


SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

 The week's recipient is **Alana** in **Y2** who understands the importance of thinking carefully about choices to do with her health. Alana is becoming a very responsible member of our school, with a growing maturity. She demonstrates the learning values that are important to our community, and we are all very proud of her! Well done Alana!

Term 2 Smiley Scores

 St Andrew's House 312	 St David's House 296	 St Patrick's House 287	 St George's House 280
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Blue Day

On **Monday 2nd December 2019** the young people of St Andrew's (Blue) House are invited to come to school wearing something blue instead of their normal school uniform. This is to mark the feast of St Andrew. The children in the other three Houses are expected to wear full school uniform as normal. Their turns will come!

Calendar Reminders

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)

02-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blue Day for the members of St Andrew's House ONLY• First day of class Advent liturgies
03-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pupil Review Meetings (2.00pm-5.00pm, School Hall)• PTFA Monthly Meeting ALL INVITED (6.30pm, School Hall) – please come along
04-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pupil Review Meetings (5.00pm-7.00pm, School Hall)
05-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y2 Liturgy of the Word (9.05, School Hall) – the family and friends of our Y2 pupils invited
06-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PTFA Santa in School (non-uniform day children can wear Christmas jumpers/party clothes)
10-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panto Day (Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield) – later return, details to follow (<u>full</u> school uniform)
11-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FS2 Nativity Play (dress rehearsal for school)• Christmas Dinner Day 2019! (a non-uniform - Christmas jumper/party clothes - day)
12-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y3 Liturgy (9.05am, School Hall) – the family and friends of our Y3 pupils invited• FS2 Nativity Play (2.15pm, School Hall) – there will be a raffle to raise funds
13-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Curriculum Showcase (8.45am-9.45am, School Hall) – all welcome!
16-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS1 Nativity Play (dress rehearsal for school)
17-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS1 Nativity Play (2.15pm, School Hall) – there will be a raffle to raise funds
18-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS1 Nativity Play (2.15pm, School Hall) – there will be a raffle to raise funds• Last day of class Advent liturgies
19-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS2 (Years 3-6) Community Carol Service (2.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes) - all welcome!
20-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• End of Term 2 & Non-Uniform Day (Christmas jumper/party clothes)
School Christmas Holiday (23-12-19 to 03-01-20)	
06-01-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSET Day (school closed to pupils for staff training)
07-01-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start of Term 3 (School reopens to pupils with Wake Up Shake Up at 8.40am)



Attendance this week			
1st	Y3		96.5% Bobby Bear will visit next week
2nd	Y6		95.8% Brenda Bear will visit next week
3rd	Y2		95.7% Elvis Owl will visit next week
4th	Y4		94.7%
5th	Y1		91.7%
6th	Y5		91.4%
7th	FS2		91.3%
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 93.9%	



Get Set, GO! (8.40am)			
1st	Y6		86%
2nd	Y3		83%
3rd	Y2		78%
4th	Y5		72%
5th	Y4		70%
6th	FS2		50%
6th	Y1		50%
Average = 70%			

A slightly better average attendance this week, but school attendance is still being impacted greatly by the colds and viruses and specifically a nasty vomiting and diarrhoea bug that is not going away. Hopefully everything will return to normal next week.

Advent Wreath Blessing Liturgy 2019

Today the young people of Y4 led our annual Advent Wreath liturgy as they do every year. It was a fantastic liturgy that explained the origins of Advent; enabling us all to understand why the season of Advent is such an important part of the Church's year. The Y4 children were wonderful; so well prepared. They carried out their roles beautifully and we were all extremely proud of them.

Thank you also to Mr Broadhead for all his hard work in preparing the liturgy; Mr Tandy for supporting the music; the children for singing so magnificently; and everyone who was able to join us. Finally we would like to thank Fr Paul for joining us and for blessing the wreaths. It really was a joyous and thought-provoking liturgy and such a fitting way to start Advent at SJF!



Catholic Life

December Prayer

During Advent we prepare for Christmas by saying sorry for our mistakes and trying hard to make those changes that we need to make. Our prayer is the Act of Contrition.

**O my God
Because you are so good –
I am very sorry that I have sinned against You,
And by the help of Your grace –
I will not sin again.**

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next 'Liturgy of the Word' will be on **Thursday 5th December 2019**, and will be led by the young people of **Y2**. We invite their family and friends to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am.

Celebration Assembly

Our next Celebration Assembly will be on **Friday 20th December 2019**, the last day of Term 2. As it was not scheduled in the calendar we will invite any family and friends who have children in any year group to come and join us. As usual it will start just after 9.00am in the School Hall.

Advent & The Daily Advent Class Reflections

Our daily Advent class reflections will run from **Monday 2nd December 2019** until **Wednesday 18th December 2019** apart from the following days:



- × any PE days
- × Santa in School Day (06-12-19)
- × Panto Day (10-12-19)
- × in **FS2, Y1** and **Y2** on **12-12-19** (FS2 Nativity Play, Years 3-6 will go ahead)
- × in **FS2, Y1** and **Y2** on **17-12-19** + **18-12-19** (KS1 Nativity Play Years 3-6 will go ahead)

The season of Advent is all about getting ready, spiritually, for the birth of Jesus. Apart from the dates specified above, parents, carers, family and friends are welcome to join us on the following days-

- **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

Please book 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 will not interrupt the liturgies in order to admit late arrivals. All are welcome and we thank you for your understanding and support.

Lyceum Visit

We are all off to the Sheffield Lyceum to enjoy this year's panto, 'Cinderella' on **Tuesday 10th December 2019**. As the performance starts at 1.00pm we will have to leave school at **12.00pm**.

The children will have an early 'picnic' lunch at 11.00am so that we are ready to leave on time. There will be **no hot lunches on the day** so children are asked to either bring a packed lunch with them to school or choose the sandwich option from the school dinner menu.

Please make sure that you only select the sandwich option on Tuesday 10th December. If you have selected another option please log into your 'ParentPay' account and amend or cancel your selection(s). Thank you.



PLEASE NOTE:

Unfortunately we will **not** be able to provide extra lunches for children whose parents have forgotten to place an order so **please** ensure that you send your child with a packed lunch from home if this happens.



We aim to return to school between 4.30pm and 5pm on the day and parents/carers are asked to wait in the playground for their children, who will be brought back in to school from the coaches and released from their usual exits.

As it will be dark, and the children will be tired, we want to be very careful about how all the children are released. We therefore ask you to be patient with us and to wait in the playground. Please do not try to intercept the children straight off the coaches as this will make things very difficult for colleagues and volunteers who are trying to keep track of all the children.

The Lyceum will not confirm running times until they have had several 'run-throughs' but as soon as they have an idea, we will let you know likely return times. We will also stay in touch with school on the day itself about unforeseen delays e.g. traffic incidents etc. and colleagues in the School Office will send out texts and emails as appropriate. Please ensure that we have your current details on our records.

JPAC will operate as usual when we return to school. Children need to be booked in in the usual way.

Beat Your Best

The SJF Weekly Personal Challenge!

This week's challenge was to perfect football passing skills in a 10-second challenge! Working in partners, the children had to pass a football through two cones positioned in the centre between the participants. The pupils had to pass the ball to their partner as many times as possible within the tight timeframe.



Well done to everyone who participated in this week's 'Beat your Best Challenge'! the challengers achieved some great scores! Special mentions to the following for beating there best!

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Eddie	Alfie Hugo D'Mari	Owen Cavani	Alan Max	Alex Daniel	Mitchell Emily

Christmas Cards

There will be a special post box in the reception area next to the main office from Monday 2nd December. All cards should be posted in here and not handed out in class! Please ensure that every card has:

- ✓ recipient's first name
- ✓ last name (if known)
- ✓ year group

The Year 6 monitors will sort and deliver the 'post' each day. Please note that because of advice received regarding data protection restrictions we are not giving out class lists.

Curriculum Exhibition

You are invited to join us for our first exhibition of the year on the morning of **Friday 13th December 2019**, in the School Hall from 8.45am to 9.45am. It is a great opportunity to view and celebrate the children's work!

Achievements Outside of School

At St John Fisher we celebrate all achievements in and out of school. Whether achievements are big or small we love to publish and celebrate them. Please email them in via: enquiries@st-johnfisher.org. This week's achievements are:

- **Luca** in **Y2** who was awarded 'Man of the Match' on Sunday after he scored two goals. He also has contributed to this year's Samaritans Shoe Box Appeal. Well done Luca!
- **Sophie B** in **Y6** has passed her bronze ice dancing award in ice skating. Fantastic news Sophie!
- **Tamzin** in **Y6** was confirmed last week at St James Church, Woodhouse. She also read at the service. Congratulations Tamzin!



Refurbishment of FS2 so far...



Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is '**I can work, rest and pray every day**'.

Time to talk: Together you could think about all the things you do in a typical day from the moment you wake up in the morning to the moment you go to bed. Make a list and see how long it is. Using different coloured pens highlight/underline (i) in the first colour, anything to do with work or school; (ii) in the second colour, anything to do with relaxing and rest; and (iii) in the third colour, the moments when you pray. What do you notice? Is your typical day balanced? Can you find space for more moments to listen to God?



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

Best wishes,
Mrs Barrett