

# SJF NEWS



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## School Closure

Due to the adverse weather conditions we had to close school today. We shared our SJF Adverse Weather Plan and also reposted it on our SJF website, which can be accessed via this [link](#).

We use ParentMail to text and email parents/carers if school has to finish early, as we did on Thursday, or if we have to close all together, as we had to on Friday. We sometimes have to follow this up with phone calls. It is therefore important that school has up-to-date contact information - not just for parents/carers but also for anyone entrusted to also collect children from school. Please double-check and ensure that we have the most up-to-date contact information if you have changed phone numbers and email addresses recently.

## Weekly Awards & Smiley Scores

Due to the school closure today, this week's awards and smiley scores will be announced in next week's Celebration Assembly and newsletter.



## Green Day 2023

The feast of St Patrick is on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**, and the members of St Patrick's House will celebrate 'Green Day' on that day. Members are invited to dress down and wear something green if they have it and want to. Children in the other three houses will be expected to wear full school uniform as usual. Thank you.

## Reminder: Library Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1	Y2		FS2	Y5
Y4	Y3		Y6	

## PTFA Rainbow Raffle & Non-Uniform Day

Please support the rainbow raffles being organised by our fantastic PTFA! A reminder that **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023** will be a non-uniform day. In return for being able to dress down, our PTFA is asking the children to bring items in that follow the colour theme for their classes. The winners will then win the colour-themed hampers. A reminder that the children in different classes are invited to donate the following:

- **FS2** pupils are asked to donate items that are **pink**
- **Y1** pupils are asked to donate items that are **purple**
- **Y2** pupils are asked to donate items that are **orange**
- **Y3** pupils are asked to donate items that are **yellow**
- **Y4** pupils are asked to donate items that are **red**
- **Y5** pupils are asked to donate items that are **green**
- **Y6** pupils are asked to donate items that are **blue**



On the final day of term, just before Easter, **Maundy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023**, the PTFA will run a free Easter scavenger hunt with chocolate prizes! The raffle will be drawn at this event and tickets will be available to buy from next week. Thank you for your support!

## Our Feature Books of the Week!



Click [here](#) for our full 2022-2023 **SJF Book List**.

Our latest feature books are:

**Not Today Celeste** by Liza Stevens

**The Mystery of the Colour Thief** by Ewa Jozefkowicz

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





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### The BYB Weekly Challenge

Please check out the website for details of the new challenge

### Y4 Multiplication Assessment

Please click [here](#) for important information about this year's national **Y4** multiplication check. Please contact us if you need any further information.

### Y6 Mock SATs Week

As part of the Y6 children's preparations for this May's statutory assessments the children will have a third assessment point starting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023. As usual in these circumstances, special arrangements will be in place for the children who require them. Our focus will be on preparing and supporting everyone.

### The Marie Kerley Legacy

Further improvements to enhance our environment to further improve the experience of our children are being planned, using what remains of the Marie Kerley legacy.



## Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

New, low maintenance fencing will be erected around our Early Years outdoor learning area and the existing wooden fencing will be repurposed and used to surround a fantastic new wildlife pond and garden at the top of the field. This new area will be used in a variety of ways by the children, including supporting the development of skills and knowledge in science; to support their appreciation of sustainability and broader 'green' issues; and as a sensory area. Work will start over the Easter holiday with the support of our amazing PTFA and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust who will advise us on a range of matters, including planting.

### 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

For information about parish and Diocesan life including; the times of Masses, services, confession; details about sacramental preparation; and information about what is happening during Lent and Easter please click this [link](#). Thank you.

### Our New Term 4 Virtues to Live By

Our current SJF virtues of focus are **charity** and **forgiveness**.



### 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.
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**Weekly Liturgy of the Word**

Thank you to our amazing **Y2** children for leading a beautiful liturgy this week. Our next Liturgy is on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**, and it will be led by the children of **Y1** and we invite their family/friends to join us. Click [here](#) to view recordings of previous liturgies.



**Reminder: Lenten Class Liturgies**

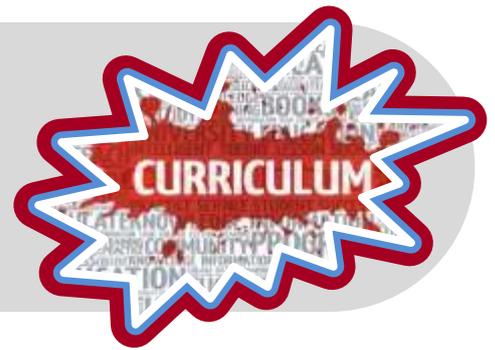
Our Class Chaplains are supporting staff during Lent with the organisation of simple daily class liturgies, which will run until **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**. The liturgies will take place on the following days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1 Y5 Y6	FS2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	FS2 Y1 Y2 Y5 Y6	FS2 Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4	FS2 Y2 Y3 Y4

If you would like to attend any of them, please book through the school office. Thank you, for all your support.

**SJF Curriculum Showcase**

Our next curriculum showcase is on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023**, in the school hall from 8.45am until 9.45am and again at the end of the school day from 3.30pm until 4.15pm. Children from each class will be chosen by staff to act as guides during the morning session to talk to visitors about their learning, work and curriculum. They will also answer any questions our visitors might have. Please email the PTFA ([ptfa@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:ptfa@st-johnfisher.org)) if you can help. Thank you.



**SJF Reading Volunteers**

If you would like to be one of our special Reading Volunteers, please email us ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) or speak to one of my colleagues in the school office. You will be subject to formal safeguarding checks. Thank you.

**Our Passion Liturgy 2023**

As in previous years, our Passion liturgy will be led by the young people in Years 3-5 and take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. The liturgy will take place on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023** and start at **2.15pm**. As space is limited, we are only able to invite the family and friends of the children actually involved in the liturgy. It will be filmed though, and available to view on our SJF website.



**Term 4 Times Tables Rock Stars Final**

The Term 4 TT Rock Stars Grand Final will be on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023**. A reminder that class-based competitions will take place first, to determine which children will represent each year group in the Grand Final. We therefore encourage all our children to get practising and to ask for any help they need.



**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.



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**SJF Football News**

Here is an update from Miss Barrett

Last Friday, a squad made up of nine of our Y5 pupils ventured out from St John Fisher's to compete in a football tournament hosted by Brook House Junior School, alongside four teams from two other schools.



In the first game against **Reignhead A** our team managed a fantastic 7-0 win leaving very happy smiles on the faces of Hugo, D'mari and Zayd (who scored goals) as well as a very excited me on the touchline!



The second game against **Brook House B** was a tough match, and despite a positive team performance, some fantastic saves from Luca and brilliant defensive work from Seb, Sam and Preston we were defeated **0-2**.

Despite this setback our team kept their heads high and worked hard in order to secure a hard-fought **0-0** draw against the very talented **Brook House A** team.

Their final game was against **Reignhead B** and it was another really tough match in which our footballers played brilliantly together in order to secure a magnificent and well-deserved **3-0** victory with two goals from Alfie followed by Isaac's first goal of the tournament, which resulted in praise from all of his teammates.

This final game secured the team a place in the final against **Brook House A** team. The exciting final ended in another 0-0 draw, and due to time constraints, the game could unfortunately not go into extra time or penalties, meaning that honours were shared!

I am incredibly proud of our footballers and the fantastic levels of sportsmanship and determination that they all displayed! They not only supported their teammates in their successes and mistakes but also the children from the other competing schools, always being the first to help them back up if they fell and shaking hands with their opponents after every game. After voting from all the players on who they think deserved it most, **Hugo** was chosen to be our '**SJF Star of the Tournament**' by his teammates, for his determination, hard work and excellent tactical mindset. Congratulations to Hugo, and to our entire SJF squad: Alfie, D'Mari, Isaac, Luca, Preston, Sam, Seb and Zayd! We are incredibly proud of you all! Please click [here](#), for more pictures.

**Statement of Belief**

Next week our '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. If we worry about making mistakes then we might become fearful learners. Fearful learners tend to find learning scarier and more difficult. They can struggle to reach their potential because they worry about trying new things. Trying new things is what confident learners are happier doing. Just having a go is important. Trusting grown-ups when they encourage you to try new things is really important too. Understanding that mistakes might be made – and it is ok - is also important. Can you think of a mistake that you once made, that ended up spurring you on to do (or be) even better at something? Perhaps when you learned to ride a bicycle without stabilisers for the first time?

