


# SJF NEWS

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## Citizen of the Week

 This week our Citizen award goes to **Mateusz** in **Y5** who understands that rights match responsibilities in line with our 'Statement of Belief' this week. Mateusz appreciates that he has the right to feel happy, safe and loved and the responsibility to enable others to feel the same. As a result he is both a fantastic classmate and friend. He is a great listener and is kind and generous. Well done Mateusz! Everyone is very proud of you!

## Term 2 Smiley Scores

### St Andrew's House



401

### St David's House



473

### St Patrick's House



442

### St George's House



444

### Blue Day (The Feast of St Andrew)

A reminder that the members of St Andrew's House can mark the feast of St Andrew by coming to school dressed in something blue on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021** rather than their usual school uniform. Please note that this privilege is for the children in St Andrew's House only. Members of the other three Houses must come to school wearing full school uniform as usual. Thank you.

## House Assemblies

The children gathered for special assemblies this week as Houses.



## Healthy Minds at SJF

Our school is proud to be part of the Sheffield Healthy Minds initiative alongside children and colleagues from other Sheffield schools. We want to ensure that our school is a safe space for all members of our community. Sadly there is still such a stigma around mental health that prevents too many of us from opening up to someone trusted about how we feel. This can have long-term and negative consequences for our wellbeing, health and relationships. Poor mental health can have devastating consequences.



At St John Fisher we believe passionately that it is everyone's right - young and old - to feel happy, safe and loved every day of their lives. We work hard to ensure that our culture is open and welcoming so that all children (and staff) feel empowered to talk about anything that is worrying them. We want to encourage those important conversations that safeguard us all. We want to talk positively about mental health and wellbeing and give our children the means and the language so that they can be open too. Our sincere hope is that by playing our full parts now - to help our children to take on and embed those key positive messages - we will enable them to develop the positive beliefs, attitudes and strategies needed to sustain, support and protect them if and when difficulties arise in the future.

We are working closely with the Sheffield NHS Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) to support both children and staff. As part of this we have recruited a team of Healthy Minds Champions to offer appropriate peer-to-peer support and encouragement. This group of children will receive special training from a CAMHS worker so that they understand their roles fully, and are supported to undertake them well. The 'Champions' will be available at break-times on the playground and in 'The Hub' at lunchtimes. They will be coordinated and supported in school by Mr Smith and Mrs Hadfield, as we all work together, and do all we can, to keep our special school a safe space for everyone. For more information please follow this [LINK](#).

I think 'Healthy Minds' is important because if we don't have healthy minds, people would struggle with their worries and sadness, and I don't want people going home with a worry ball.

I think 'Healthy Minds' is important because if someone feels sad and doesn't want to talk to the teacher about it then they can always come to us for help.

I think 'Healthy Minds' is important because it will help the younger kids, or even kids of any age, feel good after something they may be going through.

I think 'Healthy Minds' is important because it will make so many children happy and change lots of lives.

I think 'Healthy Minds' is important because everyone deserves to be happy and cared for. Having the right mindset is very, very, very important!

I think 'Healthy Minds' is important because no one wants to be alone really, even if they say they do.


Everybody needs someone that they can rely on, don't they?

I think 'Healthy Minds' is important because it is helping people in need and it is really, really important to me.

I want to be a 'Champion' because I can help people when they are feeling upset: like talking, smiling at them or telling a teacher.

I want to be a 'Champion' because I like to help people. I like to be kind as well.

I want to be a 'Champion' because I am kind and lovely to people. I am a good friend to people and sensible.






## SJF Calendar of Events

Please click [here](#) in order to see the weekly update on our home page or hit [LINK](#) for the 2021-22 calendar.

Week 9 Attendance			
1 <sup>st</sup>	FS2	100%	Bobby Bear is visiting next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5	99.4%	Brenda Bear is visiting next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y2	97.9%	Elvis Owl is visiting next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	95.0%	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	95.0%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	92.5%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	88.3%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 95.4%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y2	90%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	FS2	80%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y1	78%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	73%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	73%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	70%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	70%
		Average = 76%



### Beat Your Best!

This week's challenge was fantastic and inspired lots of children to have a go and beat their personal best scores. The challenge was to shoot a basketball from different distances. The children started close to the basket and then worked their way back.

Well done to everyone who had a go you all did fantastic. Special mentions to the following;

Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Jenson	Archie Kaius Natalia Hector	Jenson Louis	Zayd	Alexander Bronte Cavani Daniel Edie Freddie Mateusz Oscar Owen	Phoenix Riley

Next week we have a fun skipping challenge. You can see a demonstration by Kessy, one of our fantastic Sports Majors, by clicking [here](#). Please find Kessy or Mr Johnson at break-time and have a go!

## Achievements outside of School

Please email us details of your children's achievements out of school ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) so that they can be included in our weekly newsletter and celebrated. This week we have one special achievement to share.

- **Lydia** in **Y5** has received a black belt for martial arts! A fantastic achievement for someone so young! Congratulations Lydia, we are all very proud of you!

## SJF School Council Update

*This week the school council met. Here's a word from one of our councillors on what was discussed.*



"This week we discussed how we could raise money for a new friendship bench in the playground. It will be a place that children could go to if they are lonely and need a friend to play with. We've thought of a lot of different ideas."

Emily, Y5 School Councillor



## Our Catholic Life

### Collective Worship Overview

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Statement of Belief Citizen Assembly (Headteacher)	SJF Virtues Assembly (Class-Based)	Themed Assembly (Staff-Led)	Weekly Liturgy of the Word (Class-Led)	Celebration Assembly (All Staff)

### Parish News

Information about parish and Diocesan life including times for Mass, Confession and sacramental preparation is available via this [link](#).



### Confirmation

Please note that Catholic pupils wishing to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church are invited to register before **Tuesday 30th November 2021**. Please send an email to the Parish Office ([lol.church@btinternet.com](mailto:lol.church@btinternet.com)) if you would like to register your child or if you have any questions. Thank you.



### Our Term 2 Virtues to Live By

A reminder that we are continuing to focus on the virtues, **hope** and **patience** during Term 2.

### November Prayer

During November we remember all those who have died and pray for the repose of their souls. We also remember the dead of war both service personnel and civilians. Our prayer is:

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**



### Our Late November Gathering Song

Come and join the circle, Gather round and see –  
Come and take my hand. What the world can be.  
Come and join the circle, Come and join the circle,  
Come and be my friend. Come and share God's word with me.

### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next Liturgy of the Word will be on **Thursday 9th December 2021** and will be led by the young people of **Y2**. A recording will be available to watch shortly afterwards by clicking [here](#). Thank you.



### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021

Many thanks to everyone who supported this year's RBL appeal by buying a poppy. Thanks to your generosity we managed to raise **£89.37** as a school which contributed to a magnificent district total of **£1566.47**, in support of the important work of the Royal British Legion.

### Annual Advent Wreath Blessing Liturgy

To prepare us for the important season of Advent the young people of **Y4** will lead our traditional blessing of the wreaths liturgy on **Friday 26th November 2021**.



Unfortunately we will not be able to invite family and friends as we would normally wish to, so it will be recorded and made available to watch via our website by clicking [here](#). Thank you.



### Class Advent Liturgies

Our daily Advent class liturgies will commence on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021. They will take place at the end of each day except on PE days or when a class has either French or Music timetabled for the last period of the school day. Our chaplains will support staff to prepare the liturgies for their classmates. Sadly we will not be able to invite family and friends to join us as we normally would.



### SJF Chaplaincy Team News

In our Chaplaincy Team meeting, we discussed our preparations for Advent. We talked about Advent wreath making and what we can do to prepare ourselves during Advent, as well as our classrooms, for the Feast of Christmas.

We decided that we would like to open our Sacred Space at lunchtimes for Advent prayers and Advent activities so that we can take time to prepare our minds too. Children will be able to sign up for a time slot and the Chaplaincy time will be there to support.

Isabelle, Y6 Chaplain



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Dear Mr Barratt,

I would like to thank all the students, parents and staff from St John Fisher Primary School for the support you have given to St Wilfrid's Centre this Harvest time. The generous gifts of Harvest Festival goods are very much appreciated and will help us to continue to provide nutritious meals for the many homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded people who use our Centre.

The Centre cannot run without the generous donations of food and other items from individuals, schools, parishes and community organisations, such as yourselves. So please pass on a big 'Thank You' to everyone at the School, on behalf of our clients.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,



Louise Finnigan  
Welfare Manager and Deputy Director

The Chaplaincy Team did a fantastic job coordinating our Harvest Festival this year, as they do every year, and so I was really pleased and proud to receive this letter of thanks.

I would like to thank Mrs Barrett, the Chaplaincy Team and everyone who donated food so generously in support of the vital work the St Wilfrid's centre does for the most vulnerable of our city.





### Nativity Plays

A reminder that the **FS2** and **KS1** nativity plays will be filmed on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021**. DVDs/USBs will be available to buy directly from the film company once editing is complete. The prices are as follows:

- a basic DVD is **£9.99** and a DVD customised with a message e.g. to a relative for a gift is **£12.99**
- a basic USB is **£12.99** and USB customised with a message e.g. to a relative for a gift is **£15.99**

Parents/carers **not** wanting their children to be filmed are asked to contact us. A reminder that nativity photographs will be made available via our website. We request that no videos/photographs are shared on social media. Photographs of children who cannot appear on our website will be given to their parents/carers.

### KS2 Annual Carol Service

A reminder that this is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021** and involves all the children in Years 3 to 6. As with everything we will not be able to invite family and friends to join us but our Service will be filmed and a recording made available to watch shortly afterwards by clicking [here](#).

### PTFA: BBC Children In Need Appeal 2021

I would like to thank our friends from the PTFA for collecting donations from our dress-down day for this year's BBC appeal. This year a staggering **£224.50** was raised! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this amazing total.



### Golden Children

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Violet</b> for developing a really good understanding of 'The Zones of Regulation'! Well done!
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Sapphire</b> for trying really hard to listen! We have seen an amazing improvement in how much she is trying to focus! Keep it up superstar!
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Kristian</b> for giving everything he does a 100% effort and for trying really hard with his reading! What a star!
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Eddie</b> for continuing to make a great effort to concentrate in all lessons! Well done! Keep it up Eddie!
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Jacob</b> for having such a brilliant week! He has worked so hard in all subjects and completed every piece of work with such determination! Well done!
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Lydia</b> for trying her best at all times and for never ever giving up, even when she finds something difficult! Lydia is developing a fabulously positive mindset towards all her work and it is great to see!
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Ernie</b> for trying so hard in Mathematics and for making good progress in arithmetic as result! Well done Ernie, keep it up!

### Writing Champions

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Abigail</b> for a resilient attitude and for working hard at improving her letter formation!
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Freddie</b> , who has just started, is trying so hard with his writing in every lesson. He used great adjectives to describe Sunny the Meerkat and other animals, and his writing is so neat and a pleasure to read.
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Jack M</b> for writing a brilliant version of 'The Snow Queen' in which he tried hard to choose interesting vocabulary!
<b>Y3</b>	Keyla for using brilliant conjunctions and alliteration in our writing and producing some brilliant technical sentences that grip the reader.
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Ava</b> for producing a great piece of writing in which she shared her opinion about the ending our <i>Reciprocal Reading</i> book, 'Born to Run'. Well done!
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Logan</b> for producing a fabulous piece of writing on the Ten Plagues of Egypt, in which he remembered to include some marvellous phrases and rich vocabulary. Well done!
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Alfie</b> for trying hard to use different types of clause in his sentences in order to improve his writing! Absolutely brilliant!



### Sports Hall Athletics

On Tuesday some of the *fantastic 5s* and *super 6s* travelled to the Goals Centre in order to take part in this amazing event organised by our friends from the Links School Sports Partnership. There they competed against teams from a number of other Sheffield schools.



They competed in many different activities including:

- the one lap sprint
- the one lap huddle sprint
- relay events
- speed bounce
- seated throw
- long jump

...and many more! A huge 'well done' to all our SJF students for performing and representing our school so brilliantly! Huge thanks to Mrs Broadhead, Mr Johnson and Mrs Steenson for supporting the children so well! For more photographs please hit this [LINK](#).



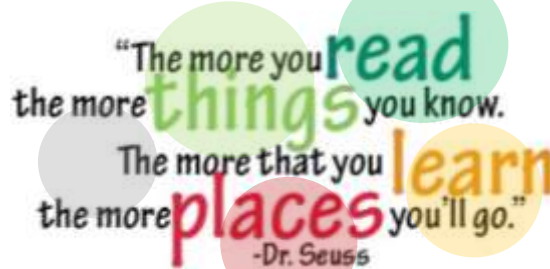
### Reading for Pleasure

*Our 21-22 SJF Booklist*

To see our 2021-22 booklist please click [here](#).

*This Week's Feature Books*

For our younger children: **The Bug Girl** by **Sophia Spencer**.



*The 'goodreads.com' Review*

Sophia Spencer was bullied for loving bugs until hundreds of women scientists rallied around her. Sophie tells her story in this picture book that celebrates women in science, bugs and the importance of staying true to yourself. Sophia Spencer loved bugs ever since a butterfly landed on her shoulder at a butterfly sanctuary when she was two-and-a-half years old.

In preschool, Sophia was thrilled to share what she knew about grasshoppers (her very favorite insects), as well as ants and fireflies but by first grade, not everyone shared her enthusiasm. Some students bullied her, and Sophia stopped talking about bugs altogether.

When Sophia's mother wrote to an entomological society looking for a bug scientist to be a pen pal for her daughter, she was overwhelmed by the enthusiastic response letters, photos, and videos came flooding in. Using the hashtag BugsR4Girls, scientists tweeted hundreds of times to tell Sophia to







keep up her interest in bugs and it worked! Sophia has since appeared TV to share her love of bugs with others.

Please click [here](#) to find out more or purchase The Bug Girl!

For our older children: **The Girl Who Stole an Elephant** by **Nizrana Farook**.

## The Waterstones Review

Pitching readers into the heart of a vibrantly evoked landscape that lives and breathes from the page, *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant* is an adventure full of heart and courage from a dazzling new voice.

Chaya, a no-nonsense, outspoken hero, leads her friends and a gorgeous elephant on a noisy, fraught, joyous adventure through the jungle where revolution is stirring and leeches lurk. Will stealing the queen's jewels be the beginning or the end of everything for the intrepid gang?

Please click [here](#) to find out more or purchase this amazing book.

## PTFA News

A reminder that we are expecting a special visit on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021!** As it is such a special day the children are invited to come to school dressed in their favourite clothes rather than school uniform. Santa is expected to land at 8.45am and you are invited to welcome him on the playground!

This is a key event in the PTFA calendar and takes months of planning, and so I would like to thank our special friends from the PTFA – both the previous and current committees. If you would like to support the important work please contact them ([ptfa@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:ptfa@st-johnfisher.org)). Thank you.



## Christmas Dinner

This year the children will have Christmas dinner on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021**. Again, as it is a special day the children can come to school wearing party clothes if they choose. Please do not forget to book by midnight on the cut-off date (**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021**), if your child would like a Christmas dinner.

## SJF Curriculum Showcase

Due to ongoing restrictions our SJF Curriculum Showcase for Terms 1 and 2 will be slideshow shared online rather than the usual exhibition in the School Hall. The slideshows will be available to view on the SJF website from **Wednesday 1st December 2021**. Thank you.



## Our Statement of Belief

Our statement next week is 'I try to be just and fair.'

**Time to talk:** Together think about what the word 'just' means. Why is it important to be treated **fairly**? What does it feel like to be treated **unfairly**? If you know someone is being treated unjustly and unfairly what should you do? Who can you tell? Are you being **just** and **fair** if you judge others and look down on them?

Remember we all have a responsibility to help others to feel happy, safe and loved every day.

