



St John Fisher News

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★ Citizen of the Week

This week's award goes to **Daphney Adebayo** (Y6) for understanding that she is part of a special community which includes school in line with our 'Statement to Live By'. Daphney has shown that she is a great team player, especially in her role as a sports leader. She understands that a community is a bit like a team where everyone matters and where their contributions are valued. Well done, we are all very proud of you!

Uniform Reminder

Uniform is very important to us at St John Fisher and I very much appreciate your support in helping us maintain high standards.

Earrings

Earrings are not to be worn in school at any time.

Boots & Trainers

It is perfectly acceptable for children to wear high boots (including wellington boots) or trainers to and from school in bad weather and at break time (if it is cold or to protect school shoes). However, children are expected to wear suitable black school shoes in school.

The only exception is on PE days when suitable trainers can be worn all day as part of the PE kit.

Thank you.

Term 3 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  397	St David's House  361	St Patrick's House  454	St George's House  500
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Congratulations to the boys and girls of St Georges House – the Term 3 Champions! At the beginning of next time their Head of House will arrange some Golden Time.

Parish News

You are all invited to a healing Mass at 7.00pm on Thursday 11th February 2016 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church which is 'The World Day for the Sick and Solemnity of Our Lady of Lourdes'. There will be healing prayer and your special petitions can be placed in a basket and presented to the statue of Our Lady. Everybody is welcome!

Chaplaincy Team News

Here is a message from our Chaplaincy Team:

*Finally, the marvellous Y5 Chaplaincy team, accompanied by Mrs. Holloway and two Y5 students, have now sent **4 large boxes** and **20 rucksacks** to the Mary's meals charity! We are very proud that our parish and school community have donated so generously. We would like to thank you very much for everything you have donated.*

*We have managed to feed and help 26 children! That is an amazing **£320** raised for charity! Once again, we would like to thank you very much for your generosity and for everything you have donated.*



Holocaust Memorial Day

The young people of Y6 had an amazing day at the Beth Shalom Holocaust Centre last Friday. We followed the journey of a young Jewish boy living in Berlin just before World War II started and found out a bit about what it was like to be a Jewish person at that time.

In the afternoon, we had the privilege of listening to and asking questions of a Jewish survivor of the Holocaust who is now living in England. He was an amazing man and the story of his experiences, including being in concentration camps as a small boy was incredibly powerful. The Year 6 children have done some fantastic writing about leaving home as a follow-up to this day.

Thank you very much to the volunteers who came and helped us, Mrs Werchez, Mrs Green, Miss Ratcliffe and Mrs Mell.



Pet Club

Once again we have been joined by our family pets. Fluffy Ward, Jared's hamster, came to visit and we discovered that he is a great trapeze artist, as he swung along the bars of the ladder in his cage.

Next, Sooty Pattison, Isaac's cat prowled around 'The Ark'. She is a great explorer and sniffed us to make sure we were friendly. I think we were because she allowed us to stroke her. Thank you so much to both families, as it really helps the children to see and consolidate our learning about pets.

Dads, Granddad's and Kids Workshop

Calling all dads and granddads again! We are hoping to have three sporty workshops on Friday 3rd, 11th and 18th March from 3.30 – 4.30pm. This will be to experience some of the new sports that the children have been taking part in this term.

A letter will be sent out after the holiday so we hope that you will be able to join us for at least one of the sessions. Your support is really appreciated!

Achievements Outside of School

- **Bertie Pickering** in **Y4** has achieved the Silver Lifesaving Award with the British Amateur Swimming Association. This involved swimming 100m in less than 3 minutes and performing lifesaving activities such as towing an adult to safety! What an impressive achievement Bertie, congratulations!
- **Daphney Adebayo** in **Y6** took part in a Sheffield indoor athletics competition at the EIS last week. She won a gold medal in the 60m sprint final and a bronze medal in the 200m final! What great achievements, well done!

Don't forget to share your good news. We want to hear about any achievements outside of school!

Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

FS2	Annabel Ost for joining in and giving lots of good answers in class!
Year 1	Jacob Nelson for always being super helpful and for really trying hard when he is writing. Jacob is a super speedy writer!
Year 2	Isla Thompson for trying her best when writing and supporting her team during Kurling! Well done!
Year 3	Joseph Kandare for having an improved attitude to teamwork and being part of a team! Well done Joseph!
Year 4	Alfie Saxton-Clayton for really giving of his best when writing descriptive stories!
Year 5	Olivia King for always working hard. She has a great attitude and is always up for a challenge! Well done!
Year 6	Patrick Lodge for having a brilliant attitude to learning and always working hard to achieve the very best he can!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Filip Dvorak	Summer Marsden	Freya Jones	Marcus McKernan	Ashleigh Sigauke	Kayleigh Collins	Anca Nicula
Please look out for their fantastic work in the school hall						

PTFA New

The disco planned for February has been postponed. A new date will follow.

Inter-School Boccia and Kurling Competition

Here is some fantastic news from Mrs Broadhead:

On Wednesday some children from Years 2 and 3 travelled to All Saints Catholic High School in order to compete in the Boccia and Kurling competition. It was a wonderful event and everyone enjoyed it.



The children were absolutely fantastic and worked well as a team, making sure they included everyone. Team 1 and Team 2 came in 2nd and 1st place respectively - which was amazing! I am incredibly proud of everyone and would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the parents who came to help and support our

Teams at the event and with the transport to the event. Again, without your help and support these events could not go ahead. Many Thanks! Go Team St John Fisher!

Staff News

Today we bade farewell to Mrs Wood, part of our special team of Lunchtime Supervisors, who leaves us to take up an exciting opportunity working with a small Christian charity. We send her all our love and best wishes for lots of happiness and success in her new career.

Assemblies

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank Mrs Evans and Miss Kiernan and the super young people of Y6 for leading yesterday's liturgy. When we return there will be no Liturgy of the Word on **Thursday 18th February 2016**. The next one will be led by **Y3** on **Thursday 25th February 2016**. All parents, carers and friends of our Y3 children are invited to join us in the hall just after 9.00am on that day. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to everyone mentioned in today's assembly. The next assembly is on **Friday 19th January** and the parents, carers, family and friends of the young people in **FS2** are invited at 2.55pm. Thank you.

Attendance This Week

FS2		95.6%	
Year 1		98.1%	Brenda Bear will visit next week!
Year 2		97.0%	
Year 3		97.5%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week!
Year 4		96.6%	
Year 5		99.7%	Bobby Bear will visit next week!
Year 6		96.7%	
Weekly Target	97%	This week's Average Attendance	97.4%

Term 3 Attendance

FS2		96.5%	
Year 1		97.7%	
Year 2		98.0%	
Year 3		98.0%	
Year 4		97.2%	
Year 5		98.0%	
Year 6		98.1%	Golden Time Winners!
Weekly Target	97%	This week's Average Attendance	97.7%

Attendance Since September

FS2		95.2%	
Year 1		97.8%	
Year 2		97.6%	
Year 3		97.0%	
Year 4		96.9%	
Year 5		98.1%	Golden Time Winners!
Year 6		96.8%	
Weekly Target	97%	This week's Average Attendance	97.1%

Top Table

This week's winning family - chosen by Mrs Bower and our lunchtime supervisors - is the Osprey family! Congratulations to Imogen, Sara, Hannah M, Nicole, Hannah D, Keira A, Amna and Odette! Well done!

Class Liturgy on Thursday 16th February 2016

Please note that the Y4 class liturgy planned for Thursday 18th February has been cancelled as they are already leading the Lenten Service that week.

Community Lenten Service

On Tuesday 16th February, the young people of Y4 will be leading our special Lenten Service at church to mark the start of the season of Lent. This will now begin at **2pm**, instead of 2.30pm (as indicated on the school calendar).

I am very grateful to the Y4 pupils, Mr Smith, Miss Pendlebury and Father Paul who have been working hard to prepare this new community service.



Resurrection Mass – Change of Details

A reminder that our special Resurrection Mass takes place on **Friday 15th April**. To enable all classes to attend that day the time has been moved to **2.15pm** at church instead of 9.30am, as on the school calendar. We hope that you will be able to join us in order share in this celebration of Mass.

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"I cooperate with others in work and play."**

Time to talk: Together you could think about what it means to cooperate. Why is it important? How does something like cooperation help strengthen a community like St John Fisher? How does cooperation with others help us to grow and develop as individuals? Why are we called and challenged to cooperate with others?

<p>COOPERATION IS THE THOROUGH CONVICTION THAT NOBODY CAN GET THERE UNLESS EVERYBODY GETS THERE.</p> <p>- VIRGINIA BURDEN</p> 	<p>A FAMILY FILLED WITH LOVE AND COOPERATION FOR EACH OTHER, IS A MANIFESTATION OF HEAVEN ON EARTH.</p>
	<p>The Holy Spirit truly transforms us. With our cooperation, he also wants to transform the world we live in.</p> <p>— Pope Francis —</p>

Many thanks for your continued support. I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday.

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt