charities. Thank you.



Achievements Outside of School

- **Isobel Stoeman** in **FS2** achieved the Level 1 standard in swimming and is already flying through Level 2! What a star you are Isobel!
- **Filip Dominiak** in **Y3** achieved the Level 4 standard in swimming and is now working to achieve the Level 5 standard.
- **Willis Stoeman** in **Y3** has been training with the Derby County Development Squad for the past three months. He also received the 'Players' Player' award for his team, Charnock Ridgeway! Congratulations!

Attendance This Week

FS2		94.4%	
Year 1		96.3%	Brenda Bear will visit after the holiday!
Year 2		95.7%	Elvis the Owl will visit after the holiday!
Year 3		93.2%	
Year 4		91.3%	
Year 5		98.8%	Bobby Bear will visit after the holiday!
Year 6		93.8%	
Weekly Target		97%	This week's Average Attendance 94.8%

Our attendance this week in a number of classes and overall is significantly below our 97% target.

Unfortunately our figures have been severely affected by a terrible sickness bug as well as a number of unauthorised absences.

Attendance in Term 5

FS2		97.2%	
Year 1		97.5%	
Year 2		97.9%	
Year 3		96.2%	
Year 4		96.8%	
Year 5		95.4%	
Year 6		97.7%	
Weekly Target		97%	This term's average attendance 96.9%

Term 5 attendance was close to our 97% target. Attendance in the last week had a huge impact in pulling the figures down.

Attendance since September

FS2		95.1%	
Year 1		97.7%	
Year 2		96.9%	

It would be great if more than just two classes could achieve the 97% target by

Year 3		96.4%	
Year 4		96.8%	
Year 5		97.2%	
Year 6		96.8%	
Weekly Target		97%	Average Attendance this year 96.7%

the end of the year. Every day counts, so if your child is well enough to attend school please ensure that s/he comes in and try to avoid unauthorised absences, including holidays during the school term. Thank you.

Punctuality

Did you know?

- 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days lost each year
- 10 minutes adds up to 6 days lost each year
- 15 minutes adds up to 10 days lost each year
- 20 minutes adds up to 13 days lost each year
- 30 minutes adds up to 19 days lost each year

Golden Children

This week's Golden Children will be included in the next newsletter:



Birthdays

Happy birthday to Millie Taylor and Marika De Caro!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kessy Higiro	Daisy Green	Alex Murray	Fraser Owen	Owen Pack	Fran Needham	Josh Mercer

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"I can recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings."**

Time to talk: Sometimes we can actually feel comfortable or uncomfortable physically. Sometimes the feeling is inside us and we just sense that something feels right or wrong. It is **VERY** important to speak up if something feels uncomfortable, because we have a right to be and feel safe – every day. Who can you tell if you feel uncomfortable or unsafe? What should you do if you think someone else is feeling uncomfortable or unsafe? Who in your life makes you feel comfortable and safe? Why?



Thank you for all your support this term. I hope you have a brilliant holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 13th June.**

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt