

SJF NEWS

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Friday 8th March 2024







Citizen of the Week (01-03-24)

Last week's citizenship award was presented, today, to Seren in **Y3** for trying to use words that make the world a better place, in line with last week's Statement of Belief. Seren is incredibly kind and encouraging to others. She understands that words are powerful, and can be used so positively, to build others up. She therefore tries very hard in school to choose and use words that will help others feel happy and better about themselves. In doing so, she also sets such a wonderful example. We are all very proud of her! Congratulations, Seren!

Citizen of the Week (08-03-24)

This week's citizenship award was presented to Lydia in **Y2** for trying to appreciate the beauty and wonder in the world. Lydia really enjoys being outside in the open and is fascinated by nature. She is curious and gets very excited when learning about things that interest her. Lydia views the world with a sense of wonder and awe. Congratulations Lydia, what a great example you are, we are very proud of you!

Term 4 Smiley Scores

| St Andrew's House | St David's House | St Patrick's House | St George's House |
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| 402 | 401 | 399 | 415 |
| 2372 | 2340 | 2370 | 2300 |

Term 4 Attendance

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| 1 st | Y4 | 98.7% | Bobby Bear will visit next week |
| 2 nd | FS2 | 98.1% | Brenda Bear will visit next week |
| 2 nd | Y3 | 98.1% | Brenda Bear will visit next week |
| 3 rd | Y2 | 96.0% | Elvis Owl will visit next week |
| 4 th | Y1 | 92.7% | Billy Bear will visit next week |
| 5 th | Y5 | 88.1% | |
| 6 th | Y6 | 80.6% | |

Target = 98.0%

Average Attendance = 93.0%



Get Set, GO!

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| 1 st | FS2 | 80% |
| 2 nd | Y4 | 68% |
| 3 rd | Y2 | 67% |
| 4 th | Y5 | 62% |
| 5 th | Y1 | 61% |
| 6 th | Y3 | 60% |
| 7 th | Y6 | 49% |

Average = 64%

Our Catholic Life



Weekly Celebration of the Word

Thank you to our **Y5** pupils who led us in our liturgy this week. Our next Celebration of the Word takes place on **Thursday 14th March 2024** and will be led by our **Y1** pupils. We invite their families and friends to join us in the hall at 9.00am. Films of the celebrations are available via this [link](#)

Our Virtues to Live By

Our focus switches next week to the virtues of **forgiveness** and **mercy**. Please click [here](#) for more information about our virtues. Thank you.



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Collective Worship

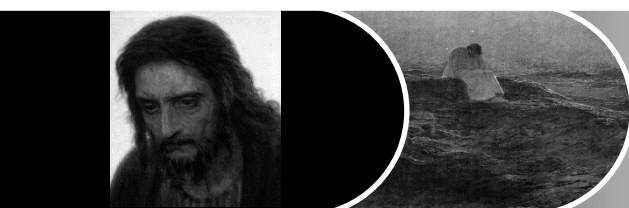
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Citizenship Statement of Belief Assembly (Headteacher) Chaplains' Celebrations (Years 5 and 6) | 'Virtues to Live By' Class Assembly (Teachers & Chaplains) | Themed Assembly (Teacher-Led) | Weekly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

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.

FORGIVEN



Our Mid Lent Gathering Song

Zion!

Holy mountain, Holy city,

Lead me on – to my Father.

Sacred road –

I set my face like flint for You,

Jerusalem, my greatest joy!

Lent Class Reflections

Up to **Friday 22nd 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
Y1 Y5 Y6

Tuesday
FS2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6

Wednesday
FS2 Y1 Y2 Y5 Y6

Thursday
FS2 Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4

Friday
Y2 Y3 Y4

SJF Passion Play 2024

As in previous years, our Passion play will be led by the young people in Years 3-5 and take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on **Tuesday 26th March 2024**, starting at **2.00pm**. The play will be filmed and available to view via our SJF website. Simple refreshments will be served in the school hall afterwards.



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.



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Reading for Pleasure: Our Latest Feature Books of the Week



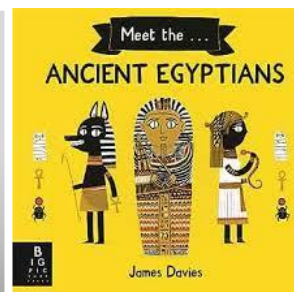
"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

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

These are our latest feature books:

- **The Wishkeeper's Apprentice**
o Elizabeth Dale
- **Meet the Ancient Egyptians**
o Roger McGough

Please follow this [link](#) to view the 'Waterstones' website.



Pupil Voice: SJF Eco Team Update

Mrs Steenson (Coordinator)

On Tuesday, the SJF Eco Team welcomed representatives from the Swift Network for an informative and exciting presentation. The Eco Team learned about the problems faced by swifts, with numbers declining rapidly year upon year. The team also invited representatives from the School Council to the meeting, to help come up with some fundraising ideas, with the aim that our school will have its own swift bricks fitted.

Katie, a **Y6** Eco Team member is really excited to get the project started, and has some words to say on the matter: **"Not only do we want to raise some money to help the swifts, we also want to raise awareness. We want to create a huge campaign that will make local families more informed about the simple steps they can take at home to help."**

Everyone enjoyed the talk, which the children became extremely passionate about. Ann and Chet, from the Swift Network, have since been in touch to say how much they enjoyed meeting **"...the lovely, incredibly well-behaved children. They really engaged with Chet's talk. It was lovely to see such enthusiasm!"**



The Eco Team was also presented with the donation of a wooden swift box, which we hope to have fitted onto the school building before the swift season in May. We thank Ann and Chet, of the Swift Network, for coming in to talk to our children and for their extremely kind donation. We also thank Mrs Steenson for organising the meeting and engaging the children. For more photos please click [here](#) and [here](#).



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Golden Children!

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| FS2 | Gigi for working so hard in class every day; for setting a great example to others; and this week, for her lovely ideas in RE with Miss D'Roza. Well done! |
| Y1 | Margot for being really kind to another child, whilst out on our local area walk. Her act of kindness was noticed by one of the parent volunteers. We are all very proud of Margot, thank you! |
| Y2 | Jaxson for increasing his effort with all independent learning. He has been especially focused and dedicated to his book work. Well done! |
| Y3 | Heidi for being so positive in class, and for leading by example. What a star! |
| Y4 | Marlene for showing some great support to others this week, and for always being so helpful in the classroom! Well done! |
| Y5 | Eddie for continuing to try really hard, even when he finds things difficult. We are proud of your efforts! |
| Y6 | Ava for always having a positive attitude and a fantastic sense of humour! Well done! |

Writing Champions!

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| FS2 | Divine for starting to write by herself using her phonics knowledge! Well done! |
| Y1 | Bobby for never giving less than 100% in his writing. His handwriting is neat and he tries hard to include adjectives and correct punctuation. His story based on The Three Little Pigs, was super! Well done! |
| Y2 | Leon for working very hard to improve the overall presentation of his work and his handwriting specifically - even though it is not his favourite thing to do! Well done! |
| Y3 | Izabela for creating wonderful personification sentences as part of her volcano writing. Well done! |
| Y4 | Peter for using his fantastic imagination to create some wonderful sentences for his non-chronological report about dragons. He chose adjectives that were perfect for the writing. Well done! |
| Y5 | Luke for all the hard work he has put in to improve his handwriting and presentation. Fantastic work. Well done, Luke! |
| Y6 | Alfie for the excellent standard of writing he has achieved in his history workbook. Well done! |

Maths Champions!

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| FS2 | Ava for her speedy thinking with our addition and subtraction activities! Well done! |
| Y1 | Toby for explaining his reasoning, so clearly, when ordering numbers up to 50. He is a particularly good 'talk-task' partner! Well done, Toby! |
| Y2 | Harley for trying really hard with her learning this week in our Maths work, especially when she found some things hard! What a great example you are! |
| Y3 | Movean for working hard to solve multiplication equations. Well done! |
| Y4 | Kyrel for working hard this week to add and subtract fractions. He created matching bar-models perfectly. His determination to complete every challenge set is brilliant! Keep it up! |
| Y5 | Sanaya for making great improvements in her reasoning, using and applying what she knows in order to overcome challenges and answer questions. Well done! |
| Y6 | Eliana for the hard work that she has put into her learning around fractions, decimals and percentages. It is wonderful! |



Pupil Progress Review Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended a pupil review meeting for their children this week. We again offered options for face-to-face and video calls. Unfortunately, there were some technical issues which prevented some year groups accessing the video calls, and we are addressing these with our provider. Anyone affected received a telephone call immediately, instead. A number of parents/carers in fact expressed a preference for this over a video call. We will seek feedback, more formally, in our forthcoming annual questionnaire, and we will explore the feasibility of offering phone calls, instead of video calls, if this is what more people want. The option for face-to-face meetings will, of course, remain.

SEND Reviews

A reminder that reviews for children living with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) take place on **Tuesday 12th** and **Wednesday 13th March 2024**. Appointments to see Mrs Hadfield and the children's teachers should be made through the school office. Thank you.

Preparation for Y6 End of Key Stage Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)

Though very gentle and supportive, the young people of **Y6** are being gradually familiarised with the expectations of the Y6 SATs. As part of this process there will be a practise week from **Monday 18th March to Thursday 21st March 2024**. The purpose of the week is not only to help the children prepare for the process, with lots of support if they need it, but also to identify their strengths and any remaining gaps to focus on in their lessons and booster sessions. It is therefore especially important that children attend every day.

Beat Your Best!



Here is an update from Miss Raynes

This week's BYB challenge will help you practise your passing skills. With a partner or as a three, see how many times you can pass a tennis ball between you without dropping it. Try using a bigger ball if you want to make the challenge easier, and then work your way down to a tennis ball. Click [here](#) to watch a video demonstration.

Why not ask the Sport's Majors for a challenge to see if you can beat the **Y6** team? We look forward to seeing practising and developing your great skills! If you put in the effort, will you beat your best? Will you beat Y6?

Achievements outside of School

You are invited to share details of your children's achievements outside of school with us via email (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org). Regardless of whether the achievements are big or small, we are always happy to both share and celebrate your child's good news!

Statement of Belief

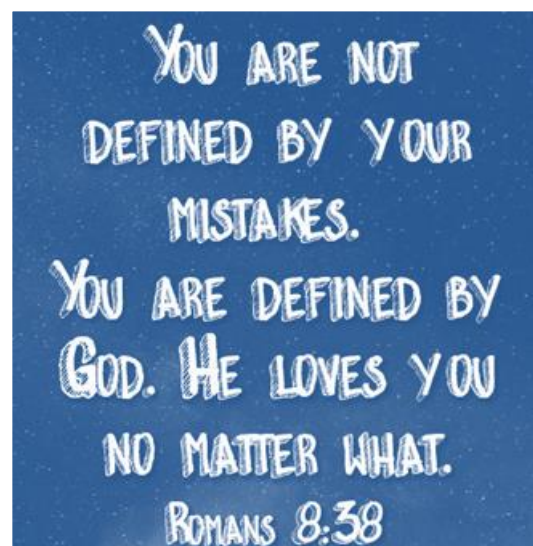
Our next 'Statement of Belief' is '**I know it is ok to make mistakes**'

Time to talk: We know that making mistakes is a normal part of learning. Making mistakes as we learn is ok and completely normal.

Worrying about them can turn us into fearful learners, who find learning scarier and therefore more difficult. This can cause us to struggle trying new things and reaching our potential.

Trying new things is what confident learners are happier doing. Just having a go is important. Trusting grown-ups when they offer encouragement is important too. Understanding that mistakes might be made – and it is ok if they happen – is also very important.

Can you think of a mistake that you once made that ended up making you more determined to get it right or to be better? Perhaps when you learned to ride a bicycle without stabilisers for the first time? Can you think of other times at home or in school?





RAINBOW RAFFLE



FRIDAY 22nd 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 22nd.



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 28th March 2024.

