

SJF NEWS

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★ Citizen of the Week

★ The week's recipient is **Aleks** in **Y6** who recognises when he is comfortable and uncomfortable in different situations in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. This ability is so important for personal safety and wellbeing – something we talk about a lot at St John Fisher! Aleks is able to use this understanding to look after others because he recognises when they are not happy. If they need a friend he will be there for them in a typically understated and no-nonsense way. Well done Aleks, we are very proud of you!

Staff News

Today we said farewell to Mrs Battams who has retired after 28 years' service. The school community came together earlier today for a special assembly with different classes performing songs, poems and dances – as well as some of her favourite hymns. Mrs Battam's was joined by members of her family as well some former colleagues, friends and people with whom she has worked over the years as SJF Office Manager.

Lorenzo (Y6) and Jack S (Y6) were our very own Ant and Dec, opening and closing the assembly. The children all performed beautifully. At the end of the assembly Mrs Battams shared some thoughts and memories and talked about how school and the building had changed over the years. Fr Paul then led the community in a special blessing for Mrs Battams and her family which involved everybody.

The school community had all contributed fingerprints to a very special gift; a painting of a tree. The painting had been professionally mounted and framed and presented to Mrs Battams at the end of the assembly along with flowers and a special gift from the PTFA. I would like to thank our children, my colleagues and Mr McGurrin, Mrs Downes and Mr Tandy for supporting us with the music – which was fantastic.

Everyone then went over to the Parish Hall, which had also been decorated and set up by the PTFA. Refreshments were served along with a fantastic array of cakes which had been donated so generously by our parents and carers. Everyone then had an opportunity to say their own goodbyes to Mrs Battams. I would like to thank our PTFA for all their hard work as well as Fr Paul for allowing us to use the Parish Centre.

The day before Mrs Battams, supported by some children, planted a bush she had donated, near the entrance to school. She was also interviewed by the young people of Y5 who asked lots of questions and then used the information they had gathered in order to write their own articles. Mr MacInnes was very impressed with them all and chose Phoebe A's for the newsletter. Here it is...



Mrs Battams first came to the school when she and her family moved to the area. She and her husband decided that they would like their children to attend St John Fisher. She loved it and she felt like it was one big family. Before this, she had worked in a bank and then Birley Spa Primary School. She then decided that she wanted to work here.

The interview went well and she got - what is now - Mrs Birch's job. She was also a teaching assistant. The first person that she met was the Headteacher at the time, Mr McGurrin, and Mrs Corbey. The Office Manager, Mrs Wright, became her best friend along with Mrs Birch.

Once, she dressed up as an alien and scared the Foundation children. She enjoys making people laugh and once she hid in a box and jumped out to scare Mr McGurrin and Mrs Corbey. She said that her favourite part of the job was meeting new people.

Her happiest memory of St John Fisher was her 40th birthday. The school put on a special play all about her and called her 'The Good Fairy'. If she had any other job it would be to bake cakes or sew because she enjoys doing these in her spare time.

Mrs Battams has worked at St John Fisher for twenty-eight years (since 1991). She says she will miss the friendship and love the most. We will also miss her very much.





Mrs Ramsden

We welcome Mrs Ramsden who succeeds Mrs Battams as our new School Finance and Administration Manager. She will be familiar to many of you as a parent and in her previous roles as a Governor, PTFA Treasurer and latterly as a relief member of the School Office team. Mrs Ramsden was appointed by Governors a few weeks ago following an exhaustive selection process which attracted a lot of interest from some exceptional candidates. We certainly wish her every happiness and success in her new role.

Term 5 House Smiley Scores

<p>St Andrew's House</p>  <p>185</p>	<p>St David's House</p>  <p>148</p>	<p>St Patrick's House</p>  <p>199</p>	<p>St George's House</p>  <p>185</p>
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Red Day

On **Monday**, the members of St George's House 'dressed down' with most wearing something red to mark the feast of their House patron, St George.



Calendar Reminders

Our **SJF calendar** is available online on the Homepage of our website 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)

06-05-19	• School closed (Bank Holiday)
09-05-19	• Y3 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall)
10-05-19	• Y6 Celebration Assembly • PTFA Bags2School
13-05-19	• End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments (SATs) – Day 1
14-05-19	• End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments (SATs) – Day 2
15-05-19	• End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments (SATs) – Day 3 • Y5 & Y6 Cycling (for pupils on the programme) • Y3 & Y4 Cricket
16-05-19	• End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments (SATs) – Day 4
20-05-19	• Assessment Point 4 (all years except Y6) – Day 1
21-05-19	• Assessment Point 4 (all years except Y6) – Day 2 • Y1 Educational visit to Old Moor Wetlands
22-05-19	• Assessment Point 4 (all years except Y6) – Day 3 • Y5 & Y6 Cycling Workshop (for pupils on the programme) • Y3 & Y4 Cricket
23-05-19	• Assessment Point 4 (all years except Y6) – Day 4 • No Liturgy of the Word (Assessment Week) • Y2 Educational Visit to 'The Deep' • FS2 Phonics & Reading Workshop (3.30pm, FS2 Classroom)
24-05-19	• Y4 Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall)
School Holiday (27-05-19 to 31-05-19)	
03-06-19	• Start of Term 6 • International Week (Whole School)
06-06-19	• Y1 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall)
07-06-19	• Y2 Celebration Assembly (9.06am, School Hall) • Y2 Skipping Festival
08-06-19	• First Holy Communion Mass (Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 10.00am)

Our Catholic Life

Our Eastertide Prayer II: **'The Angelus'**

**The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit...**

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen*



Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to thy word...	And the Word was made Flesh. And dwelt among us...
Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee; Blessed art thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen	Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee; Blessed art thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY
Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Our Song



As we prepare now for Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit the song we that we enter and leave the hall singing is:

*Come Holy Spirit,
Descend on us
Descend on us
We Gather now in Jesus' (name)*



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next 'Liturgy of the Word' is on **Thursday 9th May 2019** and will be led by **Y3** and will start at approximately 9.05am. We therefore invite our Y5 families and friends to join us in the School Hall.

Celebration Assembly

Our next Celebration Assembly will be on **Friday 10th May 2019**, will be in the School Hall and start just after 9.00am and we invite our **Y6** families to join us.

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!

- **Alana** in **Y1** received her 'Learn to Swim' Stage 1 badge and certificate recently Congratulations Alana!

Golden Children

The Golden children are chosen by teachers each week.

FS2	Musa for trying really hard with his letter formation! Well done Musa!
Y1	Jacob for making a huge effort with following instructions and for making the right choices! We are so proud of you Jacob, what a super week you have had!
Y2	Owen for trying hard to show more determination and focus! Well done superstar!
Y3	Olivia for always doing the right thing! What a super role-model you are!
Y4	Ethan Y for having a great week because he had made good choices and has had a positive attitude! Keep it up Ethan!
Y5	Ava for making a brilliant start to her time with us at St John Fisher!
Y6	Rafal for trying really hard and for having a positive attitude! Keep it up Rafal!



<u>Writing Champions</u>						
FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Isabelle	Evelyn	Ellie	Mateah	Fred	Archie	Reuben

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.



There are lots and lots of fantastic online resources, including some excellent 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. $5 \times 7 = 35 \rightarrow 5 \times 0.7 = 3.5$ etc.

SJF sports 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/>



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 8.40am	Wake Up & Shake Up! Playground	Wake Up & Shake Up! Playground	Wake Up & Shake Up! Playground	Wake Up & Shake Up! Playground	Wake Up & Shake Up! Playground
Lunch Time		Lunchtime Disco Playground	Mr Cross' 'Get Active' Playground	'Change for Life' Playground	Lunchtime Disco Playground
After School 3.30pm	KS2 'Stepz' Dance Parish Centre	KS1 Taekwondo School Hall	KS2 Athletics Playground	SJF Family Fit Club Parish Centre	KS2 Boys' Football School Field
		KS2 Girls' Football School Field			



Attendance this Week			
1 st	Y6	100%	Bobby Bear will be visiting
2 nd	Y4	99.3%	Brenda Bear will be visiting
2 nd	Y5	99.3%	Brenda Bear will be visiting
4 th	Y1	98.0%	Elvis the Owl will be visiting
5 th	Y2	97.3%	
5 th	Y3	96.9%	
6 th	FS2	92.0%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 97.5%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y4	96%
2 nd	Y6	95%
3 rd	Y1	94%
4 th	Y5	92%
5 th	Y2	90%
6 th	Y3	88%
7 th	FS2	85%
Average = 91%		

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is '**I understand what trust means**'.

Time to talk: What is trust? Using a dictionary look up its meaning. Were you right? Close? 'Trust' is God's gift. It something very special that is born out of the love and respect one person has for another. It is something to be treasured and is close to 'faith'. Trust is such an important part of school life and learning. Every day the children are challenged to trust the grown-ups who are there to help them learn. They are encouraged to step, bravely, out of their comfort zones and into a place where they might struggle, but in a positive and productive way, whilst they grow and secure new knowledge, expand experiences and hone skills.

What would school be like if learners did not trust teachers and teachers did not trust learners? Can there be friendships without trust? Why does Jesus call every single one of us to trust in Him, especially when we are struggling and life seems hard?

John 14:1
Do not let your hearts be troubled.
TRUST IN GOD

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**Trust is earned
when actions
meet words.**

Chris Butler

**TALK WITH GOD,
NO BREATH IS LOST.**

**WALK WITH GOD,
NO STRENGTH IS LOST.**

**WAIT FOR GOD,
NO TIME IS LOST.**

**TRUST IN GOD,
YOU WILL NEVER BE LOST.**

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

