

# SJF NEWS

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## Update

Unfortunately a hot water pipe burst overnight in the **Y1** classroom, earlier this week, flooding the classroom. We therefore had to relocate the children, to the school hall and library. Support was offered to all **Y1** children, and especially those who cope less well with unexpected change, so they were able to adjust and settle.

I would like to thank my colleagues for helping to support both with the classroom and the children. I would also like to thank firefighters from our local station for assisting with the removal of a considerable amount of water from the classroom, which was deepest in the toilet and cloakroom areas as well as at top end of the room.

Unfortunately it looks like the carpet will need to be replaced; some flooring re-laid or replaced; and there is already evidence of water ingress in some of the fitted cupboards, which will need to be addressed. Thankfully though, the children's work, reading books and most of the Y1 resources were either saved or unaffected.

The burst pipe has now been replaced and the insurance company have already assessed the damage, meaning that, hopefully, our claim can be processed quickly and efficiently. Dehumidifiers have been hired and we are aiming to get the classroom ready by mid-morning on Monday. On Monday morning, **Y1** children will enter school via the library entrance, unless directed otherwise, by staff on the gates and in the playground.

All of this meant that neither the Celebration of the Word on Thursday, nor Friday's Celebration Assembly could go ahead this week. The Golden Children, Writing and Mathematics Champions were announced and they will receive a round of applause in next week's Celebration Assembly. This week's Citizen of the Week award was not announced, and the identity of the recipient will be shared next week, instead.

## Term 4 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
<b>261</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>254</b>
<b>1970</b>	<b>1939</b>	<b>1971</b>	<b>1885</b>
<p>The members of St David's House enjoyed their dress-down day today, with many of the children finding something yellow to wear.</p> <p>Please ask your child's teacher if you are not sure which House they are in, and take note of the remaining colour days that will mark the forthcoming feast days of St Patrick (Ireland) and St George (England).</p>		 <p><b>Green Day</b> Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024</p>	 <p><b>Red Day</b> Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024</p>



Term 4 Attendance			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y2	98.3%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	FS2	96.9%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y4	96.8%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	96.6%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	96.0%	Billy Bear will visit next week
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	89.4%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	84.4%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 94.0%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 <sup>st</sup>	FS2	88%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y4	78%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y2	71%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	70%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	68%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	75%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	62%
Average = 75%		



**Our Catholic Life**

*Weekly Celebration of the Word*

Our next Celebration of the Word takes place on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024** and will be led by our **Y5** pupils. We invite their families and friends to join us in the hall at 9.00am. Films are available via this [link](#).

*Our Virtues to Live By*

In our Tuesday assemblies, the children will reflect on **charity** and **simplicity**, important virtues that will help to guide us on our personal Lenten journeys.



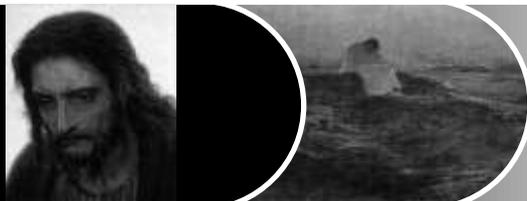
*Collective Worship*

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

*Our Lenten Prayer: 'The Confiteor'*

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.



*Our Mid Lent Gathering Song*

Zion!	Sacred road –
Holy mountain, Holy city,	I set my face like flint for You,
Lead me on – to my Father.	Jerusalem, my greatest joy!

*Lent Class Reflections*

Up to **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024** our Chaplains are helping to organise simple daily Lenten reflections in each class and we invite parents/carers to join us. Please book the through the School Office and arrive by 03.05pm.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1 Y5 Y6	FS2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	FS2 Y1 Y2 Y5 Y6	FS2 Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4	Y2 Y3 Y4



*SJF Passion Play 2024*

Please note that our passion play, involving Years 3-5, takes place on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024** in **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**, starting at **2.00pm**. It will be followed by simple refreshments in the school hall.



# Diocese of Hallam

*Our lady of Lourdes Parish News*

For information about parish and Diocesan life including; the times of Masses, services and confession; information about sacramental preparation; and plans for Lent and Easter, please click this [link](#) to our parish website. Thank you.

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

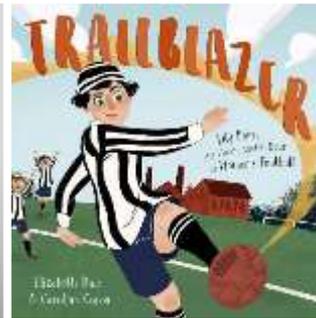


Please click [here](#) to view our full 2023-24 SJF Book List.

These are our latest feature books:

- **Trailblazer**
  - Elizabeth Dale
- **Happy Poems**
  - Roger McGough

Please follow this [link](#) to view the 'Waterstones' and 'Books For Topics' reviews on our website.



**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!

- **Jacob** in **Y5** has just completed the 'Ready to Race' go-kart course and will now start competing in the championship from April. Congratulations, Jacob, what a great achievement!



**Pupil Voice: SJF Eco Team Update**

*Mrs Steenson (Coordinator)*

Our SJF Eco Team is looking forward to meeting representatives from the **Sheffield Swift Network** on Tuesday, next week.

They have prepared the questions that they want to ask, including some about making our school and homes more welcoming for these magnificent birds.

Here is a word from Enzo, one of our **Y3** Eco Team representatives about the upcoming meeting:

***"I hope our school is able to have the birds visit. I'm looking forward to seeing some different birds!"***



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### Golden Children!

- FS2** **Niamh** for great listening on the carpet and for completing some wonderful activities from Mouse Club, which she then was able to show the rest of the class, and talk about! Well done!
- Y1** **Marnell** was a super friend to another child this week. He was so helpful and clear as he explained what to do. He did this without realising that he had also been observed by an adult!
- Y2** **George** for bringing his huge smiley and cheeky personality into the classroom every day! He cheers others up and helps make learning happy for everyone!
- Y3** **Ivy** for such super behaviour this week, she is also trying her absolute best with her work! What a great example you are setting!
- Y4** **Gabriella** for showing how determined she can be, and for being so resilient and refusing to give up. What an amazingly positive example you are to others!
- Y5** **Charlie** for always trying really hard in class. This week he has tried hard to explain his reasoning in all subjects. Fantastic!
- Y6** **Lochlan** for making such an impressive effort in all his lessons this week! You have impressed us all! Keep it up!

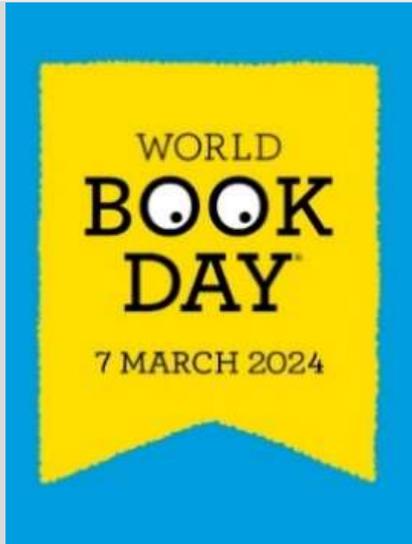
### Writing Champions!

- FS2** **Isabelle** for working so hard on her writing in our RWI lessons. Well done!
- Y1** **Amelia** for trying so hard to work independently when writing some short phrases - with great sounding out and finger spaces too! She was justifiably proud of herself and her achievement - as are we!
- Y2** **Igor** for creating a beautiful piece of writing recalling the events of the great fire of London, using a considered choice of adverbs! Well done!
- Y3** **Ava S** for trying really hard to write some super paragraphs about earthquakes! Well done!
- Y4** **Anjie** for trying so hard to use some beautiful vocabulary in her writing this week, and for remembering to check her word choices work with a thesaurus. As result her effort shines out!
- Y5** **Scarlett** for trying hard to keep the presentation of her work, and handwriting, neat. Her content is also improving. Well done, Scarlett!
- Y6** **Noah** for the huge improvement he has made to his handwriting, which is especially evident in his History workbook. Well done, and keep it up!

### Maths Champions!

- FS2** **Mayah** for working hard in all our addition activities, using number lines! Well done!
- Y1** **Oliwia** showing such confidence when talking about her reasoning and choices, for example, regarding which calculations to use to solve addition equations. Well done, Oliwia!
- Y2** **Briola** for putting in a 100% effort in our lessons! Her love of maths shines through! Well done!
- Y3** **Freddie M** for making such a huge effort to produce some great multiplication work!
- Y4** **Kristian** for working hard to convert improper fractions into mixed numbers and then back again! His focus, effort and hard work is really showing. Well done!
- Y5** **Jonah** for working very hard in our mathematics lessons. He tries really hard to have answers to questions and will always ask when he is not sure. Well done!
- Y6** **Kacper** for the hard work that he consistently puts into all his maths learning, including during our recent unit on fractions.





**World Book Day 2024**

This year World Book Day is on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. As usual, it will be a non-uniform day and the children are invited to come to school in something they like to wear when they read a book. We are conscious that costumes can be expensive, especially for one day, and not all children enjoy dressing up anyway. We do not want to add to the pressure on busy parents/carers either. Children are therefore invited to dress up, if they want to - or down. As the day is essentially about **promoting reading** and **celebrating books**, rather than costumes, we want the children to be comfortable, wearing whatever they want.

This year there is a focus on poetry, with the children reciting a class poem that will be shared with children in other classes. There will also be plenty of book-sharing with buddies. They are invited to bring in a favourite book from home, to show their buddy, if they want to. Please make sure your child's name is in the book, if they do. Thank you.

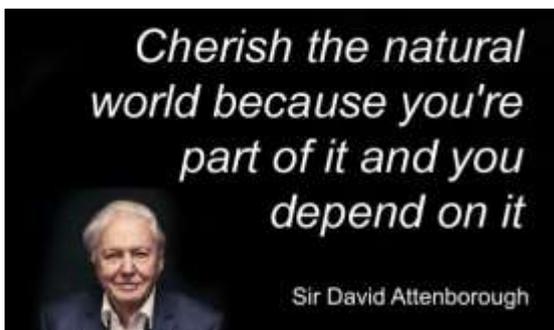
**Statement of Belief**

Next week our 'statement of Belief' is "**I try to appreciate the beauty and wonder in the world.**"

**Time to talk:** Take some time to be very still and silent in your garden or with your family in the park, or woods or countryside. What can you hear, or see, or smell? *What* do you feel, as in the texture? *How* do you feel?

Take photographs to remind you of the moment. Look back at these at the end of the day. What do you remember? Whilst you are out, try and find a leaf. Really look at it closely, or the bark on a tree – anything, carefully. Pause and look at it for a while. What do you notice? Note of colours, smells, patterns and textures.

What places are special to you and your family? Where would you go if you could go anywhere in the world? Why? What can we do to look after our beautiful world?





# RAINBOW RAFFLE



FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2024

OWN CLOTHES DAY



YEAR 6

YEAR 5

YEAR 4

YEAR 3

YEAR 2

YEAR 1

FS2

You can come to school in non-uniform (any clothes) on Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Please bring a donation in the colour of your year group to add to a colourful family hamper which will be available to win during our Easter Raffle!



Your donation could be.. **snacks, drinks, alcohol, toys, stationery, toiletries, homewares, games, crafts etc..**



Tickets will be on sale after half term holiday. The draw will take place at the Easter Scavenger hunt on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

