

# SJF NEWS

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## Citizen of the Week

This week's 'Citizen of the Week' award goes to **Kaydi-Leigh** in **Y6** who understands why it is so important to tell, tell, tell if she feels uncomfortable about something. This is completely in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. Kaydi is a very reflective and thoughtful member of our community and cares deeply about others. She also understands that if she has a worry it is always better to share it someone she trusts, so that she can be heard and helped. Thank you for setting such a great example Kaydi, everyone is very proud of you!

## Term 5 Smiley Scores

**St Andrew's House**



**291**

**St David's House**



**315**

**St Patrick's House**



**330**

**St George's House**



**304**

## SJF Calendar/Forthcoming Events

Click [here](#) to view our online calendar. Thank you.

Attendance this Week			
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Y3</b>	A virtual visit from Bobby Bear	<b>99.2%</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Y4</b>	A virtual visit from Bobby Bear	<b>99.2%</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Y1</b>	A virtual visit from Brenda Bear	<b>99.1%</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y2</b>	A virtual visit from Elvis the Owl	<b>98.7%</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y5</b>		<b>98.4%</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y6</b>		95.4%
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FS2</b>		92.9%
<b>Average Attendance = 97.6% (Target = 98%)</b>			



Get Set, GO!			
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Y6</b>		94.4%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Y4</b>		94%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Y2</b>		91%
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y1</b>		90%
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y3</b>		89%
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FS2</b>		78%
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y5</b>		73%
<b>Average = 87%</b>			

## Golden Children (01-04-21)

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Ivy</b> for showing awareness and care of the natural world! This week she save a bee that was in danger!
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Matilda Cottam</b> for being so positive even when she finds things difficult! We are so proud of the attitude she has towards learning and for always being so kind and considerate. Well done Matilda!
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Hyrum</b> for trying hard with your learning and listening to the teacher
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Florence</b> for her mature attitude toward her work. She is showing great maturity. Well done!
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Isabelle</b> for working hard all week, even though she has had to work on her own, she has completed everything to the highest possible level!
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Annabell</b> for having a positive, motivated and increasingly enthusiastic attitude to learning. Keep it up superstar!
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Oscar</b> for always asking inquisitive questions in all of our topics and for just being such a wonderfully enthusiastic member of the class!



### Writing Champions

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Libbi</b> for trying really hard to use the sounds she has learned in her writing about 'Oliver's Vegetables'! Well done!
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Renae</b> for producing a fantastic piece of writing about plants! Renae included everything we asked for including adjectives, conjunctions capital letters and full stops! A super effort, well done!
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Rebecca B</b> for a wonderful piece of writing about the Ascension! Absolutely brilliant!
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Bella</b> for her fantastic facts and research around Rother Valley. Her factual statements and questions were fantastically detailed! Well done!
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Edie</b> for using and applying her growing knowledge and understanding of grammar, punctuation and spelling in her writing! She even produced a great 'Get, Set, GO!' descriptive paragraph!
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Polly</b> for writing two brilliant paragraphs this week as part of our Victorian workhouse diary unit. Well done!
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Jacob G</b> for working hard to improve the presentation of his work so much and for writing a beautiful non-chronological report! Well done Jacob!

### SJF School Council News



This week the school councilors have continued to think of various fundraising ideas. Here's a word from one of our Y5 councilors on some of our ideas so far.

***"We've been trying to finish our plans for how we can raise more money for the school council. We'd really like to buy something like a big bench for children to sit on outside!"***

*Riley Wood (Y5 School Councilor)*



### Our Weekly SJF Sixty Second Challenge

We hope everyone had fun completing our last football dribbling' challenge! It was amazing to see everyone having a go and just trying their best!

This week's challenge is testing throwing skills! How many objects can you throw into a selected area in sixty seconds?

Please click [here](#) to watch a video of the activity being demonstrated by one of our fantastic Sports Major and then have a go! Don't forget to let your teacher know how many you can do in sixty seconds! Have fun everyone!

### Diocese of Hallam: New Catholic Multi Academy Trusts

Following the email sent yesterday please click [here](#) to view a copy of the letter that was sent out . Thank you

### Transition: St John Fisher

We understand fully that deciding which primary school is right for their children is a huge decision for all parents and carers. It is for this reason that we are sad that things had to be so different for our current FS2 children when they were applying to join us last year.

Normally before our new FS2 children start school, I meet them with their parents/carers to talk about the school and show them around, answering any questions that they might have. It gives them an opportunity to see what school is like on a normal day so that they can get a real sense of what we are about and how our day-to-day operation is shaped by our Catholic ethos and values.





We then see a number of prospective parents/carers at our annual Open Morning, which is also a wonderful opportunity for them to meet staff, Governors, PTFA members and the pupils, who act as tour guides showing our guests around the building whilst sharing their perspectives on SJF school life. They also answer any questions that our guests might have.

The new children who go on to receive places, are then visited both at home (with their parents/carers) and at their pre-school setting, by my FS2 colleagues, who aim to gather as much information as possible so that we already have quite a good understanding of each child by the time they start school. Obviously, for children and families where there are additional issues, a more tailored approach might be required, involving additional visits and meetings, depending on what the issues are.

In normal years our new FS2 pupils would then invited in to school for at least two 'taster' school experiences before finally joining us in September. Parents/carers would also be invited in for two special welcome meetings; one in the summer before their children start and one a few weeks in to the new term, after their children have started, so that we can share information and keep them up-to-date. It is also an opportunity for parents/carers to offer feedback and ask questions.

Currently, the restrictions that prevent or limit so much of what we would like to do, are still in place. We were informed by our local authority yesterday that new guidance from the government and Department for Education (DfE) is expected, and should be aligned to the government's roadmap. We have been assured that if this is not published in time then Sheffield and the other local authorities across England will provide schools with guidance on transition matters instead.

Primary schools have been cautioned to be patient by both the local and public health authorities, and told not to develop plans until official guidance is shared. It is important that there is consistency and that plans do not breach the law or put anyone at risk. As a consequence, we do not yet know what we will be allowed to do at this stage. However, as soon as there is clarity we will publish plans, and do as much as we can to ensure that the transition experience of our new children is as close to our usual offering as possible.

### *SJF Moving Up Day*

The final decision about our internal moving up day will be made once guidance has been published. Our plan will then be shared shortly afterwards. Thank you.

### **Transition: All Saints Catholic High School**

Letters have already been sent to parents/carers of Y6 children transferring to All Saints Catholic High School in September 2021, notifying them about transition day planned for **Wednesday 7th July 2021**.

The All Saints transition team have also been busy visiting feeder schools to talk to staff and to meet the children who will be joining the school in September. They have talked about the school and what will happen and made time to answer the children's questions.

As well as the transition day the transition team has also planned an optional **summer school** for those transferring in September. It will run **Monday 9th August to Friday 13th of August 2021** and will be open to all eligible Y6 pupils who would like to attend.



Further information:

- All Saints school website: <https://www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/>
- Y6/Y7 transition information: <https://www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/year-6-into-year-7/>
- Contacting the transition team: [transition2021@allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:transition2021@allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk)







## **Our Catholic Life**

### **Parish Website**

The parish website is not operating at the moment. I will inform you as soon as it is back up and running.

### **Our Eastertide Prayer II: 'The Angelus'**

**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*



**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.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners,  
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen*

**And the Word was made Flesh.  
And dwelt among us...**

*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*

**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 Eastertide II Song**



As we prepare now for Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit the verse of the song that we will say (as we are not allowed to sing) before and after assembly is:

*Come Holy Spirit,  
Descend on us  
Descend on us  
We Gather now in Jesus' (name)*



### **Liturgy of the Word**

Thank you to the staff and children of **Y4** for leading this week's liturgy, it is available to watch on our website – along with all liturgies, Services and Masses this year – by clicking [here](#).

There will be no liturgy next week because it should have been SATs Week. This means that our next Liturgy of the Word will be led the week after by the young people of **Y2**.

It will be filmed on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and uploaded to the SJF website so that it can be viewed by the rest of the school, as well as by the children's families and friends on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021**. Thank you.



## Our Books of the Week!

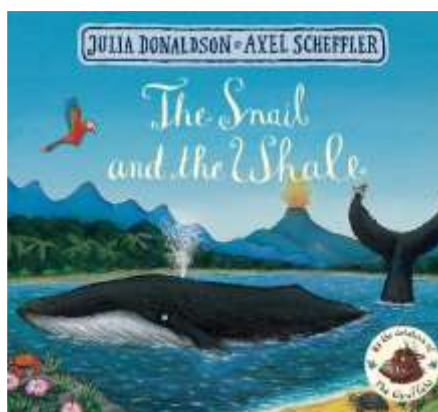
### For Our Younger Children

This week's book recommendation for our younger children comes from Miss Heath and is the fantastic **'The Snail on the Whale'** written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler.

#### Miss Heath writes:

"I love this picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

It's all about a very unlikely friendship between a huge blue whale and a tiny snail who is desperate to see the world!



They go on an amazing adventure together and see some really funny and exciting things!"

The Snail and the Whale: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Snail-Whale-Julia-Donaldson/dp/0142405809>

### For our older children

This week's recommendation for our older children comes from Mr Wallace and is **'Survival in Space: The Apollo 13 Mission'** which was written by David Long (above) and illustrated by Stefano Tambellini (below).

#### Mr Wallace writes:

"I really like this non-fiction book because I'm very interested in space travel and science.

It's all about the Apollo 13 mission to land on the moon, and the amazing adventure of the mission crew. It's full of brilliant facts and it's a very exciting (and true) story!"



Here is the link to 'Survival in Space: The Apollo 13 Mission' by David Long:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Survival-Space-Apollo-13-Mission/dp/178112938X>

## Achievements outside of School

Please send details of your children's achievements out of school to us via our main email address ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) and they will be included in our newsletter. This week's achievements are:

- **Esma** in **FS2** has earned two swimming awards (Octopus 3 and Goldfish 1) and has moved up to the next level as a result! Congratulations Esma, we are all very proud of you!
- **William** in **Y1** has received a certificate and a very smart badge from the Children's University for achieving his bronze award for doing 30 hours of accredited extra-curricular activity at 'Stepz Dance Academy'! Well done superstar!







- **Jacob** in **Y4** has earned a number of Blue Peter badges by completing different challenges. He started in summer and has been busy collecting them, and now has only two more to get before he has the full set! Congratulations Jacob, we are all very proud of you!
- **Ethan U** in **Y6** has received a certificate and a very smart badge from the Children's University for achieving both his bronze and silver awards. He took part in 65 hours of accredited activities at Mosborough Rugby Club, where he is a member. Congratulations Ethan, we are all very proud of you!



### PTFA News

The next PTFA Bags2School collection will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Items such as men's, ladies and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories can be left. Please do not leave work-wear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric. The more our items weigh, the more Bags2School will pay the PTFA! Thank you.



### Statement to Live By

Our next 'statement to live by' is **"I understand the importance of peace."**

**Time to talk:** What is peace? What does it mean? Why is peace important? Why is Jesus called the Prince of Peace?

Peace comes from love and God is love. Peace is Jesus' gift to us when we open our hearts and minds to Him.

We pray for peace in our world; in our lives; in our families and in our hearts.

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt

WORRYING  
does not take  
away tomorrow's  
TROUBLES,  
it takes away  
today's  
PEACE.

“Peace  
begins  
with a  
smile.”  
Mother Teresa

