

SJF NEWS



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★ Citizen of the Week

As there was no Celebration Assembly, the awards from the final week will be carried over to Term 5.

Final Term 4 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
 637	 661	 649	 688
2607	2600	2620	2573

Term 4 Final Smiley Scores

Congratulations to the members of St George's House, our Term 4 champions!

Attendance Update



Department for Education

Local Authority advice from about the importance of good punctuality and attendance can be found [here](#). Key information about the new 'National Framework for Penalty Charges', that is likely to impact on parents/carers choosing to take their children out of school for holidays in term time, can found in 'The Education Hub' section of DfE website or via this [link](#).



Attendance: Final Week			
1 st	Y6	95.6%	Bobby Bear will visit in Term 5
2 nd	Y1	94.7%	Brenda Bear will visit in Term 5
3 rd	Y4	94.5%	Brenda Bear will visit in Term 5
4 th	Y3	94.1%	Elvis Owl will visit in Term 5
5 th	Y2	93.3%	Billy Bear will visit in Term 5
6 th	FS2	92.7%	
7 th	Y5	91.3%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 93.8%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y6	79%
2 nd	Y4	77%
3 rd	Y1	72%
4 th	Y3	71%
5 th	FS2	69%
6 th	Y2	67%
7 th	FS2	65%
Average = 71%		



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Attendance: Term 4 Overall			Attendance: Year to Date Over		
1 st	Y4	97.6%	1 st	Y4	97.4%
2 nd	Y2	95.5%	2 nd	Y5	96.1%
3 rd	Y3	95.0%	2 nd	Y6	96.1%
3 rd	Y6	95.0%	4 th	Y3	95.5%
5 th	Y1	94.8%	5 th	Y1	95.3%
6 th	Y5	94.7%	6 th	Y2	94.8%
7 th	FS2	92.7%	7 th	FS2	94.0%
Average Attendance = 95.1%			Average Attendance = 95.6%		

Mobile Phones in School

Older children are permitted to bring mobile phones to school *if* there is a genuine need; they follow school expectations and rules and their parents/carers know and give permission.

Typically older children bring phones to school if, (i) they make their own way to and/or from school; (ii) if they get a lift but need to locate parents/carers who has parked further away to avoid the congestion closer to school; and (iii) if they come to school with one parent, but leave at the end of the day to stay at the property of another parent, family member or friend. We understand that there may also be other circumstances too.

School Expectations

We would like those parents/carers who want their children to bring a mobile phone to school, to send us a short email confirming this, so that a note can be made. The email should be sent to our main email address, enquiries@st-johnfisher.org. In your email please include the following things:

1. Your child's name and year group
2. The specific day(s) - if you think that your child needs their mobile phone with them every day, then please state this
3. Your reason(s) – e.g. because your child walks to and/or from school on their own etc.

From the start of Term 5, mobile phones will be handed in to the member of staff on duty on the pedestrian gate, each morning, on the way in to school. The phones will then be stored in the school office before being returned to the children, in class, at the very end of the school day, just before they leave. Children arriving late to school with a mobile phone, after the gate has been locked, are expected to hand it in on arrival as they report to school office staff. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

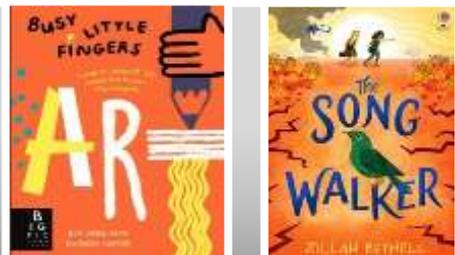
Reading for Pleasure: Our Latest Feature Books of the Week



Please click [here](#) to view our full 2023-24 SJF Book List.

These are our latest feature books:

- **Busy Little Fingers: Art - Children's Arts and Crafts Activity Kit**
 - Eva Wong Nava
- **The Song Walker**
 - Anita Gerari



Please click [here](#)



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Resurrection Mass 2024

You are invited to join us for our annual Resurrection Mass at 10.00am on **Friday 19th April 2024**, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. It will be led by our **Y5** children.

Weekly Celebration of the Word

There is no Celebration of the Word in the first week of Term 5 because of the Resurrection Mass. This means that the next Celebration of the Word will take place on **Thursday 25th April 2024** and will be led by our **Y1** pupils.



We invite our **Y1** families and friends to join us at 9.00am. Films of these celebrations can be viewed [here](#).

Our Term 5 Virtues to Live By

When we return our SJF virtues of focus will be **resilience** and **perseverance**.

Collective Worship

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

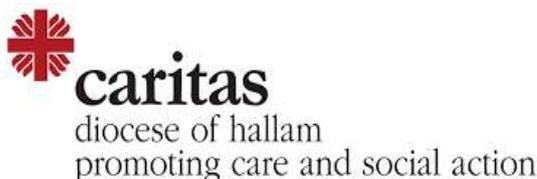


Eastertide Gathering Song

Oh, adoramus te domine
Oh, adoramus te domine

(Oh Lord, we worship You)

The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal



Thank you to everyone who supported the efforts of St Patrick's House to lead the raising of money for the Good Shepherd Appeal. The children raised an amazing **£139** from their book sale, which was then topped this up with the **£185** collected on our last non-uniform day. This brings the total amount raised for this year's Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal to **£324**.

Thank you to the children of St Patrick's house, who, guided by Mr Hobson, led the fundraising for this very important appeal this year. Thank you, also, to everyone who contributed in support of the appeal.



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SJF Passion Play 2024

I would like to thank the young people of Years 3-5 for leading this year's beautiful Passion Play in the final week of Term 4. The singing, reading and acting were incredible! It was so moving to hear the children's own words being shared, in commentary, to describe the significant events of Holy Week. To view more photographs from the dress rehearsal and the film of the play please click [here](#). Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for organising refreshments afterwards and to Fr Bede for allowing us to use our beautiful parish church.



Diocese of Hallam

Our lady of Lourdes Parish News

For information about parish and Diocesan services and events, including the times of Masses, services and confession, please click this [link](#) to our parish website. Thank you.

REMINDER: May Day 2024

School will be closed for the May Day Bank Holiday on **Monday 6th May 2024** and will reopen the next day.

REMINDER: Y1 National Phonics Screening Meeting

Key stage 1

Phonics screening check

The parents/carers of our **Y1** children are invited to attend an important meeting on **Tuesday 23rd April 2024** to find out more about the statutory **National Phonics Screening** that your children will go through between **Monday 10th June** and **Friday 14th June 2024**, along Y1 children in all other English schools. The meeting will take place in the **Y6** classroom and last about 40 minutes. Children can be looked after by staff in a room close by.

REMINDER: Red Day 2024

This year the feast of St George is on Tuesday 23rd April 2024. This means that our next special House colour day will be **Red Day** on **Friday 26th April 2024**. Please make a careful note of the date, if you have any children in St George's House. 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 – they have already had their special days. Thank you.



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ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Beat Your Best!

Here is an update from Miss Raynes

The Sports Majors hope you had a great Easter break! Their first 'Beat Your Best Challenge' of Term 5 will test balance and posture.

The Sports Majors are challenging everyone to see how many cones can carry whilst walking *and* balancing a beanbag on your head. Think the challenge is too easy? Why not try walking backwards and/or over some hurdles? Please come find us on the playground at break-time to see if you can **beat your best!** Please click [here](#) to watch the Sports Majors' video demonstration.

Achievements outside of School

You are invited to share details of your children's achievements outside of school with us via email (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org). Regardless of whether the achievements are big or small, we are always happy to both share and celebrate your child's good news!

- **Margot** in **Y1** attended a taster lesson, recently, with a new gymnastics group on what happened to be an awards night. She joined in and ended up receiving a bronze award because of all the things that she could already do! Congratulations, Margot, what fantastic news!
- **Zach** in **Y1** earned his 'Explorer' badge at Beaver Scouts, recently! Wonderful! What a great achievement!

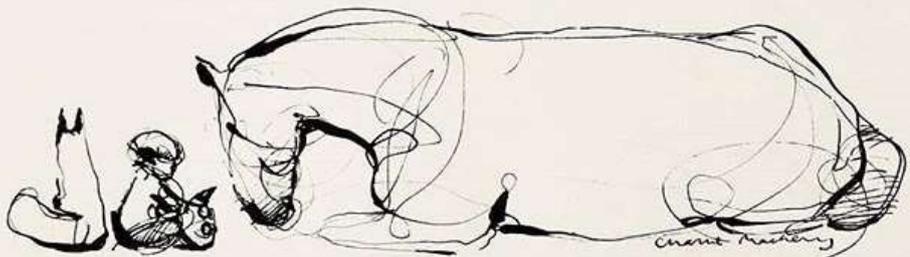
Statement of Belief

Our next 'Statement of Belief' is **"I know what humility means."**

Time to talk: Humility is a quality that people demonstrate when they have a modest or low sense of their own importance – not their worth. It is a quality demonstrated by the life and example of Jesus Christ, especially at Easter. It is also a trait of all the saints who came to know and love God, including our very own great patron, St John Fisher, whose life serves as a particularly great example to us all. To show humility is not to diminish ourselves in any way, but rather to lift others up by our words and actions.

Why do you think it is important to show humility? What difference can showing humility make? What would our world be like if people showed more humility, especially those in powerful positions?

"No talent or wit can ever beat kindness," said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things"



Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.

C.S. LEWIS.

Finally

Thank you for your support over the past term. I would like to thank our amazing children and all my colleagues and Governors for their hard work and commitment to our community. Thank you to our wonderful PTFA and to Fr Bede and our dear friends the parish of our Lady of Lourdes parish for all their support. I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Easter. A reminder that school reopens for the start of what will be a very busy and important 'Term 5' on **Monday 15th April 2024**. We look forward to welcoming you back. Thank you.



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Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child
 Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.
For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 consecutive days of term time leave
 Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period
 Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

First Offence
 The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:
 £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
 Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)
 The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:
 £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)
 The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.
 Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

