

## Citizen of the Week

Our citizenship award this week goes to **Mateah** in **Y6**, who has shown that she can recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings in line with this week's Statement of Belief. There have been times when Mateah has been really kind and supported other children when they have worried; raising a concern with staff about a child who might be feeling sad. When she has done this it has been appreciated by those she has helped. Helping others to feel happy, safe and loved, through our words and actions, is very important in our school.

## Staff News

Today we said farewell to Mrs Birch, after 20 years of loyal service to our community. During that time she has supported our school on its journey through both challenges and good times.

So much of her important work will have gone unseen, but all of it has been absolutely key to the smooth and efficient running of our school. There are many, including parents, carers, members of staff and of course, our children, who are very grateful for the support they received from her over the years.



At the end of today's Celebration Assembly Mrs Birch was presented with various cards and gifts. Amongst them was a beautiful painting of a tree, designed by Mrs Prentice, which was made up of the fingerprints of every member of our community. This is something special to remind her of us, her SJF family. I know Mrs Birch is looking forward to travelling widely, amongst other things, and she leaves with all our prayers and best wishes for a very happy, healthy and long retirement!

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Grayson, who has been with us training with Mrs Birch for the past two weeks. We wish her every happiness as she joins our community as our new Administration Officer.

## Statutory Assessments

We are now in the statutory assessment season. The government is keen for assessments to go ahead after two years of cancellations due to the COVID pandemic. The data gathered will be used, in part, to help them assess the impact of the pandemic on children's learning, as well as help them judge the effectiveness of each school's response since March 2020. The children in Y2 have started their statutory tests (SATs), and these will continue throughout June in a very gentle and understated way. The children of Y6 will have their statutory assessments (SATs) next week. Attendance is therefore even more important than usual, at this time. A reminder that the key assessment areas cover all age groups and are set out below:

- **FS2** - a formal check on children's progress in their key foundation year against the Early Learning Goals
- **Y1** - National Phonics Screening
- **Y2** - end of Key Stage 1 statutory assessments (SATs) & follow-up National Phonics Screening\*
- **Y3** - writing moderation
- **Y4** - formal multiplication tables assessment and writing moderation
- **Y5** - writing moderation
- **Y6** - end of Key Stage 2 statutory assessments (SATs)

\*for children who did not achieve the standard in Y1



### A Message for our Y6 Pupils

On Monday 9th May, you will begin a week of assessments, covering different aspects of English and Mathematics. Though the hard work you have put in, especially since September, in order to prepare, is incredible, it is important to remember that these tests will only ever reveal a tiny part of who you are. The many different things that are not measured, are very important too.

During your time here at St John Fisher, it has become clear to us all that you are uniquely gifted in many different and important ways!





The fact that some of you speak more than one language or can sing and dance beautifully. The fact that some of you are gifted at different sports or can draw and paint the most amazing pictures! The fact that some of you enjoy making things or are creative with technology. The fact that you can make others laugh; that you already display leadership qualities; or can work very effectively in teams! The fact that you can be a good friend who is caring and supportive of others in school and at home...

As well as all these things, you have shown tremendous resilience in coping with the enormous challenges unleashed by the COVID pandemic - and you have somehow managed this with grace and good humour! The determination that you have shown during this difficult time is something to reflect on and be proud of.

Amongst you we may well have future scientists, builders, chefs, engineers, teachers, authors, actors, athletes and entrepreneurs! What ever you do, you have the potential to be brilliant and to make a positive difference!

So remember that these tests really are just a small step on your journey. The important thing is that you never stop being curious and questioning; that you never lose your love of learning - nor the confidence to push yourselves to go further and try to achieve new things. Always remember that you are special and talented!

### Term 5 Smiley Scores

<b>St Andrew's House</b>  <b>457</b> <b>4117</b>	<b>St David's House</b>  <b>471</b> <b>4231</b>	<b>St Patrick's House</b>  <b>516</b> <b>4209</b>	<b>St George's House</b>  <b>494</b> <b>4158</b>
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### 100 Smilies!

Congratulations to the following children who have managed to earn 100 smilies so far, this academic year! In **FS2** we have Lydia and Igor; in **Y2** we have Kaius and Kyrel; in **Y3** we have Lottie, Keyla, Luke, Charly, Jai and Louise; and in **Y5** we have Charlie, Ellie and Lily!

Attendance: Final Week			
1st	<b>Y5</b>	<b>99.2%</b>	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2nd	<b>Y1</b>	95.8%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3rd	<b>Y3</b>	95.7%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
3rd	<b>Y2</b>	94.8%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5th	<b>Y4</b>	94.2%	
6th	<b>Y6</b>	94.7%	
7th	<b>FS2</b>	88.0%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 94.7%	



Get Set, GO!		
1st	<b>FS2</b>	73%
2nd	<b>Y1</b>	73%
3rd	<b>Y5</b>	70%
4th	<b>Y6</b>	69%
5th	<b>Y4</b>	66%
6th	<b>Y3</b>	62%
6th	<b>Y2</b>	60%
Average = 68%		



### Golden Children

- FS2** **Imogen** for showing excellent understanding in RE and for being kind to other children in class. What a special member of our FS2 family!
- Y1** **Ava S** for trying so hard to come into school each morning with a positive attitude and ready to learn! She is now coming in with a big smile on her face and we are so happy and proud of her for it!
- Y2** **Elliott** for having a super attitude to learning this week and for being a brilliant partner to Niamh! What a great week, Elliot!
- Y3** **Dominic** for being kind and caring towards everyone in class. He is also patient with everyone he works with, what a star!
- Y4** **Zayd** for having a great week and for working hard in all subjects. He has given everything a good go, even though he was ill last week. This was particularly evident mathematics! Well done!
- Y5** **Katy** for trying really hard with her mathematics this week; working so hard to understand how to add and subtract fractions! Such resilience! Well done!
- Y6** **Alan** for working really hard and for trying to do his absolute best in all areas of school life! Your efforts and hard work have been noticed, and are appreciated, Alan, well done!

### Writing Champions

- FS2** **Kali** for trying hard to work on her letter formation in her RWInc. sessions this week!
- Y1** **Felicity** for recording super ideas for her 'Jack and the Beanstalk' story. She is also trying really hard with her handwriting; remembering to get her letters the right way around! Well done Felicity!
- Y2** **Hector** for writing a lovely diary entry about the disciples!
- Y3** **Lillyann** for working very hard on her spellings each week and for trying her best in every writing session. Lillyann has worked very hard on her story this week and has written a beautifully imaginative story!
- Y4** **Preston** has worked hard on his Greek myth writing. Thinking carefully about vocabulary and grammar choices, he has included features like expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials! Well done!
- Y5** **Paige** for producing an excellent report about her scientific experiment. She tried really hard to use lots of technical language, and her writing had an appropriate level of formality. Well done Paige!
- Y6** **Kessy** for working particularly hard on letter writing this week. She has listened well and has really tried hard to improve her work; responding positively to constructive suggestions - and editing accordingly!



### Y6 All Saints Open Evening 2022

In September the usual Saturday 'Open Morning' that usually takes place for Y6 pupils in September will be changing to a weekday 'Open Evening'.

The new Y6 Open Evening will take place on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022**. There will be two one-hour time-slots, either 4:30pm-5:30pm or 5:30pm-6:30pm. Further information will be shared in due course. If your child is in **Y5** currently, and you would be interested in attending, please make a note of the date. I certainly would encourage you to visit. Thank you.

### Our Catholic Life

#### Collective Worship Overview

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

### Our Lady of Lourdes Parish News

Information about parish life, including the times of Masses and information about sacramental preparation and diocesan events, is available via this [link](#).







### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank the **Y5** children for leading this week's wonderful Liturgy of the Word. Thank you, also, to those who were able to join us in order to support our wonderful children.

There is no liturgy for the next three weeks as the children are doing either statutory or school assessments. In the final week we have our Jubilee Day. This means that our next Liturgy of the Word will be on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022** and will be led by the young people of **Y4**. We welcome the family and friends of our **Y4** pupils to join us but ask that they only attend if they feel well and do not have COVID symptoms. A reminder that recordings of all liturgies can be found [here](#). Thank you.

### CAFOD Petitions for Peace

We pray for peace in our world -  
That all people may live free from violence,  
In safety and security, and with hope for the future.

We pray for all people who are working to build peace in their communities -  
That they may inspire others by their example and be strengthened to carry on, even in the hardest times.

We pray for all people who have been affected by violence as they rebuild their lives -  
That they may find it in their hearts to move forwards in peace and forgiveness.

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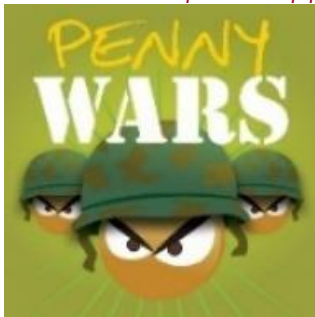
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### The Good Shepherd Appeal 2022



Do not forget our 2022 Penny War in support of the bishop's 'Good Shepherd Appeal'! The children can collect pennies and two-pence pieces in their individual class collecting jars. A **penny** is worth **one point** and a **two-pence piece** is worth **two points**. Silver coins can be used to sabotage another class's total because they reduce the total number of points in that jar. For example, a **5p** piece will reduce a class total by **5 points**, **10p** will reduce it by **10 points**, **20p** by **20 points** and **50p** by **50 points**.



At the end of the competition the coins will be counted and once all deductions have been made and the totals have been calculated, the victorious class will be announced and rewarded with 'Golden Time'.

All the money raised will be passed on to support the continuing and vital work of our Diocesan caring services.





### Our Virtues to Live By

For the remainder of Term 5 we will focus on the important virtue of **kindness**.



### Our Song

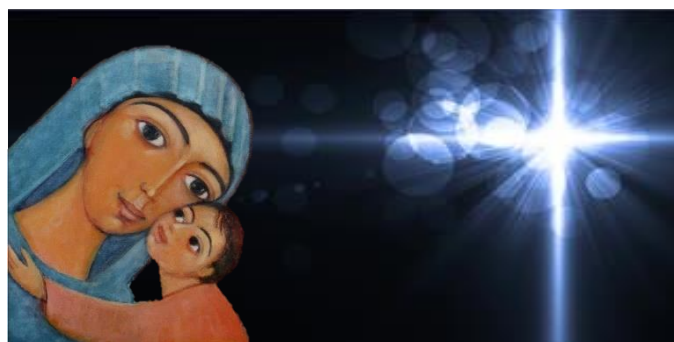
As we start to think about Pentecost our assembly song changes...

**Come, Holy Spirit,  
Descend on us  
Descend on us,  
We gather now in Jesus...**

### Our Prayer for May: The Angelus

#### 1. 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



#### 2. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to thy word...

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

#### 3. 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

**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 Feature Books of the Week!

**"The more you read  
the more things you know.  
The more that you learn  
the more places you'll go."**  
-Dr. Seuss

Our full **2021-22 SJF book list** is available on our website and can be accessed via this [link](#).

Our latest feature books are:

**'The Worrysaurus'** by Rachel Bright  
(click [here](#) for more information)

**'I have a Dream'** by Dr Martin Luther King Jnr  
(click [here](#) for more information)





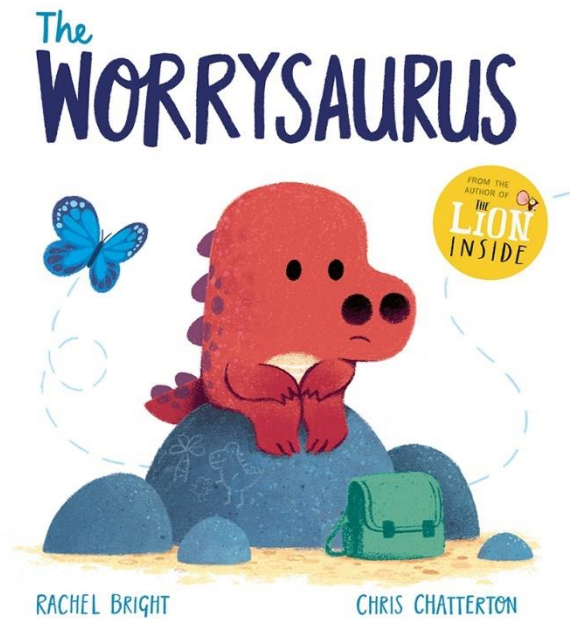
## The Worrysaurus by Rachel Bright: The Waterstones Review

The charming tale of an anxious dinosaur trying to enjoy a special picnic, *The Worrysaurus* is a comforting guide to vanquishing vexation from the bestselling author of *The Lion Inside*.

It's a beautiful day and Worrysaurus has planned a special picnic, but it isn't long before a small butterfly of worry starts fluttering in his tummy.

What if he hasn't brought enough to eat?  
What if he gets lost in the jungle?  
What if he trips and falls?  
What if it rains?

Can Worrysaurus find a way to chase his fears away and have fun? This is the perfect book to help every anxious little dinosaur let go of their fears and feel happy in the moment.



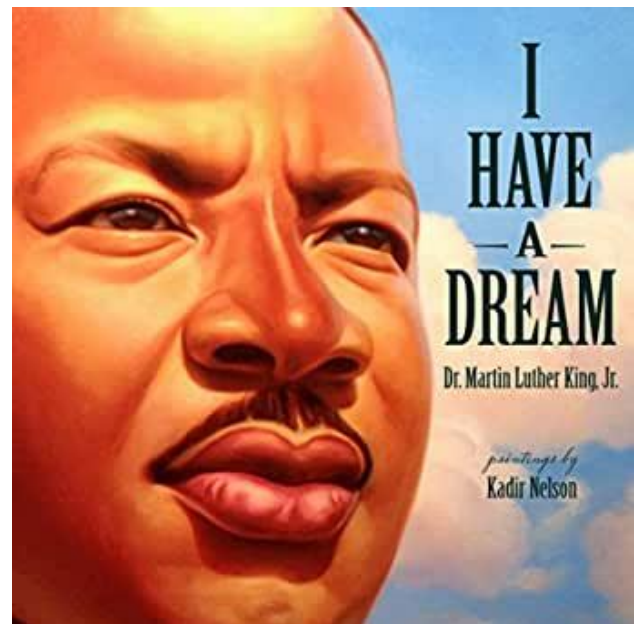
## I Have a Dream by Dr Martin Luther King Jr: The Amazon Review

*"My father's dream continues to live on from generation to generation, and this beautiful and powerful illustrated edition of his world-changing 'I Have a Dream' speech brings his inspiring message of freedom, equality, and peace to the youngest among us - those who will one day carry his dream forward for everyone."*

**Dr Bernice A King (daughter of Dr Martin Luther King Junior)**

On August 28, 1963, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, during the March on Washington, Martin Luther King gave one of the most powerful and memorable speeches in history.

His words, paired with Kadir Nelson's magnificent paintings, make for a picture book certain to be treasured by children and adults alike. The themes of equality and freedom for all are not only relevant today, fifty years later, but also provide young readers with an important introduction to the recent history of the USA.



### Our BYB Challenge (Week 28)

Please check out the homepage of our SJF website for a demonstration of our latest '**Beat Your Best**' challenge, demonstrated by Gio, another of our fantastic Sports Leaders.

Gio's challenge will test your coordination, as you attempt to see how long you can keep a tennis ball up using a tennis racquet. Watch his demonstration and have a go.

Compare your first and best scores. Why not challenge your family and see who can get the best score? Find Gio and Mr Johnson at breaktime and have a go!





### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

To celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen's reign, we will have a special Platinum Jubilee Day on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022**, just before the next school holiday.

The children are invited to come to school wearing something red, white and blue if they want to. We will have a great big picnic at lunchtime, so on the day the children can either bring a packed lunch or choose a sandwich option which will then be included in a special 'grab bag' prepared by Taylor Shaw.

### Achievements outside of School

Please email us details of your children's achievements outside of school ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) and we will celebrate them in our weekly newsletter. Thank you.



### REMINDER: Support for Parents and Carers

Please click this [LINK](#) to access the latest 'What's On' guide produced by the Sheffield Parenting Hub. It is packed full of useful information and links. The document is also available on our website, under the 'Information for Parents/Carers' tab on the homepage ([www.st-johnfisher.org](http://www.st-johnfisher.org)). Thank you.

**WORRYING**  
does not take  
away tomorrow's  
**TROUBLES,**  
it takes away  
today's  
**PEACE.**

“Peace  
begins  
with a  
smile.”  
Mother Teresa

### Statement of Belief

Our latest 'Statement of Belief' is **“I understand the importance of peace.”**

**Time to talk:** What is peace?

What does it mean?

Why is peace important?

Why is Jesus also known as the Prince of Peace?

Peace comes from love and God is love. Peace is Jesus' gift back to us when we open our hearts and minds to Him.

At this time of war and unease in the world, this time of examinations and change, we pray for peace in our world  
in our lives  
in our families  
and in our hearts.

