

SJF NEWS

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Friday 5th May 2023







Citizen of the Week (28-04-23)

Last week's citizenship award was presented to Isaac in **Y5** for understanding why it is important to look after others in line with our previous Statement of Belief! Isaac can be tremendously supportive of others and is a real team-player. He has also developed a really positive attitude to learning and really tries his best. His manners are impeccable too and he is a wonderful buddy. Well done, Isaac, we are all very proud of you!

Citizen of the Week (05-05-23)

This week's Citizen of the Week award was presented to Hannah in **Y6** for being able to recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings in line with our Statement of Belief. Hannah is a really supportive friend and buddy. She has also been trying really hard with her learning. She recognises when she feels uncomfortable and understands that she can (and should) ask for help. She also recognises when her friends and others feel uncomfortable, and she helps them too! What a wonderful example you are, Hannah, thank you!

Term 5 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
137	157	143	174
3081	3098	3028	3118

100 Smilies

Well done, Ava, George, Igor, Lydia, Sofia, Mila, Nadia, Raquel and Vaani in **Y1** who have earned 100 smilies.

SJF Coronation Day



Our community came together for a special day of celebration to mark the coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III. The children arrived at school dressed as they wanted and learned about the significance of the coronation for both our United Kingdom and The Commonwealth.

Mrs Ramsden and Mrs Grayson organised coronation-themed banners and bunting to welcome the children and decorate the hall, supported by our lunchtime supervisors: Mrs Bower, Mrs Cutts, Mrs Gregory, Mrs Hollingworth, Mrs Seaton and Mrs Thomas.

The children enjoyed various coronation-themed lessons and activities as they marked this significant moment in the life of our nation. Everyone then came together to enjoy a buffet lunch in the school hall, when the weather forecast meant that our original plans for a big picnic had to be reworked. The children met up with buddies before coming down to the school hall together for lunch. Once the children were in their places, Mrs Hadfield led everyone in an enthusiastic rendition of the national anthem before the children settled down to enjoy their coronation lunches with their buddies. Staff were on hand to make sure that all the children were happy and well looked after - and a good time was had by all!

I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make it such a special and memorable day; Mrs Ramsden and Mrs Grayson; our wonderful lunchtime supervisors and our fantastic teaching and learning team. I would also like to thank our incredible PTFA for organising the coronation cake sale and for providing a memento for every child in school. The children were amazing, as they always are, entering in to the spirit of the day with such enthusiasm! Click the [link](#) for more photos and see the 'News' section and class blogs.



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Coping with Bereavement and Loss – A Meeting for Parents and Carers

The Sheffield Healthy Minds team are running a coffee afternoon for parents and carers to explore bereavement and loss. Lots of information and support will be available, as well as people to listen. The meeting takes place on **Thursday 25th of May 2023** and starts at **2:15pm**. It would help to have an idea of numbers, so please email us (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) or phone (01142485009) if you are interested.

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Golden Children! (28-04-23)

- FS2** **Bobby** for working so hard every day! he is such a great friend to others and always includes everyone in activities and in his games. What a star!
- Y1** **Kali** for trying so hard with her Paddington label writing! She never gave up, and really did her best! Well done!
- Y2** **Libbi** for always trying her best in our lessons. Libbi pushes herself to do her best, constantly, and always tries to use everything she has been taught!
- Y3** **Archie** for having a mature attitude to learning and for being a really wonderful and supportive partner. Well done!
- Y4** **Rebecca** for her fantastic enthusiasm in all aspects of school life - and always with a smile!
- Y5** **Alana** returned after Easter with a really determined attitude, working hard and trying her best in everything. Keep up the positive work!
- Y6** **Isabelle** for her consistently hard work, positive attitude and for being a brilliant friend to others in Y6.

Golden Children! (05-05-23)

- FS2** **Hugo** for trying really hard in class every day! a real superstar! Keep up the great effort!
- Y1** **Raquel** for making a fantastic effort in phonics lessons, we are so proud of how hard she is trying!
- Y2** **Josh** for trying really hard to further his learning at home by reading and practising his maths! Keep up the great work!
- Y3** **Jack** for demonstrating a mature attitude in his learning and for being incredibly helpful to the adults in class!
- Y4** **Florence** for making a fantastic start to the new term by showing greater determination and resilience! Keep it up!
- Y5** **Amelie**, she has been working really hard in class and working well with her class partner. Keep up the good work.
- Y6** **Cavani** for the consistent hard work dedication and positivity that he brings to the classroom! What a super role-model you are!

Writing Champions! (28-04-23)

- FS2** **Marnell** for having a go at writing all the time in class! He shows such enthusiasm and encourages others!
- Y1** **Jaxson** for making such a huge improvement with his handwriting. He is trying so hard with this and we can all see the result of his hard work and amazing effort!
- Y2** **Enzo** for trying his very best to make every piece of writing he does his very best! It is great to see such determination. Keep it up!
- Y3** **Chenai** for writing some fantastic sentences that have included relative clauses!
- Y4** **Jack** trying really hard to sound his sentences out and really focussing on his spellings. Great work Jack!
- Y5** **Sofia** for working hard in our GPS lessons that have focused on commas and understanding how they can be used in a variety of ways within sentences!
- Y6** **Hannah** – for using a range of high-quality sentence structures, such as relative clauses and subordinate clauses in her writing.



Writing Champions! (05-05-23)

FS2	Akira for really trying her very best to write independently. She has made such a fantastic effort, recently!
Y1	Aadvik for doing so well at having a go with writing independently, fantastic work Aadvik! Keep it up!
Y2	Lilah for writing a lovely letter in the character of Christopher Columbus!
Y3	Charlotte for writing some super sentences linked to the story, 'The Incredible Book-Eating Boy'!
Y4	Charlotte for her continued determination to improve her writing in order to make it the very best that it can be!
Y5	Noah for showing great understanding in our work on commas and identifying where they can or should be used, where there could be ambiguity in their use.
Y6	Lydia for working very hard on her technique when answering three-mark questions in reading tests!

Maths Champions! (28-04-23)

FS2	Gabby for doing some really fantastic work on sharing equally! Well done, Gabby!
Y1	Leon for trying really hard to use our "Star" words when during our maths lessons that have focused on measuring length! What a star!
Y2	Heidi for doing some really great work on telling the time! Heidi is really pushing herself in every lesson, which is wonderful! Keep it up!
Y3	Kristian for his fantastic work in finding fractions of different amounts. Brilliant!
Y4	Musa for trying really hard to beat his best and for applying what he knows to problem-solving. Well done!
Y5	Poppy for having such a positive attitude in lessons trying super in lesson giving the work a go and showing a more positive attitude in lesson. Keep it up.
Y6	Lily for the determination and effort she has shown over the past week that has focused on boosting her arithmetic and reasoning knowledge. Well done!

Maths Champions! (05-05-23)

FS2	Eliana-Joyce for doing some great number work on estimating and using ten-frames. Well done!
Y1	Harry for trying really hard and for producing some fantastic work to do with mass. Well done! A great effort Harry!
Y2	Jenson for doing some great arithmetic work this week! He is trying his very best to remember and apply all the strategies we have been learning in Y2!
Y3	Niamh for really smashing maths this week! Her work on equivalent fractions was fantastic!
Y4	Louis for his hard work using decimals. He has tried really hard to apply his mathematical knowledge, and we are all very proud of him!
Y5	Jacob , he has been super helpful in working with others and sharing his mathematical expertise, which has helped him deeper understand of converting units of measure.
Y6	Mateusz for the fantastic effort he has put in to developing maths reasoning over the past week. Absolutely brilliant!

Parent/Carer Questionnaire Feedback

Please click [here](#) to view the outcomes.



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This Week's Attendance			
1 st	Y5	99.2%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
1 st	Y6	99.2%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y3	98.3%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	FS2	97.1%	Billy Bear will visit next week
5 th	Y4	96.1%	
6 th	Y2	94.6%	
7 th	Y1	91.7%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 96.6%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	FS2	85%
2 nd	Y5	82%
3 rd	Y2	80%
4 th	Y4	78%
4 th	Y6	78%
6 th	Y3	73%
7 th	Y1	71%
Average = 78%		

Y6 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)

A reminder that our Y6 pupils will face their examinations next week. It is therefore extremely important that they attend every day, as the rules for test administration are extremely strict. There will be lots of support including a special relaxed breakfast with friends each day, before school, to help get them ready.

Our Catholic Life

Parish News

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

Our Summer RE & Catholic Life Overview

Please click [here](#). Thank you.

Our Term 5 Virtues to Live By

Our latest SJF virtues of focus are **resilience** and **perseverance**.



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

Our April Prayer: 'The Sanctus'

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank Mrs Holloway, Mrs Raynes, Mrs Barrett and the young people of **Y4** for leading this week's wonderful liturgy. Please click [here](#) to view it and previous liturgies. There is no liturgy next week or the week after, because of statutory and internal assessments. This means that the next liturgy will take place on **Thursday 25th May 2023**, and will be led by the young people of **Y3**. This is the same day as our Healthy Minds coffee afternoon, which takes place later that day. A reminder that this is for parents/carers coping with bereavement and loss themselves, or who need advice to support their children through a difficult time.

Reminder: Library Days

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



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Our Feature Books of the Week!



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

Our latest feature books are:

Laila's Lunchbox: A Ramadan Story by Reem Faruqi

The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson

Click [here](#) for more information about this week's choices!

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). These will then be shared in the newsletter, and celebrated. Thank you.



Our Latest Beat Your Best Challenge!

Here is a message from Miss Barrett

Hello everyone, here is our latest BYB challenge for you all. Firstly, a big thank you to Priscilla who came up with our last BYB beanbag challenge that you have all been having a go at this week. It was great to see you all running over at breaktime to come and have a go!

Our new challenge has been created by Katy, another of our Y6 Sports Majors. She has designed an obstacle course challenge that will test and develop a range of football skills, including dribbling, kick-ups and even a 'dizzy- dribble'! A special mention to Cavani, in Y6, who helped us with the video demonstration this week. Please click [here](#) to see it. Hopefully I will see lots of you at playtime next week, ready and waiting to give it a go. Just make sure you tell Katy or me how quickly you manage to complete the course.

Will you beat your best time?

WORRYING
does not take
away tomorrow's
TROUBLES,
it takes away
today's
PEACE

“Peace
begins
with a
smile.”
Mother Teresa

Statement of Belief

Our latest 'Statement of Belief' is **“I understand the importance of peace.”**

Time to talk: What is peace? What does it mean? Why is peace important? Why is Jesus also known as the Prince of Peace? Peace comes from love and God is love. Peace is Jesus' gift back to us when we open our hearts and minds to Him.

Next week the young people of Y6 will undertake their SATs examinations along with children in other primary schools across England. Our children have worked very hard to prepare for these tests that will cover reading and reading comprehension, mathematics, grammar, punctuation and spelling. Writing will be assessed over the following weeks.

We hope that the outcomes of these tests will, of course, be positive for every child and truly celebrate their individual journeys in those areas being tested, including their gifts and talents in these areas; their successes and the challenges they have overcome in order to achieve their successes. We also thank Mr MacInness, Mrs Steenson, Mr Smith and everyone who has taught, guided and supported our Y6 children.

There is much that these tests do not measure. Our Y6 children are amazing and in our Y6 class currently we have talented artists, designers, musicians, singers, actors, dancers, sportspeople, including martial artists gymnasts, footballers, athletes and swimmers. We have pupils who show great enthusiasm for learning – and ability – in areas of the curriculum that are not tested. We have students who can speak more than one language and who are developing in to well-rounded and caring citizens who, daily, demonstrate selflessness, friendship, kindness, helpfulness, generosity, resilience, determination, leadership, teamwork, faith and love. As a group they contribute so much to school life, directly and because of the examples they give.

To all our gifted and multi-talented Y6 children we say well done, and thank you! You are all amazing and we wish you well for next week and beyond!



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