

# SJF NEWS



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## Welcome!

Happy new year! It has been absolutely fantastic to welcome all the children back to school after the Christmas holiday and to hear all their news! We pray for God's mercy and blessings for the year ahead in the shared hope that 2024 will be a very happy one for us all!

## Awards of the Week

The presentation and notification of this week's special awards will take place next week as there was no Celebration Assembly today because our community gathered for our annual new year community Mass.

Our Term 3 Learning Value is 'Respect'. Having respect for ourselves and others is very important.

- ✓ it helps us to be more self-confident
- ✓ our growing self-confidence encourages others to be more confident
- ✓ it helps us to see ourselves (and others) through *kind* eyes
- ✓ it teaches us to be proud of our achievements without ever being arrogant
- ✓ it encourages us to celebrate others' qualities and achievements
- ✓ it enables us to build the resilience to face and overcome challenges
- ✓ it is vital in teams and keeps communities strong and united
- ✓ it opens our minds to new ideas and possibilities
- ✓ it helps us to learn more about our own lives and those of others respectfully
- ✓ it teaches us to be more open and unafraid of difference
- ✓ it helps us to grow as people, as children of God, and fulfil our potential gradually and over time
- ✓ it teaches us that we also have a part to play in helping others to grow and achieve their potential too



## Term 3 Smiley Scores



Attendance: Term 2 - Final Week			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y5	100%	Bobby Bear will visit in Term 2
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y3	99.2%	Brenda Bear will visit in Term 2
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y2	97.9%	Elvis Owl will visit in Term 2
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	97.7%	Billy Bear will visit in Term 2
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	95.0%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	94.8%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	92.5%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 96.9%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y5	93%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y6	84%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y4	77%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	67%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	65%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	64%
6 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	64%
Average = 73%		



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### Our Catholic Life

#### *New Year Mass*

Thank you to our **Y6** children for leading today's special new year Mass so brilliantly. They fulfilled their various roles magnificently! We thank Fr Henry for celebrating Mass. We thank Mr MacInness and Mrs Barrett for preparing the liturgy and Mr McGurrin, Mrs Hambleton and Mrs Barrett for leading the music ministry. We also thank Mrs Broadhead for organising the recording of Mass (available [here](#)). Finally, we thank everyone who joined us.



#### *Weekly Celebration of the Word*

Our next Celebration of the Word will take place on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024** and will be led by the young people of **Y3** and we invite their family and friends to join us in the school hall at 9.00am.

#### *Our Virtues to Live By*

In our Tuesday assemblies, we will focus on the important virtues, **faith** and **simplicity**.

#### *Collective Worship*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Citizenship Statement of Belief Assembly</b> (Headteacher) <b>&amp; Chaplains' Celebrations</b> (Years 5 and 6)	<b>'Virtues to Live By' Class Assembly</b> (Teachers & Chaplains)	<b>Themed Assembly</b> (Teacher-Led)	<b>Weekly Celebration of the Word</b> (Class-Led)	<b>Celebration Assembly</b> (Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher) <b>Chaplains' Celebrations</b> (Years 1, 2, 3 and 4) <b>Story Liturgy</b> (FS2)

#### *Our January Prayer*

A reminder that our January prayer is called the Agnus Dei or 'The Lamb of God'. The prayer is said during Mass, and recalls The Last Supper of Jesus and His apostles during which the bread and wine were transformed in to the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the first time. It is therefore a very special prayer.

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**



#### *January Gathering Song*

Children of God, in one family  
Loved by God, in one family –  
And no matter what you do...  
God loves me, and God loves you



### SJF Curriculum Update

#### *Curriculum Showcase*

A reminder that our next Curriculum Showcase takes place on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023** in the school hall. We warmly welcome parents, carers, family and friends to join us in the school hall from **8.45am** until **9.45am** and again from **3.30pm** until **4.15pm** to view a sample of the children work from the first three terms. In the morning session a few of our children will be on hand at each display to share their learning and talk about their curriculum and experiences. A reminder that hot dinner options will not be available because the hall will be out of action all day,



#### *Term 3 Curriculum Overviews*

A reminder that the latest set of Curriculum Overviews, for Term 3, area available to view on the website, via this [here](#). Please contact us if you need any support, or indeed if you would like to offer support with any aspect.



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Educational Visits



HOLOCAUST  
MEMORIAL  
DAY 27/1

**The National Holocaust Centre**

A reminder that the children of **Y6** will have their annual visit to Beth Shalom, near Ollerton, Nottinghamshire, on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) takes place on 27<sup>th</sup> January each year and is a time to remember all victims of genocide, including those persecuted and murdered by Nazis during the Holocaust; as well as in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur (Sudan).

The theme this year is around the fragility of freedom. Please click [here](#) to find out more. Its commemoration in our school aligns with both our British values and Catholic ethos, and provides us all with an opportunity to reflect and understand how the lessons of the past can inform our lives today to ensure that everyone continues to work together in order to create a safer and better future for our children. Click [here](#) to find out why HMD is marked in schools and elsewhere.

It is important that lessons are learned **in age-appropriate ways** because it is not inevitable that these terrible events of the past will not happen again and again and again. Educating our young to be accepting and respectful of others - of difference - is absolutely key, and wholly in line with our Catholic ethos and values.

***"That is when the trouble started for the Jews. Our freedom was severely restricted by a series of anti-Jewish decrees."***

Anne Frank, diary entry, Saturday 20 June, 1942, reflecting back on May 1940 when the Germans arrived in the Netherlands



It isn't only those directly targeted for persecution whose freedoms are affected by perpetrator regimes. Vali Racz risked her freedom and her life to save Jews in Hungary during the Second World War. Despite knowing she would likely be murdered if caught, she built a false partition into a large wardrobe to hide people. She was arrested several times but with no proof that she was hiding Jews, was released. Listen to a podcast with Monica Porter, Vali Racz's daughter, at [hmd.org.uk/vali](http://hmd.org.uk/vali).



***"Still my heart is in my village and the refugee camps with those I left in Darfur."***

You can read more about Debay's life at [hmd.org.uk/debay](http://hmd.org.uk/debay).



**Yorkshire Farming Museum**

A reminder that the children of **Y3** and **Y4** will travel up to the Yorkshire Farming Museum at Murton Park, near York, on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024** for a special immersive and interactive day that will enable them to explore and engage more closely with the lives of ordinary Roman and Viking settlers. This will support their learning as part of these exciting history topics.

**London Adventure**

Our **Y6** children will visit London on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024**, the last day of Term 3. Leaving school at 6.00am, the children will travel down to the South Bank for a visit to the London Eye. They will then walk along the South Bank, past the old County Hall and over Westminster Bridge, taking in the sights, as they make their way to the Houses of parliament, and more specifically the Education Centre close to the Victoria Tower.



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Once through security the children will be guided on a tour of the Palace of Westminster. They will view the King's robing room, the Lords' Common Room, the House of Lords, Central Lobby, the House of Commons and Westminster Hall, the oldest part of the palace, where our late Queen laid in state.

Next, the children will walk down to the Embankment, past New Scotland Yard, to catch a river bus, that will take them down the River Thames, past Cleopatra's Needle, The London Eye and various other famous landmarks to Tower Pier, next to Traitors' Gate, at the Tower of London. As they disembark the children will see HMS Belfast and Tower Bridge. They will then visit the Tower of London complex, which is surprisingly big and spread out, containing the iconic White Tower and Crown Jewels. After what we hope will be a thrilling and interesting day, the children will depart for Sheffield, arriving back at some point later that evening.



**SJF Healthy Minds Champions Podcast**

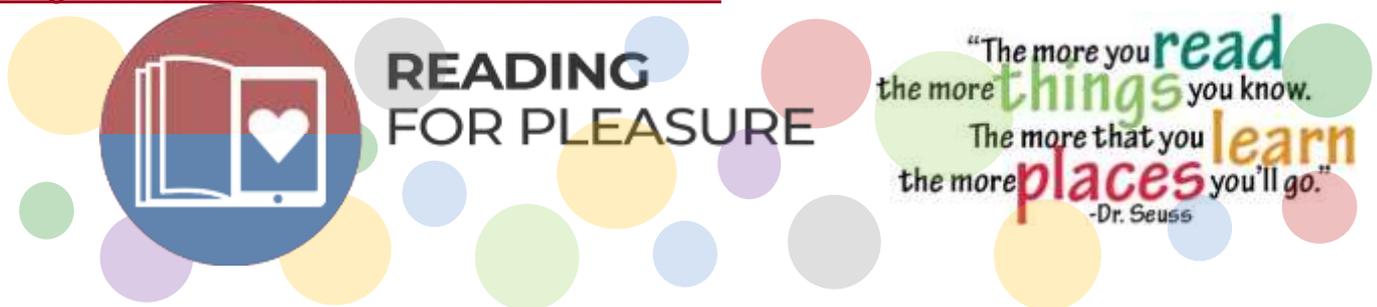
Please do not forget to check out the first episode of our new Healthy Minds Podcast on the homepage ([www.st-johnfisher.org/](http://www.st-johnfisher.org/))



**SJF Gallery**

We are in the process of creating a gallery to display and celebrate our children's artwork. We would be grateful for donations of any unwanted picture frames, of all sizes, big and small. Please leave them with colleagues in the School Office. Thank you for your support.

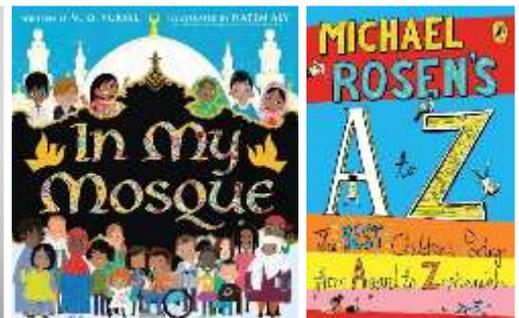
**Reading for Pleasure: Our Latest Feature Books of the Week**



Please click [here](#) to view our full 2023-24 SJF Book List. These are our latest feature books:

- **In My Mosque**  
o M O Yuksel
- **Michael Rosen's A-Z - The Best Children's Poetry from Agard to Zephaniah**  
o Michael Rosen

Please see this [link](#) to the Waterstones reviews on our website.



**Beat Your Best: Our BYB Challenge**

*Here is a message from Miss Raynes:*

Thank you to everyone who took part in the last 'Beat Your Best' challenge! Our new 'Beat Your Best' challenge has been created by Bella and it is based on the beep test.

Can you make it through the stages within the allotted time? How many stages can you get through? The Sports Majors will be on the playground at break-times so why not come along and have a go?



**Achievements outside of School**

Please do not forget to share details of your children's achievements outside of school with us via our [enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) email address. Regardless of whether the achievements are big or small, we would be delighted to both share and celebrate your child's good news!

**Statement of Belief**

Our 'statement to live by' is 'I try to follow school and classroom rules'

**Time to talk:** What are rules? Why do we have them? What rules do we have in school and class? What would happen if we had no rules? How do rules help us to feel happy, safe and loved? What rules do you like? What rules do you dislike? Can you explain your choices?



**Whisper Report**  
Anonymous Reporting Form

St John Fisher Primary, A Catholic Voluntary Academy

# PROBLEM?

## Whisper it!

If you have a problem or concern in school or at home, you can report it to a member of staff anonymously.



### When To Report...

- You or a friend are being bullied
- You are concerned for a student's welfare
- A student, member of staff, or parent has behaved inappropriately
- You need to talk to someone about a problem
- Suggestion for changes or improvements in school

Report via SMS or visit:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/whisper/sjf1/>






# Whisper

Anonymous Reporting

Giving everyone the confidence to speak up and reach out.



# MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

“THIS MORNING, HE  
WAS WORRIED ABOUT  
SCHOOL... BUT LOOK  
AT HIM NOW!”



MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.



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Head to the Education Hub to find out more.



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