

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

Our citizenship award this week goes to **Marika** in **Y6**, who understands the importance of peace in line with our Statement of Belief this week. Marika is a very kind and respectful member of our community. She gets along with everyone, because she is a good listener and shows that she values others' ideas and opinions. Marika recognises when people are not themselves and are perhaps feeling a little sad or worried about something. She is compassionate and shows them that they matter. She seems to know what to do, instinctively. Sometimes she will sit quietly with someone and just be with them; sometimes she will listen if they want to talk; and sometimes she will try to make them laugh and help them to think about something else if they just need cheering up. Marika is a wonderful friend and example to others and we are all very proud of her!

Assessments

Statutory Assessments (SATs)

Well done to all our Y6 children who have now completed their statutory assessments. I would like to thank Mr MacInness and Mrs Walton for all their hard work leading up to the assessments and throughout the week. Thank you to all those who provided the special breakfast each morning too; including, Mrs Ramsden, Miss Birch and Mrs Gregory. Everyone worked hard make the week positive and happy for all our Y6 children.

Y6 writing assessments continue and it has now been confirmed that our Y6 writing will be moderated formally by the local authority. A reminder that the children in Y2 continue to face statutory assessments and the young people of Y1 will undergo phonics testing (as part of national screening) at the beginning of June, along with those Y2 pupils who did not meet the national phonics standard last year.

Assessment Point 3

The final round of internal assessments take place for children in Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 next week. The outcomes of these and the statutory tests faced by Y2/Y6 pupils will be shared in the final reports of the school year.

Attendance

Attendance is especially important at this time. We continue to work very hard to support children, including those who have been most hampered by the lockdowns and pandemic, so that they can all reach their potential. Good attendance really supports us, and this process. Poor attendance holds the children back.

There is now a huge national focus on improving pupils' attendance. The government published two lengthy documents, recently, focused on this very issue. The local authority is also working closely with Sheffield schools. This week we were visited by an attendance officer to discuss our pupils' attendance. She asked for a breakdown of data. Where attendance is low, the aim will be to understand the issues and to offer the support and advice families need so the issues can be addressed. Parents/carers can also contact Mr Smith, at any time, if they feel that their children's attendance is becoming an issue and they want our help.

Attendance: Final Week			
1 st	Y6	100%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y2	99.6%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y1	99.2%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y4	99.1%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 th	Y5	97.3%	
6 th	Y3	96.9%	
7 th	FS2	96.2%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 98.3%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y6	97%
2 nd	Y5	79%
3 rd	FS2	78%
4 th	Y3	78%
5 th	Y1	68%
6 th	Y4	66%
7 th	Y2	60%
Average = 68%		

Our average attendance across school was above target for the first time, in a long time. Thank you for your support. Please avoid booking term-time holidays, they have a huge impact. Thank you for your cooperation.



Term 5 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
708	678	741	703
4368	4438	4434	4367

100 Smilies!

Congratulations to the following children who have managed to earn 100 smilies so far, this academic year! In **Y2** we have William and Elliot; in **Y3** we have Aureilia, Flo, Olivia and Jacob H; and in **Y5** we have Finn, Lena, Isabelle and Emily!

Golden Children

- FS2** **Nadia** for showing such an excellent attitude when doing observational drawing! The time taken, the care and the attention to detail were all absolutely fantastic! Well done!
- Y1** **Gabriella** for always wanting to help in class and for showing such a good example when lining up! Gabby is keen to do the right thing and we are always so proud of her for making the right choices!
- Y2** **James** for having an improved attitude to learning! He is increasingly trying really hard in all areas, and is showing such determination! Well done, James!
- Y3** **Sanaya** for trying her best in everything she does. Sanaya has such a great attitude towards learning and is a brilliant role-model to others in Y3!
- Y4** **Amelie** is maturing in to a model pupil who is a pleasure to teach! She tries hard in every lesson and we are all very proud of her! Well done Amelie!
- Y5** **Lily** for trying hard in class and for taking responsibility for her learning! What a great example you are!
- Y6** The whole **Y6** class for their dedication and incredible hard work towards their end of Y6 (SATs) assessments!

Writing Champions

- FS2** **Sofia** for producing some fantastic work on capital and lower case letters. She showed very good attention, and we are all very proud of her!
- Y1** **Joshua** for putting so much effort into his writing this week! We are all so proud of the work he is producing. He loved writing simple sentences about our class giant!
- Y2** **Jan Z** for producing a lovely piece of writing about the Ascension of our Lord!
- Y3** **Max** for making a great effort to edit his writing so that it could be the best that it could be! As a result, he produced a lovely story that he should be very proud of!
- Y4** **Jacob** is beginning to write a greater amount in a coherent manner, incorporating many of the Y4 writing targets! Keep up the hard work!
- Y5** **Alexia** for trying very hard with her presentation and the content of her work!
- Y6** **Phoenix** for continuously working hard to improve the quality of his writing! An amazing effort!



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)

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

Our next Liturgy of the Word will be on **Thursday 9th 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](#). There will be no liturgies until then because of the statutory and internal assessments taking place. Thursday 26th May 2022 will be our Jubilee Day.

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.

We pray for our local community -

That we may be bearers of peace.

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Catholic Agency for
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Our Virtues to Live By

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

Our Song

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.
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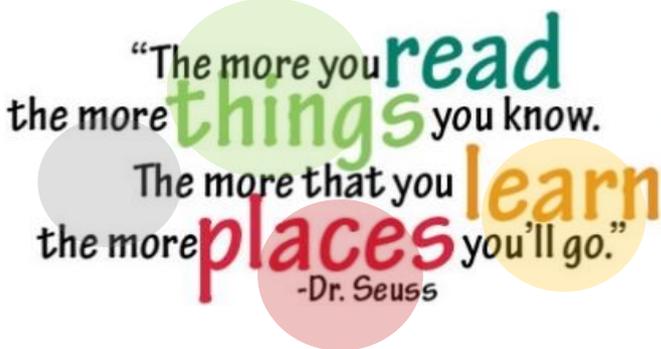
3. And the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us...

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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!



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

'Out and About A first book of Poems' by Shirley Hughes
(click [here](#) for more information)

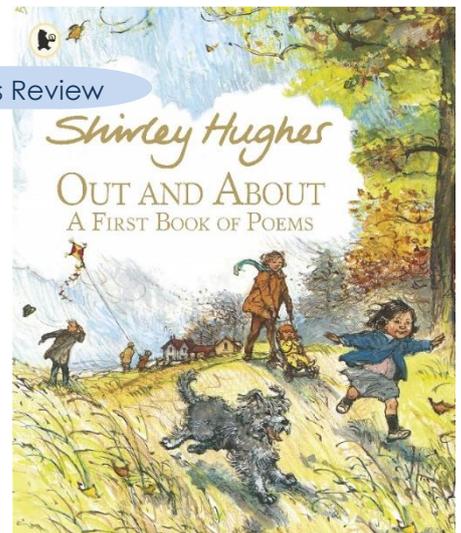
You Are a Champion by Marcus Rashford and Carl Anka
(click [here](#) for more information)

'Out and About A first book of Poems' by Shirley Hughes: The Waterstones Review

In this wonderful collection of poems, by best-loved and Kate Greenaway Medal-winner, Shirley Hughes, Katie and her little brother Olly go out and about, romping through the changing seasons.

They take pleasure in the different elements and weather conditions - sunshine, wind, rain, mist and even snow.

From the joys of the seaside to the miseries of the sickbed, this exuberant volume captures to perfection the world of childhood.



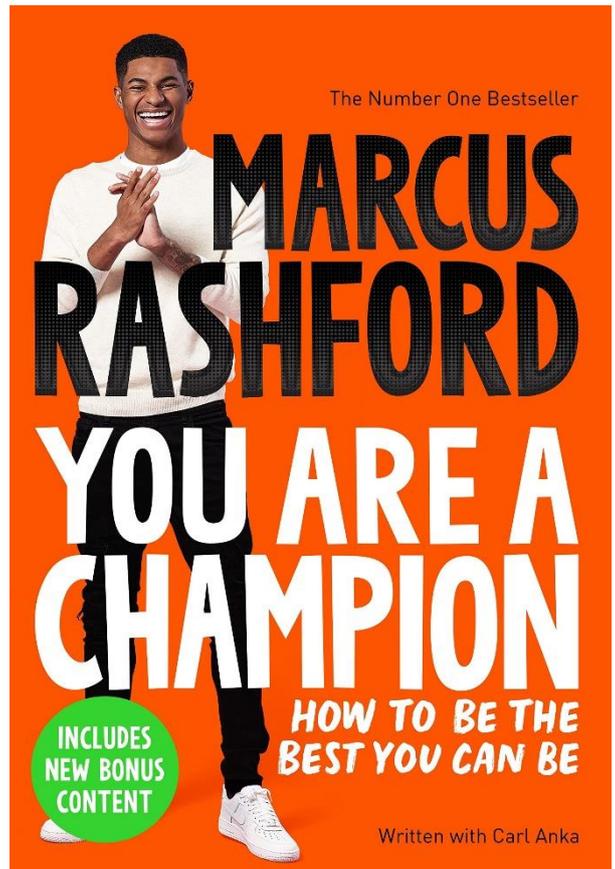
You Are a Champion by Marcus Rashford and Carl Anka: The Waterstones Review

eTear up the rule book. Find your own lane. You are only in competition with yourself.

Marcus Rashford MBE is recognised worldwide for his journey both on and-off the pitch – but how did a boy from the South of Manchester become not only an international footballer but also one of the leading activist voices in the UK? In this inspiring, positive and practical guide, Marcus gives YOU the tools you need to reach your full potential and will show you that your possibilities really can be endless.

In *You Are a Champion: Unlock Your Potential, Find Your Voice and Be the BEST You Can Be*, Marcus Rashford MBE draws on stories from his own life to show you that success is all about the mindset. You'll find out how positive thinking can change your life, build mental resilience, learn how to navigate adversity and discover the unstoppable power of your own voice. You already have the tools you need to achieve your dreams; you just might not know it yet.

Full of practical advice and engaging illustrations and infographics, this is the empowering and life changing first children's book from Marcus Rashford MBE, written in collaboration with journalist Carl Anka and featuring top tips from performance psychologist Katie Warriner.



Our BYB Challenge (Week 28)

Please click [here](#) to check out Gio's 'Beat Your Best' challenge. Gio is one of our fantastic Sports Leaders.

Gio's challenge tests tennis skills. The aim of his challenge is to keep a tennis ball using a tennis racquet. Watch Gio's fantastic demonstration and find him and Mr Johnson at breaktimes, to have a go!

Achievements outside of School

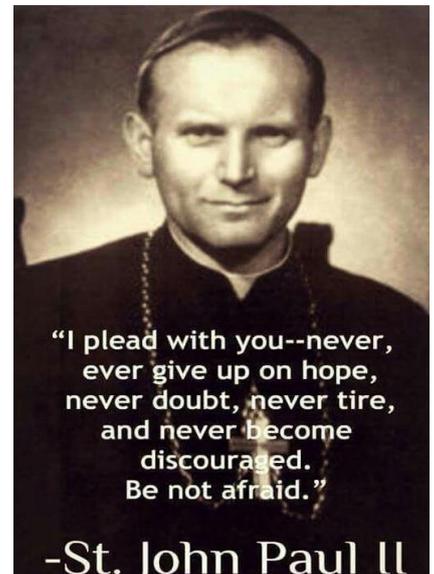
Please email us details of your children's achievements outside of school (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) and we will celebrate them in our weekly newsletter. Thank you.

Statement of Belief

Our 'Statement of Belief' is, "I try to keep going when things get tough, and not give up."

Time to talk: To show resilience is to refuse to quit, even when things get tough, and quitting feels like the easier thing to do.

To show resilience is to show faith in your self - that you can can achieve what you set your heart on achieving, even if it takes longer or you end up achieving it in different ways. To stick at something, even when things get tough, and refuse to give up, is to also show trust in those who love you and believe in you.



Times of real challenge can also be golden moments when we learn and grow most.

Can you think of a time when you felt challenged and could have easily given up, but you refused to?

What happened? Who did you turn to? What did you keep saying to yourself?

Did you achieve what you wanted to in the end?

How did it feel when you refused to give up?

What did you learn about yourself and those who were there to support and encourage you?

Did the experience change you?

