

# SJF NEWS



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## Weekly Awards & Smiley Scores

This week's Celebration Assembly did not go ahead because three classes were involved in a very special event run by our friends from the LINKS School Sports Partnership and our Y6 pupils were concluding their mock SATs week. This week's special awards and smiley scores will therefore be announced during next week's Celebration Assembly and shared in the next newsletter too. Thank you.

## Red Day 2023



Our next special 'House' day will be **Red Day** on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023**. Please make a careful note of the date, if you have any children in St George's House, because it is the first day back after the Easter holiday. Automatic email reminders from the website calendar will be sent to everyone who has signed up for them. So, the first day of Term 5, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023, will be **Red Day** and we invite members of **St George's House** to dress down and wear something red if they want to. The children in the other three houses must wear full school uniform. Thank you.

## Term 4 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
668	730	696	691
<b>3612</b>	<b>3671</b>	<b>3581</b>	<b>3635</b>

## 100 Smilies

Congratulations to the following children who have earned 100 smilies recently:

**Y1** Briola, Harley, Harry, Henry, Imogen, Nikolas, Marianna, Maya, Pedro and Violet

**Y3** Elliott, Esmá, Natalia, Renae

**Y4** Jake

**Y5** Amelie, Alana, Jacob, Noah

## PTFA Rainbow Raffle

We would like to thank everyone who donated items for the PTFA's Easter Rainbow Raffle which will be drawn on the final day of Term 4, **Maundy Thursday** (6<sup>th</sup> April 2023), the PTFA will organise a free Easter scavenger hunt and draw the raffle at the same time. Tickets are still on sale, and we thank you for your support! Everyone was dressed very colourfully!



## Questionnaire for SJF Parents & Carers

Thank you to everyone who completed our online questionnaire for parents and carers. The form is now closed. We received fifty-nine responses and are now in the process of going through each one carefully. A summary overview will be shared in due course and we have already started to contact parents/carers who took the opportunity to offer us suggestions, share concerns or raise points specific to their own children, families or situations. This process will continue until these have been contacted and had a response from us. You can reach out to us, at any point, through any of the following available channels:

- telephone (0114 2485009)
- class emails (non-urgent) response within 48 hrs, not after 5pm, weekends or holidays
- **Y1** [year1@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:year1@st-johnfisher.org)
- **Y2** [year2@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:year2@st-johnfisher.org)
- **Y3** [year3@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:year3@st-johnfisher.org)
- **Y4** [year4@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:year4@st-johnfisher.org)
- **Y5** [year5@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:year5@st-johnfisher.org)
- **Y6** [year6@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:year6@st-johnfisher.org)
- school office (8.30am-4.30pm)
- email (urgent) [enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)
- **FS2** [years@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:years@st-johnfisher.org)
- alert the staff on the gates at the start/end of the day, so that the matter can be followed up appropriately



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**Signing Up for Automatic Alerts**

We would like to remind you that you can also sign up for automatic alerts from our website. It is an easy process. All you have to do is go to our Homepage and scroll down until you come to the 'Subscribe for Updates' box. Then you tick the box or boxes that you would like to receive updates for, add your email address and the updates will start arriving from that point. Please note that at the end of the academic year, your email address will move up to the box for the next year group automatically. Please untick any box at any time to stop receiving updates.

Subscribe for Updates

Y1     Y2     Y3  
 Y4     Y5     Y6  
 FS2

Enter Your Email Address

Submit

**SJF Website**

We are in the process of working with our web designers to update and revamp our website. Our aim is to simplify and refresh it. Interestingly, this was raised as a suggestion by a couple of responders to our questionnaire. We will present the new format when it has been completed.

**Library Days**

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

**Weekly Attendance**

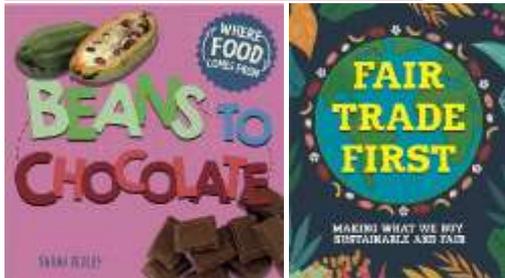
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y3	99.7%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y2	99.3%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	FS2	98.7%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	98.1%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	97.2%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	94.1%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	93.3%	
<b>Target = 98.0%</b>		<b>Average Attendance = 97.2%</b>	



**Get Set, GO!**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y3	88%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y2	84%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	FS2	82%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	78%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	75%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	72%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	63%
<b>Average = 77.4%</b>		

**Our Feature Books of the Week!**



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

Our latest feature books are:

**Beans to Chocolate** by Sarah Ridley

**Fair Trade First** by Sarah Ridley

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



**The BYB Weekly Challenge**

Here is an update from Miss Barrett

Hello! Thank you to everyone who had a go at Katie's skipping challenge, this week. So many of you gave it a go, it really was fantastic to see! Well done, to Olivia and Sanaya in Y4 who managed to skip non-stop for 250 seconds!

This week's **BYB** challenge is brought to you by Freddie.

Freddie's challenge is a simple one based on the long jump. The challenge is to see how far the children can jump. It can be from a standing start on two feet, or pupils can have a run up to see if that makes a difference and enables them to jump further.

Please find Freddie or me at playtime if you want to try, and don't forget to tell us your scores. Who will manage to beat their best score?



**Our Catholic Life**



*Chaplaincy News: The Good Shepherd Appeal 2023*  
Caritas Diocese of Hallam (formerly known as Hallam Caring Services) is part of the worldwide network of Catholic organisations.



These groups aim to put into action the Church's social teaching by reaching out to those in need and to work towards transforming the world in to one based on justice and love.

In England and Wales this mission of the Church is co-ordinated by Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) which works in partnership with the network of organisations in the twenty-two dioceses in England and Wales including our own. Hallam Caring Services works within this umbrella organisation as an affiliation of projects and organisations that serve the social needs in our Diocese including offering services to:

- the young
- those with mental illness
- the elderly
- the vulnerable
- the poor
- refugees and asylum seekers
- the homeless
- the lonely

*The SJF Row of Coins*

As a school community we will again take part in the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal, as we always do, in Lent. All money raised will be passed on to support this very important work in our own community. Over the next two weeks we will be collecting loose change for the appeal. Coins of all values from 1p up to £2 – anything, everything will be received, gratefully. We want to collect enough coins so that if they were laid in a row, they will stretch across our school playground and we appeal to all our families to help us in this mission. A few of our older chaplains measured the length and breadth of the playground and are waiting to get counting so they can give an update next week. Please support us, by sending in all your spare change.



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

*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**.



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**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.



**Weekly Liturgy of the Word**

Thank you to our amazing **FS2** children for leading a beautiful liturgy this week supported by their **Y4** buddies. There is no liturgy next week because it will be our Curriculum Showcase. This means that the next Liturgy of the Word will therefore take place on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of May** and will be led by the young people of **Y6**. Click [here](#) to view recordings of previous liturgies.



**Reminder: Lenten Class Liturgies**

Our Class Chaplains continue to support staff during Lent by helping to organise simple daily class liturgies, which finish **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**. Class liturgies take place on the following days.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Y1 Y5 Y6</b>	<b>FS2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6</b>	No Liturgies today	<b>FS2 Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4</b>	<b>FS2 Y2 Y3 Y4</b>

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

**Our KS2 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.



**FS2 and KS1 Mini-Olympics**

This morning the children and staff in FS2 and Years 1 and 2 welcomed Sheffield Hallam University students along with our friends from the LINKS School Sports partnership to lead a special Mini Olympics event.



Thankfully, the weather was kind and we were able to do all the activities outside in the beautiful spring sunshine. We also received a visit from Lincoln the Lion, the Links mascot.





### Curriculum Showcase

Our next curriculum showcase is on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. You will be able to view a sample of the children's work produced over Terms 3 and 4 in the school hall from **8.45am until 9.45am** and again from **3.30pm until 4.15pm**. Children from each class take turns acting as guides during the morning session, talking to visitors about their learning, work and curriculum and answering any questions our visitors might have. Please remember that the children will have cold dinners on that day because the school hall will be out of action on that day. 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.



### Achievements outside of School

Please remember to 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)). They will then be shared in the newsletter, and celebrated. Thank you.

- **William** in **Y3** achieved both the swimming 'Stage 4' standard and the 25 metres distance award recently! Congratulations, William!

### Food Allergy Advice

Please be aware that we have a number of children in school living with potentially serious food allergies, including some with significant nut allergies. Whilst it is not possible to maintain school as a completely nut-free zone, there are important things we can all do to reduce the risk posed to vulnerable children. We therefore request that parents/carers do **NOT** send their children in with foods containing nuts. This includes products like chocolate spreads and peanut butter and chocolate dippers, some rice cakes and cereal bars. Children can bring fresh/dried fruit, only, to eat at morning break. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

### Statement of Belief

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"I know when to ask for help and who to ask."**



**Time to talk:** Each of us has the right to feel happy, safe and loved every day. If something or someone makes us feel uneasy then we must tell. Who would you tell? If we have tried our very best and need help in order to understand or complete it, then we must ask. Who would you ask? Who do you trust to listen and help

**asking for  
help is a sign  
of strength**

