

# SJF NEWS



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## Queen Elizabeth II

In common with schools across the UK we will close on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** as a mark of respect to mark the State Funeral of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. We pray for the repose of her soul; for the intentions of her family and our new King; and for the United Kingdom as a whole, as we journey through this time of transition.

## Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

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Eternal rest, grant unto her  
O Lord,  
And let Perpetual light  
shine upon her.

May she rest in peace.  
Amen.



## ★ Citizen of the Week

★ Our first Citizen of the Week this year is **Moveen** in **Y2** who understands that we are all special, in line with our 'Statement of Belief' this week. Moveen is such a kind and positive member of our family, and so thoughtful and generous to others. His attitude and approach to school life is a great example to others. What a star!

## Term 1 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
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## SJF Calendar

Our new 2022-2023 calendar is available on our website by clicking this [link](#).

## Confirmation of our Final INSET Day

A reminder that our staff training (INSET) day has finally been confirmed as taking place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023. This means that after the Christmas holiday, the children will return to school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023. This new date means that the INSET day planned originally for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 will not take place, and the children will, instead, return to school on that day for the start of Term 4.



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**Automatic SJF Alerts**

You can sign up with us for automatic alerts directly from our SJF website, so that you make sure that you receive information linked to your children's classes, instantly.

All you have to do is tick the box(es) for relevant classes and enter your email address. Family and friends can also sign up so that they receive instant alerts too.

Once you have signed up, there is no need renew it each year, as details will move up automatically to the next year group. To stop receiving updates, simply uncheck the boxes. Thank you.

**Pupils' Voice at SJF**

The views, thoughts and feelings of our children are always very important and their active engagement with school life is encouraged because it is key to our vision and mission. Our school is a living community, shaped by its children and families. The opportunities the children are given to get involved are designed to help them gain valuable firsthand experience of how our national values and faith-based virtues work in practice to make a positive difference to others.

Our hope is that the experiences the children gain, will be rich and give them the confidence and encouragement to go on and always make a positive difference to others wherever they are in the future.



Our SJF School Council 22-23

**Our SJF School Council 22-22 (Coordinated by Mr MacInness)**

At the end of the summer term, elections for the class councillors were held for children who would be in Years 1-5 this year. As reported in last week's newsletter, this process was completed last week when we held the general, whole-school, election for the four Y6 senior councillor positions.

**SJF School Council Update**

The 2022-23 SJF School Council met this week for the first time. Here is a word from **Mia**, our newly elected Vice Chair, on what was covered...

*This week the council met for the first time. It was really nice to meet all the new members. We had a great chat about how we could raise money for the school and the changes that we'd like to make this year. We're very excited to start making plans!*

**Our SJF Eco Team 22-23 (Coordinated by Miss Brownbill)**

Our new SJF Eco Team is also really serious about making a positive difference. Here is a word from Miss Brownbill, our SJF Eco Team coordinator:

*"Our team's mission is to make our school eco-friendlier and more sustainable by educating our peers on easy ways to help protect the precious environment around us."*



Our SJF Eco Team 22-23



The team will focus on various targets including

- increasing recycling across school
- creating/improving areas to encourage a wide range of wildlife to flourish by:
  - planting more trees, bushes and flowers
  - helping to maintain our newly planted trees, bushes and flowers
  - coordinating the development of a new wildlife pond (that is safely fenced off), in partnership with the Wildlife Trust and our PTFA
  - introducing more 'bug hotels', composting areas, bird feeders and hedgehog-friendly elements

Our team members, in no particular order, are Julia, Amelie, Lincoln, Bella, Jacob, Aureilia, Hugo and William!

As a result of the hard work of last year's team we have planted new trees and bushes in more areas of school; increased recycling; replaced the last of the original leaky single-glazed windows with modern ones that are double-glazed and more efficient; replaced broken and inefficient blinds with new more effective black-out blinds and introduced eco-friendly LED lighting in more areas of school. This year we also plan to replace the last of the old lights, with new LED ones and replace the blinds in the school hall.

Our SJF Sports Majors 22-23 (Coordinated by Mrs Broadhead & Mr Johnson)



Our New SJF Sports Majors

Hello we are the new SJF Sports Majors and our names are Oscar, Priscilla, Freddie and Katy and throughout this school year will be doing many activities, at breaktimes.

We will be doing the 'Beat Your Best' (BYB) challenges and at lunchtimes we will also be doing activities for you all to join in with! We will also lead an assembly at the start of every term talking about our school values and awarding children demonstrating these values throughout the term.

Please come and say hi and join in with all our fun and challenging activities.



Our New SJF Healthy Minds Champions

SJF Healthy Minds Champions (Coordinated by Mr Smith)

A huge congratulations to our new recruits for the 2022/23 academic year:

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| • Marcus <b>Y4</b>  | • Jenson <b>Y4</b>  | • Eliana <b>Y5</b>  |
| • Katie <b>Y5</b>   | • Preston <b>Y5</b> | • Mateusz <b>Y6</b> |
| • Natalia <b>Y6</b> | • Lily <b>Y6</b>    | • Edie <b>Y6</b>    |



Our First Essential Wellbeing in Sheffield Schools

Our new Champions join our existing members: Emily **Y4**, Bella-Rae **Y5** and Alana **Y5** to create a new SJF team.

We welcome them all and they cannot wait to get going with their training and important work, supporting other children who might need a friend to listen!

The Champions are available at breaktimes and lunchtimes in the playground and in 'The Hub' - identifiable by their new special jackets.

*Our SJF Chaplaincy Team (Coordinated by Mrs Barrett)*

We congratulate our new Chaplains who will play such a key role in developing and maintaining the Catholic life of our community this year. Our 2022-23 Chaplains are:



**Our SJF Chaplaincy Team 22-23**

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| • Arya    | • Lydia     | • Gabriel |          |
| • Bruno   | • Logan     | • Imogen  |          |
| • Othniel | • Charlotte | • Charlie | • Ava    |
| • Keyla   | • Pedro     | • Natalia | • Bronte |
| • Isaac   | • Daniel    | • Bruno   | • Ellie  |

Our Chaplains play a very special role in enhancing and promoting our school and Gospel values to fellow students, staff and our wider community. They will take joy in carrying out their different responsibilities; meeting weekly in order to review the action plan they will write and then consider different ways in which they can continue to strengthen our mission and deepen the prayer life of our community.

The Chaplaincy Team Aims to:

- help the school to grow as a community of faith
- encourage the pupils to live their faith in daily living
- support liturgy, prayer and the spiritual life of the school
- involve pupils in fundraising for charities
- continue developing strong links with our friends from the parish
- support the school in its Mission Statement and values

The weekly meetings give Chaplains an opportunity to share ideas and make decisions about how we continue to promote and embed the Catholic ethos of our school.

Chaplains will now plan and lead a weekly Chaplains' Liturgy in their classes supported by Mrs Barrett and older Chaplains. They will contribute to the organisation of Gospel worship and Collective Worship and help the House Captains to plan and lead events throughout the year that support fundraising for our House Charities. They will also monitor and maintain class reflection areas and class displays and plan prayer events for key points of the Liturgical year e.g. our daily class liturgies during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

**Official Uniform Suppliers**

For those wanting new uniform we do have two official suppliers licenced to sell SJF uniform with the school logo on it. No one else is permitted to sell SJF uniform with our logo. As long as they are the right colours, items of uniform without a logo can be sourced from elsewhere. Here are the links to the SJF pages on the websites of our two official suppliers:

- **Logo Leisurewear** SJF uniform please click [HERE](#)
- **School Trends** please click [HERE](#)

**School Shoes**

A number of children have returned wearing expensive black trainers instead of proper school shoes. When the time comes to buy new shoes, we ask that parents/carers please buy school shoes rather than trainers. Trainers and high boots **can** be worn to/from school e.g. in bad weather or to play football **at break-times**, but all pupils are expected to wear proper school shoes in school. Trainers/pumps can be worn on PE days.



(except for PE days and break-times)



**REMINDER: Earrings and Jewellery**

A reminder that children are **not** permitted to wear earrings/studs or any kind of jewellery at school. We ask parents/carers to arrange for their children's ears to be pierced at the beginning of the summer holiday, if this is what they want, so that the holes heal in time for September. The wearing of sensible analogue watches is encouraged. Smart watches, with connectivity to 4G/social media etc. are **not** permitted.

**Book Extravaganza & Pre-Loved Uniform Sale**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Extravaganza and uniform sale. We will try to run uniform sales as often as possible. Our sincere thanks go to Miss D'Roza and everyone involved in the extravaganza and our special friends from the PTFA for laying on the uniform sale. Please get in touch if you need any items of school uniform or you have good quality items that you no longer need and would like to pass on.



**Pupil Premium Grant**

If you are in receipt of income-based benefits then your child(ren) might be entitled to receive the **Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)** and **free school meals**. The grant is also available to children in care and those with parents serving in the UK armed forces. It is important to claim the PPG even if your child is in FS2/Y1/Y2 and receives the universal free school meals through the government scheme. Please speak to us if you think you might qualify.



**Our Catholic Life**

*Weekly Liturgy of the Word*

Thank you to the young people of **Y5** for leading our first Liturgy of the Word of the new school year. Thank you also to their family and friends who were able to join us to support their children. A recording of the liturgy can be viewed on our SJF website, by clicking this [link](#). Our next Liturgy of the Word will be led by the young people of **Y3** on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022, and we welcome their family and friends in the hall at 9.00am.

*Collective Worship*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Citizenship</b> <b>Statement of Belief</b> <b>Assembly</b> (Headteacher) & <b>Chaplain's Liturgy</b> (Years 1, 5 and 6)	<b>'Virtues to Live By'</b> <b>Class Assembly</b> (Class-Based)	<b>Themed</b> <b>Assembly</b> (Teacher-Led)	<b>Weekly Liturgy</b> <b>of the Word</b> (Class-Led)	<b>Celebration</b> <b>Assembly</b> (Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher) & <b>Chaplain's Liturgy</b> (Years 2, 3 and 4)

*Our Virtues to Live By*

As part of our cycle of prayer this year, we will again focus on human virtues. Though common across cultures and faiths, we have sourced ours from the Christian tradition. This term we focus on **respect** and **courtesy** during our Tuesday assemblies.



*September Prayer*

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee  
 Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus  
 Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen

*Our Coming In Song*

Ubi caritas et amour (Where charity and love are, God is there)  
 Ubi caritas, deus ibi est

**Welcome Meetings**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Welcome Meetings this week. If you have any questions please get in touch. Our final Welcome Meeting takes place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

**Term 1 Curriculum Overviews**

The Term 1 Curriculum Overviews will be sent out shortly. Please contact us if have any questions of if you need our help to support your children. Thank you.



**Golden Children**

- FS2** **The whole class** for making such a wonderful start!
- Y1** **Imogen** for trying so hard in everything we do.
- Y2** **Movean** for being such a good example to the other Y2 children; trying his best to always make the right choices! What a star!
- Y3** **Caleb** for showing resilience and for participating more in class discussions. What a great start to Y3!
- Y4** **Jai** for making such a great start to his Y4 journey and is already showing that he can be a great role-model. Well done!
- Y5** **Ava** for having such a great start to the year! She has demonstrated a mature attitude to her learning and has been getting her head down and working hard! Well done!
- Y6** **Elizabeth** for making such a sensible, mature and hardworking start to her time in Y6! Well done!

**Writing Champions**

- FS2** **The whole class** for producing some wonderful mark-making!
- Y1** **Jasper** for such neat writing and for including all we ask for and more in his writing.
- Y2** **Izabela** for showing determination in our English lessons this week. She has been working extremely hard to include lots of different sentence types.
- Y3** **Renaë** for writing a beautiful prayer about being thankful for our families!
- Y4** **Musa** for working really hard to create an acrostic poem about himself!
- Y5** **Connie** for returning after the summer with a determined attitude to work hard which has shown itself in her writing!
- Y6** **Priscilla** for working really hard this week to understand how complex sentences are formed and how we can use coordinating conjunctions!

**Our SJF Charities 22-23**

Please see below. We have also, traditionally, supported the BBC Children in Need appeal each November.

Emblem	Head of House	Actual Feast Day	SJF Colour Day	2022/23 Charities
 <b>St Andrew</b>	<b>Miss D'Roza</b>	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	<b>Members' Blue Day</b> Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	<b>The Bishop of Hallam's Good Shepherd Appeal</b>
 <b>St David</b>	<b>Mrs Raynes</b>	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	<b>Members' Yellow Day</b> Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	<b>Bluebell Wood Hospice</b>
 <b>St Patrick</b>	<b>Mrs Walton</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>Members' Green Day</b> Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>Mission Together</b>
 <b>St George</b>	<b>Mr Johnson</b>	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2023	<b>Members' Red Day</b> Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	<b>CAFOD</b>



**Digital Theatre** 🎭

Welcome to Digital Theatre+



*Hamlet | Royal Shakespeare Company | Production photography by Manuel Harlan © RSC*

We believe the arts are very important and are for everyone, so we are very pleased to announce that SJF has secured a subscription for our school and families to access the world's finest theatre productions through Digital Theatre Plus (Digital Theatre+). Here, world class theatre experiences can be streamed to any device, from anywhere in the world!

Founded in 2009, Digital Theatre+ provides powerful ways to connect English and Drama to children through access to dramatic texts, poetry and performance.

Today, Digital Theatre+ delivers engaging learning experiences for children and educators in over 3,000 schools, colleges, and universities in 90+ countries.

Digital Theatre + collaborates with over 50 leading theatre companies, educational organisations and arts collectives worldwide to bring you the highest quality productions and teaching resources. On their platform, you and your child(ren) can access work from the Royal Shakespeare Company, the BBC, Frantic Assembly, BroadwayHD, the Lincoln Center Theater, the Old Vic, the Lyric Hammersmith, the Young Vic, the Stratford Festival, Complicité, Shakespeare's Globe, Gecko Theatre, the Donmar Warehouse, L.A. Theatre Works, the Liverpool Everyman, the Royal Opera House, the Almeida Theatre, the English Touring Theatre, the English National Ballet, and many more.

**Wake Up! Shake UP!**

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Come and join our very enthusiastic 'Wake Up! Shake Up!' team for five fun-packed minutes of lively fitness every morning from 8.40am.

Children are encouraged to take part and its purpose is to get them active so that they can approach the day ahead feeling happy, energised and ready to learn! The sessions are run by our fantastic 'Wake Up! Shake Up!' team, comprising of our Sports Majors, Young Leaders and of course the 'Wake Up! Shake Up!' crew as well – all coordinated by Mr Johnson.

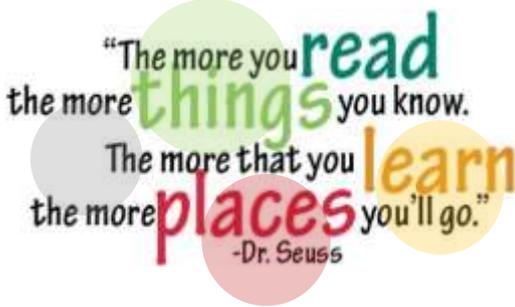
Each term children learn easy routines to popular music, designed around core movement skills. They love it and have a really great time! There is no need for them to sign up, they just simply have to come along at 8.40am. They can do as much or as little as they like. The children taking part will receive a sticker and smiley for joining in, so please encourage your children!

**Get Set, GO!**

'Get Set, GO!' is the name we give to the activities the children tackle each morning in between Wake Up! Shake Up! and registration. The aim of the Get Set, GO! activities is to gently challenge the children to think. They are varied and inclusive with some collaborative and others more individual. The figures reported in the newsletter show the average percentage of children who are in class and ready at the start of the Get, Set, GO! Session each week.



**Our Feature Books of the Week!**



Our new 2022-23 SJF book list can be accessed via this [here](#).

Our latest feature books are:

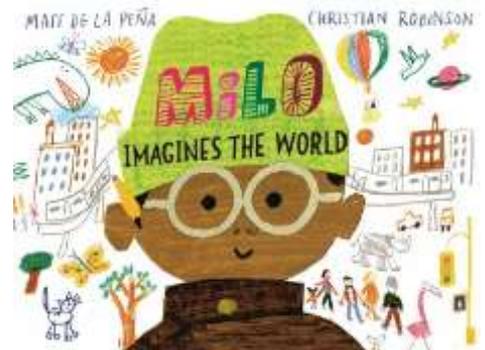
**'Milo Imagines the World'** by Matt de la Pena  
(click [here](#) for more information)

**'October October'** by Katya Balen  
(click [here](#) for more information)

**Milo Imagines the World** by Matt de la Pena: The Waterstones Review

*Milo Imagines the World* is a warm and richly satisfying story from the award-winning and *New York Times* bestselling picture book duo, about a little boy with a big imagination who learns that you can't know anyone just by looking at them. Set in a bustling city, and full of a family love that binds even in difficult circumstances.

Milo is on a train journey through the city with his older sister, looking at the faces of the other passengers and drawing pictures of their lives. Milo wonders if perhaps the little boy in bright white trainers is living in a castle with a moat and a butler.



However, when the little boy gets off at the same stop and joins the same queue as him, Milo realises that you can't judge by appearances and that we are all more alike than we are different: both boys are visiting their mothers in prison.

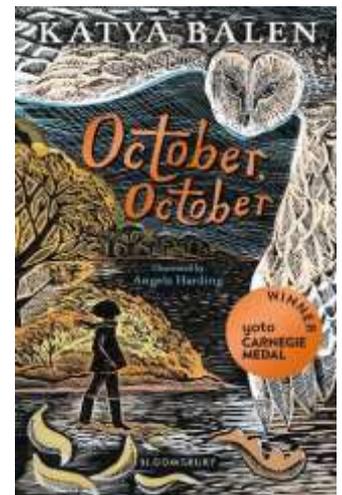
Matt de la Peña and Christian Robinson once again deliver a hugely powerful and enjoyable picture book, full of rich details both to look at and to talk about. Anyone who has ever travelled on public transport will relate to Milo's journey.

**Henry's Freedom Box** by Katya Balen: The Waterstones Review

October and her dad live in the woods. They know the trees and the rocks and the lake and stars like best friends. They live in the woods and they are wild. And that's the way it is. Until the year October turns eleven.

That's the year October rescues a baby owl. It's the year Dad falls out of the biggest tree in their woods. The year the woman who calls herself October's mother comes back. The year everything changes.

Written in Katya Balen's heart-stoppingly beautiful style, this book is a feast for the senses, filled with the woodsmoke smell of crisp autumn mornings and the sound of wellies squelching in river mud. And, as October fights to find the space to be wild in the whirling chaos of the world beyond the woods, it is also a feast for the soul.



**Buddy Time**

Our **Y4** pupils met their buddies in **FS2** this week, for the first time. They had a great time. This has become a great tradition developed over the last ten years to encourage our children to look after one another. The children will now remain buddies for the next three years, until the older children move on. At different points in the year, the children will be brought together formally, as well as all the opportunities they will have to meet up informally. Please click [here](#) to see the photos.





**Our BYB Challenge**

Last week Katy, one of our new Sports Majors, created an awesome skipping challenge to test how many 'double bounces' the children could manage to do in a row without stopping. Many children had a go and did amazingly well! Well done to everyone who took part – and thank you, Katy!

This week we have a new fun challenge for you all to try, set up by Oscar, another of our new Sports Majors. The challenge is to try and successfully dribble a basketball around designated cones as fast as you can, whilst maintaining control, balance and agility. Make sure you find Oscar or Mr Johnson at playtime to have a go and see if you can BEAT YOUR BEST!!

**Achievements outside of School**

Please do not forget to share your children's achievements out of school, so we can mention them and celebrate them in our newsletter.

**The Marie Kerley Library**

Our newly refurbished library, created with the amazing support of our fantastic PTFA, Gripple and parishioners, is now complete! It has been transformed in honour of Miss Marie Kerley, a former teacher who left us a generous legacy to transform our school. Miss Kerley was passionate about getting children excited about books and reading, and so we felt it fitting that the library be renamed in her honour. The children will be able to start using it next week and it will also be opened for parents and carers to have a look too. There will be a formal opening and blessing later this term. We thank the PTFA and especially Mrs Cooper and Mrs Pattison along with the team at Gripple and everyone who sewed chair covers! It really is fantastic!

**Safeguarding Matters @SJF**

At St John Fisher, the Safeguarding Team is:

- **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):** Mr Barratt
- **Designated Safeguarding Deputies (DSDs):** Mrs Barrett, Mrs Hadfield and Mr Smith

Further information is available on our SJF website [here](#). Linked to this is all sorts of information for parents/carers about keeping your children safe online, which can be accessed [here](#).



Week 1 Attendance			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y3	99.3%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y2	98.6%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5	98.3%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	96.0%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	95.3%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	93.1%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	91.4%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 96.0%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 <sup>st</sup>	FS2	82%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5	81%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y2	78%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	76%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	75%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	72%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	70%
Average = 76%		

**Statement to Live By**

Our 'statement to live by' next week will be: **"I can say one good thing about myself"**

**Time to talk:** Sometimes we find it easier to say good things about others than we do about ourselves.

With someone at home try to think about all the things that you are good at and list them. Afterwards think about the qualities that make you special and pick your favourite or favourites. Talk about why it is more important to remember all the good things about ourselves rather than the negatives.

Why is it important to try to see the best in others, rather than focusing on their faults?

