

# SJF NEWS



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## Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen award was presented to William in **Y3** for understanding that we are happiest when we are united, in line with this week's Statement of Belief. William is a well-behaved member of our community and has impeccable manners. He cares about others and show this when he works in groups. He is a great team-player and makes sure that everyone in the group is able to be involved and share their ideas. He does this because he understands that the best teams are the ones where members feel respected and included! What a great example you are, William, we are all very proud of you!

## Term 3 Smiley Scores



Attendance this Week			
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Y3</b>	96.9%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Y5</b>	96.3%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Y2</b>	95.9%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y4</b>	94.8%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y6</b>	94.8%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FS2</b>	94.5%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y1</b>	92.9%	
<b>Target = 98.0%</b>		<b>Average Attendance = 95.2%</b>	



Get Set, GO!		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>FS2</b>	88%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Y2</b>	83%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Y5</b>	81%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Y4</b>	78%
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y6</b>	73%
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y1</b>	67%
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y3</b>	60%
<b>Average = 76%</b>		

## Update: Strike Action

This week school remained open on the official NEU strike day. Indications are that this will also be the case on the remaining three NEU strike days. A reminder that the remaining strikes dates are:

<b>Tuesday</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	<b>Wednesday</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>Thursday</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
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Though we think school will open fully on all three strike days, it is important to remember that NEU members can change their minds at any time, and without giving notice. It therefore makes sense to have backup childcare plans in place, just in case anything changes. If plans do have to change, we will follow all the published government guidance and share details of our revised plans with you as soon as we can.

## Healthy Minds Coffee Afternoon



A reminder that a coffee afternoon has been arranged especially for parents/carers of children in **Y5** and **Y6** on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February** at **2.15pm**. Lynette and Jacqui from the Sheffield Healthy Minds Team will be on hand with lots of tips, ideas and useful information about how children can best be supported through their statutory tests and transition to secondary school. All are welcome, and especially parents/carers of children in **Y5** and **Y6**. It would be useful to have an idea of numbers, so if you can, please call and let us know beforehand if you would like to attend. Thank you.



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**PTFA News**

A huge 'thank you' to our wonderful PTFA and to everyone who supported today's **Bag2School** collection. If you would like to support of our PTFA, please email the committee ([ptfa@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:ptfa@st-johnfisher.org)). Thank you.



**The BYB Weekly Challenge**

*Here is a message from Miss Barrett:*

This week we had so many of you taking part in our beat your best challenge! Well done to everyone who came and had a go and especially Jasper and Pedro, both in **Y1** who attempted the challenge every day in order to try and beat their scores!

Our BYB challenge this week is 'The Bucket Challenge'! This challenge was thought up by Katy, another of our fantastic Sports Majors. Her challenge is to see how many times you can get a ball to land in the bucket in a minute from a set distance. If you think that's too easy for you then why not try lengthening the distance between you and the bucket to make it even trickier?

Practice at home with your friends and family and come and find me and Katy on the yard at playtime but don't forget to tell us your scores! I hope to see lots of you on Monday ready to come and give it a go, good luck! Please click [here](#). Thank you!

**Our Y4 Viking Adventure at The Yorkshire Museum of Farming (Mrs Holloway)**



Wow! What a wonderful visit we all had to Yorkshire Farming Museum. We spent the whole day in our Viking families.

A 'mother' and 'father' were appointed for each family. We were immersed in so many activities from Viking life.

We farmed the land, made bread, learned how to be soldiers and made oil lamps (these will be displayed at our next curriculum showcase, at the end of Term 4). Click [here](#) for more pictures of our day!



**Our Y5 National Space Centre Adventure!**

Please click [here](#) to view more pictures from the children's fantastic visit to the National Space Centre in Leicestershire.

Our thanks go to the fantastic team at the centre as well as to our Y5 team and brilliant parent/carer volunteers.

The children, learned so much and gained so much from the experience!



**Golden Children!**

- FS2** **Toby** for being amazing as he told us all about the different seasons and also about the polar regions in such detail! Well done, Toby!
- Y1** **Harry** for working so hard, and for putting in so much effort in to his work. He is really trying hard to improve, well done Harry!
- Y2** **Arya** for being one of our *always* children. She *always* sets a good example to the other children in class, and we are very proud of her for it!
- Y3** **Kristian** for being very brave and for focusing on his school journey. We are all so proud of him!
- Y4** **Jake** for his fantastic attitude to learning! He always makes such fantastic efforts with his learning and shows great enthusiasm in all aspects of school life! What a superstar!
- Y5** **Dominique** is another of our *always* children, and is often so helpful in class. She engages so positively in discussions and is always one of the first in class that shows she is ready to learn!
- Y6** **Bella** for her quiet, resilient and determined hard work - every day. Well done, superstar!

**Writing Champions!**

- FS2** **Margot** for making fantastic use of the all the resources in Writing Area! Absolutely fantastic!
- Y1** **Pedro** for adding superb detail to his train story! Well done, superstar!
- Y2** **Freddie D** for making a great effort with his joined handwriting! He is trying so hard in every lesson and we are all very proud of him!
- Y3** **Kyrel** for crafting some carefully considered phrases to describe a Roman Gladiator! Well done!
- Y4** **Charley** for writing an excellent 'splurge' about the Vikings!
- Y5** **Ava** for being so engaged in our English lesson about Mars. She took all the information on board and used it to write her own incredible 'transmission' after finding herself *stuck* on Mars!
- Y6** **Evan** for making excellent progress in both his GPS and reading!

**Maths Champions!**

- FS2** **Oliwia** for working really hard in our number bond activities!
- Y1** **Harley** for making a great effort, and for show such perseverance, in our maths lessons, especially when she finds something tricky! She is trying really hard to use all the strategies she has been taught!
- Y2** **Enzo** for working hard all week! He is trying his very best to work independently in every lesson! What a star!
- Y3** **Lotanna** for calculating the perimeter of shapes accurately! Well done!
- Y4** **Lilyann** for showing great determination and resilience in mathematics. She is applying what she knows to great effect and is achieving enormous success!
- Y5** **Preston** for beginning to think carefully about his maths work and for checking back over it to make sure there are no mistakes, which shows he is maturing. Keep it up, Preston!
- Y6** **Jacob** for working incredibly hard to make stunning progress with his arithmetic. Well done!





**Our Catholic Life**

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

**Parish News**

Information about parish and Diocesan life including the times of Masses and services, confession and details about sacramental preparation is available via this [link](#) to the parish website.

**Our Term 3 Virtues to Live By**

Our SJF virtues are **faith** and **simplicity**.



**Weekly Liturgy of the Word**

Our next Liturgy takes place on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023**, and will be led by the children of **Y5**. We welcome their family/friends to join us in the school hall from 9.00am. Click [here](#) to watch recordings of previous liturgies.

**February Prayer: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 Creator of heaven and earth,  
 and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried;  
 He descended into hell;  
 on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
 From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Holy Catholic Church,  
 the communion of Saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and life everlasting. Amen



**Important Uniform Reminder**

Please ensure that children wear the correct uniform to school. The wearing of jewellery, including earrings/studs is not allowed. Appropriate watches can be worn, but not smart watches that enable children to get online. Children are expected to wear proper school shoes in school. Trainers (including all-black ones) must **not** be worn in school. Children can bring them to wear at breaktimes for playing football for example, as long as they have shoes to change in to afterwards. Trainers can be worn on PE days.

Children must wear the correct SJF PE uniform on PE days. If it is not from one of our official suppliers, then items must be in the correct SJF colours and **completely plain** and **unbranded**. **No** designer labels or other embellishments please and no leggings.

Our uniform is a key part of our identity and we are proud of it. We appreciate your support in helping us to maintain our high standards. All items can be purchased from our official suppliers; **Logo Leisurewear** (click [here](#)) or **School Trends** (click [here](#)) or elsewhere. Only our official suppliers are licenced to use our logo.



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**Confidential Support**

Please speak to us in confidence if you need time or support to provide the correct uniform. We will pass on pre-loved items that are donated. The PTFA also organises regular sales of good quality pre-loved uniform at £1 per item. Please help us by continuing to donate good quality items that you no longer require, thank you.

**Assessment Point 2**

Important assessments will be completed next week, so good attendance is important. Thank you.

**Achievements outside of School**

Please email us details of your children's achievements outside of school via our main email address ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) so that they can be shared in the newsletter, and celebrated. Thank you.

- **Ava** in **Y1** has passed another stage in swimming and can now swim without armbands! She has even moved up to the next level! Well done, Ava, a great achievement!
- **Esma** in **Y3** completed her 'Swim Stars 3' course recently and is now starting the 'Swim Stars 4' course! Congratulations, Esma, we are all very proud of you!

**Our Feature Books of the Week!**



Our full 2022-2023 **SJF Book List** and links can be accessed [here](#).

Our latest feature books are:

**Refuge** by Anne Booth

**The Life and Time of Lonny Quicke** by Kirsty Applebaum

Click [here](#) for information links about this week's feature books!

**International Safer Internet Day 2023**

Over the years, **Safer Internet Day** has become a landmark event in the online safety calendar. Starting as an initiative of the EU 'SafeBorders' project in 2004 and taken up by the Insafe network as one of its earliest actions in 2005, Safer Internet Day has grown beyond its traditional geographic zone and is now celebrated in approximately 170 countries worldwide.

From cyberbullying to social networking to digital identity, each year Safer Internet Day aims to raise awareness of emerging online issues and current concerns.



We will use this as another opportunity to share and reinforce the key messages that children need to know around cyber safety, as we do routinely through the curriculum and during our annual Be Safe-Be Happy Week. Please click [here](#), to find out more. You can also link to a useful page on our website packed full of information, links and videos to help parents/carers and children by clicking [here](#).

**Our Statement of Belief**

Next week our 'Statement of Belief' is '**I listen to what you say and I show that I am listening**'.

**Time to talk:** Together you could think about the difference between **hearing** and **listening**.

How do you show someone that you are listening actively?

Why is it important to listen?

How does it make you feel when someone *really* listens to you?

How does it feel when they don't?

Do you make time to listen to God each day?

