

SJF NEWS

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★ Citizen of the Week

★ This week's recipient is Mitchell in Y5 who understands the importance of both offering and receiving forgiveness, in line with this week's Statement to Live By. Mitchell is such a positive role-model. His attitude to life in general – and to school and learning specifically – is fantastic! He has a winner's attitude when faced with a challenge, which he always views calmly. He has the resilience and determination to overcome anything and nothing seems to phase him. He engages in school life fully and has represented our community at different competitions and events. He is sensitive to how others think and feel and will draw them in and involve them quietly, whether it is a class activity or a team game. He encourages others to sort out differences and to forgive/accept forgiveness. The respect and care he shows others is then reflected by the fact that others really like it when they are in his team/group. Congratulations Mitchell, well deserved!

Term 6 House Smiley Scores!

St Andrew's House  341	St David's House  356	St Patrick's House  292	St George's House  315
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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)

08-07-19	• Assessment Point 5 – Day 1 (FS2, Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5 only)
09-07-19	• Assessment Point 5 – no assessments because it is the rescheduled 'Moving Up Day' • SJF Moving Up Day (children go to current class for Get Set, GO! at the start of the day)
10-07-19	• Assessment Point 5 – Day 2 (FS2, Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5 only)
11-07-19	• Assessment Point 5 – Day 3 (FS2, Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5 only) • FS2 Graduation & Liturgy of Word (9.05am, School Hall)
12-07-19	• Assessment Point 5 – Day 4 (FS2, Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5 only) • Final Curriculum Showcase Exhibition (8.45am, School Hall) • Confirmation Mass (7.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church)
16-07-19	• Spelling Bee Final (Terms 5 & 6)
17-07-19	• TT Rock Stars Final (Terms 5 & 6) • FS2 visit to Shirebrook Valley
18-07-19	• Y6 Leavers' Liturgy (7.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church)
19-07-19	• End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving (9.30am, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church) • No Celebration Assembly • End of school year for children
← Summer Holiday (22-07-19 to 30-08-19) →	
02-09-19	• Staff In-Service Training (INSET) Day (school closed to children)
03-09-19	• School reopens for new school year for new Year 1-6 groups (8.40am, Wake Up, Shake Up!)

SJF Calendar 2019-2020

Next Year's calendar of events is being finalised and will be shared in due course.



Weekly Attendance			
1 st	Y2	99.7%	Bobby Bear will be visiting
2 nd	Y4	99.6%	Brenda Bear will be visiting
3 rd	FS2	98.7%	Elvis the Owl will be visiting
4 th	Y6	98.1%	
5 th	Y3	97.5%	
6 th	Y1	97.1%	
7 th	Y5	94.9%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 97.9%	



Get Set, GO! (8.45am)			
1 st	Y2	94%	
2 nd	Y4	93%	
3 rd	Y6	91%	
4 th	FS2	90%	
5 th	Y1	88%	
6 th	Y3	86%	
7 th	Y5	75%	
		Average = 88%	

Our whole-school attendance has improved on last week and is just below our 98% target, with four classes this week exceeding the target and two more in touching distance.

Golden Children

The Golden children are chosen by teachers each week.

- FS2** **Charlie F** for trying really hard to listen actively during 'carpet time'! Well done Charlie!
- Y1** **Evelyn** for trying hard in mathematics all week! What a superstar Evelyn, keep it up!
- Y2** **Connor** for trying really hard and for improving his attitude to school work! Keep it up superstar!
- Y3** **Courtney** for having a wonderfully positive attitude this week! Keep it up Courtney!
- Y4** **Kaydi** for settling in so well and for working hard too! What a great start! Well done, and welcome!
- Y5** **Phoebe A** for growing confidence and for making fantastic contributions to class discussions! Well done!
- Y6** **Israel** for having a much-improved attitude in school and for trying hard! Well done!

Writing Champions						
FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Olivia Jack Jacob H Jacob W	Alana	Zack	Charlie	Leon	Sam	Filip

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!

- **Amelia** in **FS2** received a special certificate after achieving the British Gymnastics Level 6 Proficiency Award! Congratulations Amelia, a super achievement!
- **Eddie** in **FS2** has learned to ride his bike without stabilisers! Everyone is very proud as Eddie had been very nervous beforehand! What a fantastic achievement Eddie! Great determination, well done!
- **Alana** in **Y1**, **Alexia** and **Lily** in **Y2**, **Jessica** in **Y3** and **Maks** and **Sophie B** in **Y5** all appeared in a 'Noodles' production of 'Seussical Junior' last weekend! Rehearsals had taken place over six months and they all worked incredibly hard to prepare for the show, learning different song and dance routines, which were all superb. Sophie was Young Kanga, Jessica was Yertle the Turtle, Alexia was Thing 2 and Alana was Elephant Bird! St John Fisher was also well represented at the Noodle annual awards following the show where Maks received the most improved at musical theatre award, Sophie received the most improved senior ballerina award and Jessica won the junior performing arts award. Congratulations everybody!
- **Connie** in **Y1** received a Certificate for Awesomeness recently following an exciting visit to 'Go Ape'! Amazing Connie, well done!



- **Luca** in **Y1** received a certificate of achievement from 'Mega-Kickers' for understanding the role of a referee and for applying basic match rules and for developing his hand-eye coordination! Well done!
- **Preston** in **Y1** for playing in a football tournament with his Woodhouse Junior FC teammates! Well done!
- **Amelia** in **Y5** took part in a swimming gala in Scarborough last weekend and managed to achieve new personal bests in three of her events! She also managed to achieve Yorkshire Championship swimming times for a gala at the end of September in breaststroke and the individual medley as well as the backstroke (which she already has). Congratulations Amelia! Fantastic achievements, well done!
- **Rowan** in **Y6** received a Merit grade in his Grade 3 piano examination that he did recently! Congratulations Rowan and well done for all your hard work! He also took part in the Annual Razzmatazz Showcase at City Hall on Sunday! He, danced, acted and sang a solo piece from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory all with great confidence! Well done!

Polite Request

Books & School Resources

We would be very grateful if you would please have a good look at home for anything at all belonging to school, including **reading** books, **library** books and other school resources that have been borrowed and not yet returned. Please return items as soon as possible, and by **Wednesday 17th July 2019** at the latest.

As you know budgets are ridiculously tight and, sadly, there is no sign that things will be getting easier for schools any time soon. Therefore I need to be very careful and would like to avoid spending money replenishing items which we have loaned to children and families which have then not been returned. Please help us by having a good look and by returning anything you find. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reading Records

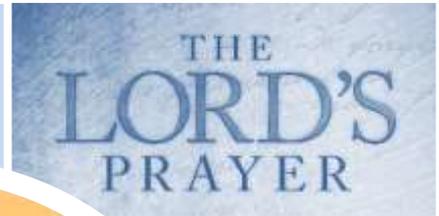
Please note that the reading records for children in **FS2** and **KS1** will be collected in by colleagues on **Friday 12th July 2019** and for children in **KS2** checks will be made on **Monday 15th July**. This is so we have just enough time to sort everything and award the correct Reading Awards before the end of term. Thank you.

Our Catholic Life

Our July Prayer: 'The Lord's Prayer'

Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name -
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On Earth as is in Heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses -
As we forgive those -
who trespass against us,
And lead us not in to temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen



Our July Song: 'This Little Light of Mine'

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next 'Liturgy of the Word' is on **Thursday 11th July 2019** is a special graduation liturgy for our youngest children in **FS2** who will be moving to Y1 in September. As usual it will start at around 9.05am in the School Hall and all the family and friends of our **FS2** children are invited to join us.

Celebration Assembly

Our next Celebration Assembly will be in the new school year. Thank you to everyone who has been able come along to one of these assemblies during this academic year. It is a special time in the busy week when we pause to recognise and celebrate the achievements and contributions of our amazing children.

Y6 Leavers' Liturgy (Thursday 18th July, 7.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church)

We invite the family and friends of our Y6 children to join us for a celebration of their time at St John Fisher and to give thanks for all that they have done to contribute to, and shape, our community over the last seven years. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together in order to offer prayers for their individual intentions and for the opportunities and futures that they so richly deserve at this key milestone in their lives.



End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving

Everyone is invited to our special end of school year Mass of Thanksgiving on **Friday 19th July 2019** at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, starting at **9.30am**. It is a special Mass led by children in different year groups, staff and by representatives of those who help our school in such important – but often quiet – ways.

Our special school does not just ‘happen’ it takes the combined efforts of lots of people in many different ways coming together – including our incredible staff, Fr Paul and our parish, our Governors, our Diocese, our local authority, our multi-agency partners, our friends from All Saints, our Sheffield Catholic Schools’ partnership, our Multi-Academy Trust, our south-east Sheffield schools network, our phenomenal PTFA and volunteers, and of course you - our wonderful parents, carers and families.

As we look back on another incredible year in the life of our community, we have so much to be proud of, and to give thanks for. If you can join us for Mass on the last day, you would be most welcome. Thank you.

SJF Spelling Bee & Times Tables Rock Stars

The dates of the class competitions will be shared with the children by their teachers, so the children can prepare. The dates of the whole-school competitions are:

- 16-07-19 **Spelling Bee** School Final (Terms 5 & 6)
- 17-07-19 **TT Rock Stars** School Final (Terms 5 & 6)



Please encourage your children to practise their spellings and times tables so that they are prepared and ready.

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. $5 \times 7 = 35 \rightarrow 5 \times 0.7 = 3.5$ etc.

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/>



Sports Day 2019



This year's sports day was a full day of activities for our children that culminated in our afternoon competitions. In the morning the children were organised in to ten mixed-age teams representing different countries. This year the children's teams were South Korea, France, Norway, Nigeria, Jamaica, New Zealand, USA, China, South Africa and Germany.

Each team completed a 'round robin' of ten different activities, earning points for their team as they did. This year the activities were Boccia, basketball, skipping, seated tennis, javelin, sprint-relay, hurdle-relay, long jump, hockey and football.

Individuals and teams could also extra points if they demonstrated any of our sports values - determination, self-belief, passion, respect, honesty and teamwork. Our older children were wonderful with the younger ones, helping, supporting and encouraging them. In the end the winning team was the USA, and a trophy was presented to the members of that team by Rachel from the LINKS School Sport Partnership.

In the afternoon the children enjoyed the races cheered on and supported by the family and friends who were able to come along to watch. Some of the parents raced too - and even the teachers! A really great day and the sun finally shone for us! Lots of pictures are available via this link:

<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/sjf-sports-day-2019/>



Go Ride @ SJF!



This week our school hosted a LINKS and British Cycling 'Go Ride' event on our grounds. We welcomed teams and staff from other schools for the event which took place on our top school field.

Our riders were able to put in to practice everything they had learned and did very well. Everyone also enjoyed themselves. Our thanks to the organisers for giving the children this great opportunity and congratulations to all our riders!



Y5 Enterprise Challenge 2019!

Two Y5 teams have been selected by the PTFA to represent St John Fisher in the annual All Saints Catholic High School Enterprise Challenge!

The two teams will set up their own stall at All Saints' Summer Fayre on **Wednesday 17th July 2019**. This year's theme is 'One School, Many Cultures'. As such, the Y5 teams have based their stalls around different world cultures. We hope to raise lots of profit which will be donated to charity.

All the teams took part in this year's Friday Fayre, and the PTFA will select winner shortly. We thank the PTFA for their fantastic support! Pictured are the teams representing SJF at the All Saints Summer Fayre this year!



Second Hand Uniform

Mrs Pickering and Mrs Cooper are setting up a second-hand school uniform shop where quality items of uniform that have been donated, as well as unclaimed/unnamed items of lost property, will be cleaned and either given to families in need or resold for a nominal amount and the money passed to the PTFA.

We would therefore appreciate the donation of any good quality items of uniform, including our SJF PE uniform. Donated items can be left with Mrs Pickering on the school gate in the mornings or passed to one of my colleagues in the School Office.

Lost Property

Please check the Lost Property Box for anything you are missing. There are some nearly new items, including jackets and school coats. Everything will be sorted at the end of term, so if you are missing anything, please take a look and claim what is yours before it goes.

Label All Clothes

Please label all items of uniform – even school shoes. This enables us to identify and return any missing items.

Borrowed Clothes

Please do not forget to launder and return any items of uniform that we lend out, including underwear and socks. We desperately need these in case children have accidents. When borrowed items of uniform and underwear are kept and not returned it means that we have to source and sometimes even purchase additional items in order to replenish stocks. If you have any items at home, please return them. Thank you.



Statement to Live By

Our last 'statement to live by' of the year is: **"We are all special"**

Time to talk: This statement is the statement that we start and end the school year with, and it is probably the most important one of all.

To know we are special is to know that we are loved.

To know that we are loved is to know that God made us in His image, and that He is always present in our lives if we are open to seeing and hearing Him.

We all amazing; created to be unique and special by a God who knows us and loves us.

We all have our own gifts and talents - those special things which make us unique.

What makes you special?

What makes your friends special?

What about your parents, brothers and sisters, cousins, uncles and aunts?

Remember that God created each of us to be brilliant and to shine brightly every day. When we are feeling down on ourselves (or others) it is important that we remember this first, and then try to refocus, because the truth we are *all* special.

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

