



St John Fisher News

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★ Citizen of the Week

★ This week's award goes to **Sami Hardy** (Y2) for understanding that it is ok to make mistakes in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Sami is developing some really positive learning behaviours because he understands that making mistakes is part of learning and understanding new things. This not only means that he feels more confident and positive, but it also that he enjoys learning more – which is so important! Congratulations Sami, we are very, very proud of you!

Year of Mercy Day

Our special day focusing on the Year of Mercy took place today. The children first came together for a special whole-school assembly led by Mrs Evans which introduced the day. They then separated into their mixed-age groups for the day and walked through an archway which replicated the Door of Mercy in the Vatican and in catholic cathedrals and churches across the country. They then completed a carousel of different activities organised by my colleagues. It was a fitting way to complete our preparations for Easter as mercy and love are the key underlying themes of Holy Week and Easter.

The children really enjoyed dressing down and I would like to thank you all for the £1 donations we received which will all be donated to Bishop Ralph's annual Good Shepherd appeal.

I would like to thank my colleagues for all their hard work in organising today's activities and especially Mrs Holloway for coordinating the day and Mrs Evans for planning and leading the liturgies.



St Peter's, Rome

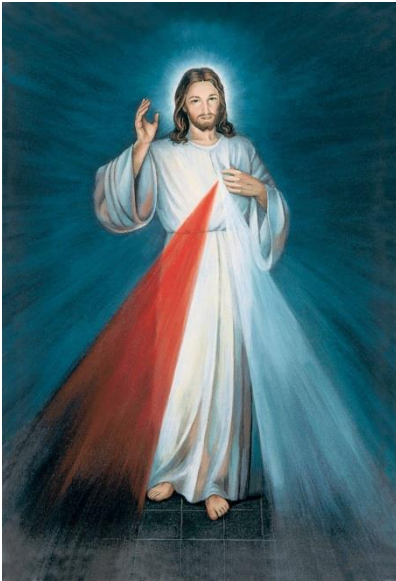


St Marie's, Sheffield



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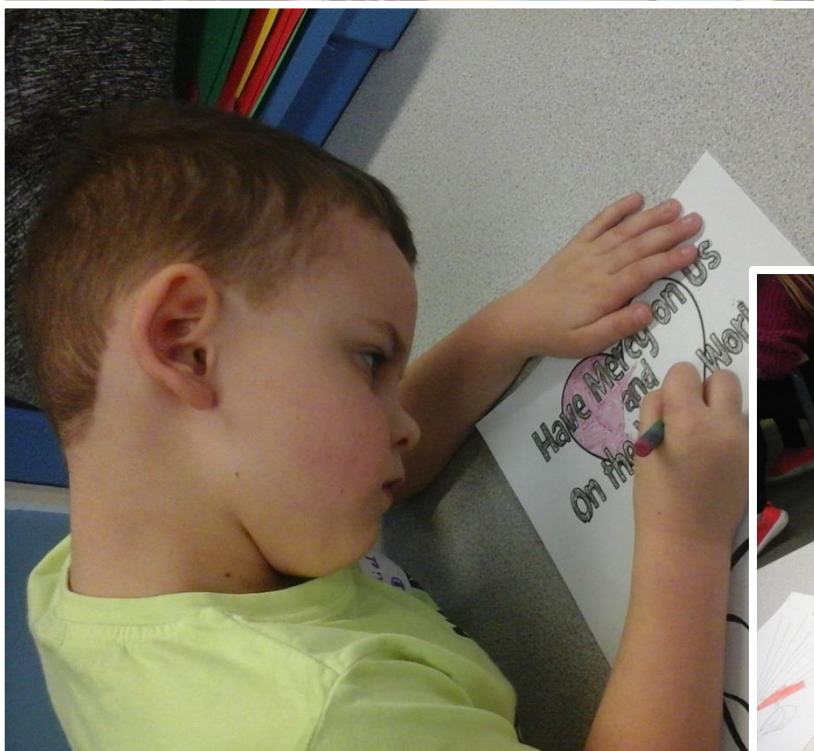
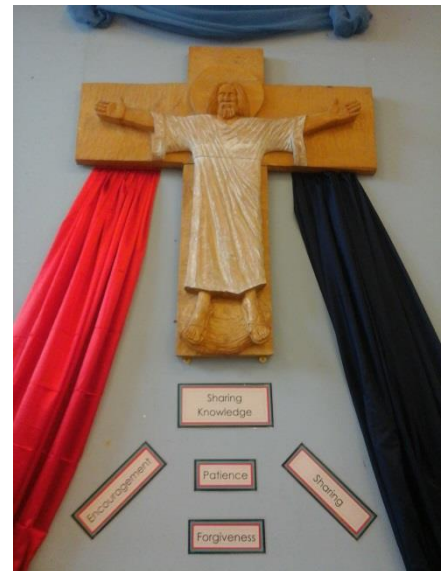
The Divine Mercy

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us all and He wants us to know that His mercy is greater than our sins.

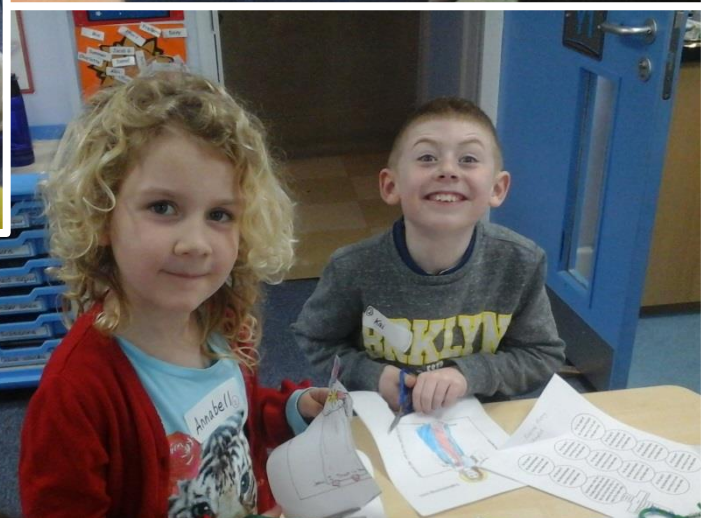
He wants us to call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others so that we can all come to know His joy and share it with others.

Jesus shared the message of the Divine Mercy through a humble Polish nun called Saint Faustina Kowalska, who wrote a diary recording the revelations she received about God's mercy.

Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had started to spread.







Parish News

Thursday 24th March (MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER)

- 7:00pm
- WATCHING at the Altar of Repose until 10pm

Friday 25th March (THE PASSION OF OUR LORD)

- 3:00pm
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 26th

Saturday 26th March (EASTER VIGIL)

- 7:00pm

26th/27th March 2016 (EASTER SUNDAY)

- Saturday 7:00pm (Easter Vigil)
- Sunday 9:00am (St Anthony's)
- Sunday 10:30am (Our Lady of Lourdes)



HOSANNA!

I would like to thank all the children and staff involved in the preparation and performance of our passion play, 'Hosanna!' this week. The children of Years 3-5 were magnificent! They sang their absolute hearts out and shared the story of the passion of our Lord so beautifully and movingly. I received so many compliments and positive comments from parents/carers about the performance, the children and their signing in particular.



Red Day



The feast of St George is on Saturday 23rd April so we will be celebrating our Red day on Friday 22nd April. This means that on that day all the members of St George's House are invited to dress down rather than wear school uniform. They can wear something red if they have it but do not worry. **Everyone else must wear school uniform as usual.**

In the afternoon Mr Hawley, the Head of House, is organising some activities for the members of St George's House to enjoy.

As St George is the Patron Saint of England the whole school will have an opportunity to participate in themed activities during the morning sessions in order to celebrate and mark the national day of England.



The Final Smiley Scores for Term 4

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
619	621	666	652

Congratulations to the girls and boys of St Patrick's House – our Term 4 champions! They will receive Golden Time at the beginning of Term 5!

Help Please: School Banner

If you are good at sewing and would like to help us make a new school banner to display at school and take to events please get in touch. We are looking to design a banner that incorporates our logo and vision statement. Please get in touch if you can help, thank you.



TT Rockstars

Our Year 6 children have been trialling a website called 'Times Tables Rockstars' this term. It has been such a success, with children's times tables knowledge and fluency really improving, and them really enjoying taking part, that we have subscribed for the rest of the school.

The website address is www.ttrockstars.com and children need to select our school – 'St John Fisher Catholic Primary School' (there are a couple of other St John Fishers registered!), then login in using their MyMaths username and password. They can choose a rockstar name and design their own avatar before practising times tables and competing against other children and schools. Please encourage your child/ren to have a go over Easter.

Assemblies

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

The next Liturgy of the Word will be led by the children and staff of **Y6** on **Thursday 7th April 2016**.

Celebration Assembly

The next celebration assembly is on **Friday 8th April** and the parents, carers, family and friends of the young people in **Y2** are invited from 2.55pm. Thank you.

Attendance This Week

FS2		81.3%	
Year 1		92.0%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week!
Year 2		99.4%	Bobby Bear will visit next week!
Year 3		89.1%	
Year 4		94.8%	Brenda Bear will visit next week!
Year 5		91.7%	
Year 6		90.0%	
Weekly Target	97%	This week's Average Attendance	91.4%

Attendance in Term 4

FS2		91.9%	
Year 1		97.7%	
Year 2		93.2%	
Year 3		94.5%	
Year 4		96.7%	
Year 5		96.8%	
Year 6		95.4%	
Weekly Target	97%	This week's Average Attendance	95.2%

Attendance Since September

FS2		94.4%	
Year 1		97.8%	
Year 2		96.6%	
Year 3		96.4%	
Year 4		96.8%	
Year 5		97.8%	
Year 6		96.5%	
Weekly Target	97%	This week's Average Attendance	96.7%

Achievements Outside of School

- **Jessica** and **Sophie Ball** in **FS2** and **Y2** respectively performed in the 'Noodle Performance Art's' production of Red Riding Hood recently, at the Springs Academy. Both did fantastically well and were very brave on stage in front of a large audience. Jessica appeared in several dances as a pig, fairy and soldier whilst Sophie was the Fairy Godmother and was responsible for narrating a large part of the story as well as performing a ballet solo. Her efforts won her a special trophy for being the performer of the year! Congratulations both of you!
- **Emilia Rodgers** in **Y1** was awarded a 'Goldfish 2' certificate for swimming! A fantastic achievement!
- **Olivia Whitely** in **FS2** was achieved Level WC at the Shoals Swim School and awarded a special certificate to mark her achievement. Well done Olivia!
- **Darasimi Aloba** in **Y1** was awarded a Level 1 certificate for ice skating! Congratulations Dara!

Bronze & Silver Awards

A number of children enjoyed special activities this week for having achieved their Bronze or Silver awards. Their names will be shared in the first newsletter of term 5.

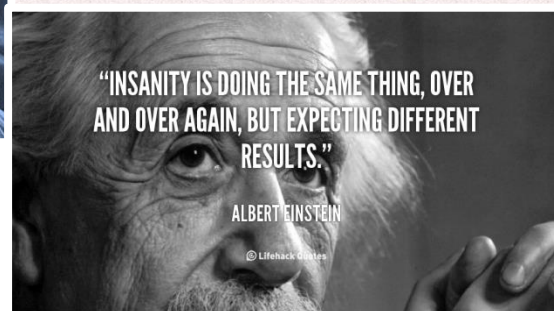
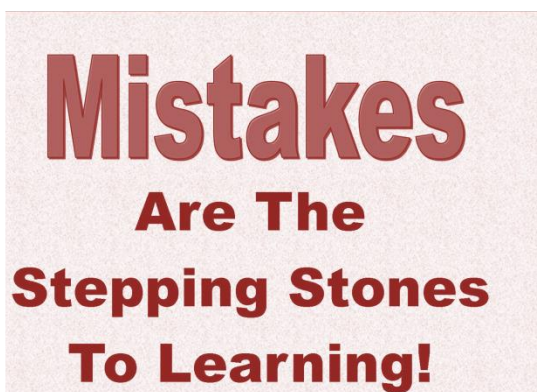
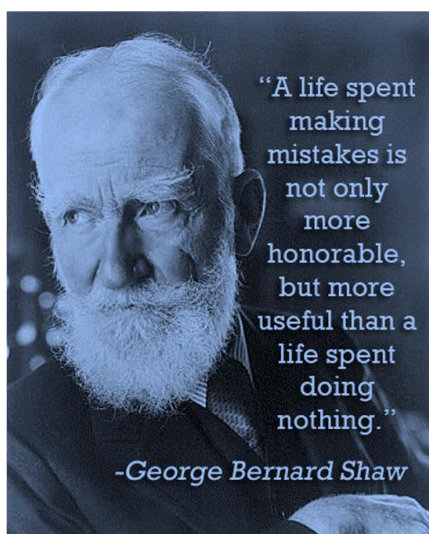
Reading Awards

The names of the recipients of this Term's reading awards will be published in the first newsletter of term 5.

Statement to Live By

When we return our 'statement to live by' is **"I can learn from my mistakes and failures"**

Time to talk: Together you could reflect on this week's statement that it is ok to make mistakes and think about why it is important to learn from them. Talk about lessons you have learned from mistakes you have both made. What was the mistake? What was the lesson? How did it feel at the time? Straight after the mistake? Now, when you look back?



I would like to thank my colleagues and Governors for all their hard work and dedication and I pray that you all have a very happy and peaceful Easter. Thank you for your support this term.

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