



Headlines

St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Autumn Term 2024/25
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Week Beginning – 16th December 2024

Monday 16th

Carol Service 6pm at SJF Church—Whole School (see letter sent home on 2nd December for more information)

Tuesday 17th

Advent Prayer Group—8am (see below)
Yr3/4 Football Trials 8am
(enter by KS2 gate)

Wednesday 18th

Nursery Christmas Party

Thursday 19th

YrR-Yr6 Christmas Parties
Nursery breaks up for Christmas holidays

Friday 20th

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM

Today Christmas colour filled the school thanks to a myriad of Christmas jumpers!

Across the classes and filling the playgrounds Santa, Rudolph and all the elves pranced and danced with all their might. What a great way to end our penultimate week of term.

On Monday we look forward to our annual carol service being held at St John Fisher Parish Church at 6pm. This important event marks our school community coming together and I am looking forward to seeing all of our families there.

Please ensure you have read the information and arrangements in the letter sent home on 2nd December.

On Thursday we will be drawing the term to a close with our Christmas parties and no doubt many of the colourful Christmas will no doubt be back for a second visit.

Wishing you all a wonderful week-end.



ADVENT PRAYERS

As we come to the end of the school term we would like to invite our parents and carers to join us in our final Advent prayer group.



This short time of reflection is a chance to make our Advent more meaningful in our very busy lives at this time of year.

We will meet in the group room (previously the library) at 8:40am on Tuesday morning.

We hope you are able to join us. Please complete the Google form below if you are able to attend: [Click HERE to express your interest](#)

Please note if less than 4 people signed up the group will not be able to take place.



Letters Home:

Christmas Eve Carols—Whole school
SJF KS2 Lunchtime Choir—Yr3-Yr6

Caterlink

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Designated Safeguarding Leaders

Ms J Kenna *DSL,*
Mrs C Ellerker *Deputy DSL,*
Miss C Higgins *Deputy DSL*



If you have any concerns about a child please contact safeguarding@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk



What an amazing response we have had to our SJF Community Christmas Campaign.

This was a new 3-fold campaign introduced this year as a different way for us all to do something for our wider community.

Please see page 5 for more details on the final donations that we have been able to make thanks to your kindness and generosity.



**On Thursday we all enjoyed our Christmas Dinner.
Thank you to the fantastic catering staff and the midday supervisors
who worked so hard to make it a great day!**



BUILD BETTER LEARNING

W/C 2nd December

These pupils bring HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE during the season of Advent.

St Scholastica - Valentina ML

St Aidan - India B

St Ninian - Florence

St Teresa - Freya

St James - Elly J

St Osmund - Lucy

St Hugh - Deshani

St Nicholas - Charles L

St Francis - Sarah K

St Ignatius - Harrison

St Susanna - Maria Isadora

St Helena - George C

St Elizabeth - Natalia P

St Rose - Anthony

Nursery - Navy

Attendance Percentage week beginning 2nd December 2024

Class	Week commencing 02/12/24	Week commencing 25/11/24
St Elizabeth	96.20	88.90
St Rose	99.30	90.70
St Helena	100.00	93.30
St Susanna	87.70	96.30
St Francis	97.20	94.10
St Ignatius	87.00	97.70
St Hugh	98.20	93.90
St Nicholas	97.50	97.20
St James	98.10	98.50
St Osmund	99.60	96.40
St Ninian	95.20	97.40
St Teresa	93.30	98.10
St Aidan	97.00	98.00
St Scholastica	97.10	95.00
Overall	95.24	95.39

Big Pencil

**Alejandro
St Elizabeth**



Attendance Alligator

St Helena



Manners Mole

**Tom
St Helena**



Punctuality Panda

St Francis



Wednesday
11th December

Good News for Families
TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

When the crowds asked John the Baptist, "What must we do?" He answered, "If anyone has two coats they should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and they said to him, "Master, what must we do?" He said to them, "Don't collect any more than you should." Then he said to some soldiers, "Don't force people to pay money to make you leave them alone, but be satisfied with your pay." By now, a feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John the Baptist might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not good enough even to untie his sandal strap."



From the Gospel of Sunday 15th December 2024 Luke 3: 10-18 (the 3rd Sunday of Advent, Year C)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **MERCY**.

As advent is now underway some very special visitors have been making their way from class to class.

The children have spotted that three very regal figures are missing from the nativity scene on the altar. These are of course the three kings bearing their gifts for the new born King.

Between now and the end of term the Kings will visit classes across the school where children will be encouraged to reflect on the significance of their journey and the hopes and fears they must have felt along the way.



Last Friday some of our Yr5/6 pupils represented SJF at the annual St George's Cathedral Advent service.

It was a lovely occasion and a very special way to celebrate the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

St John Fisher Community Christmas Campaign 2024

A beautiful Bible verse that reflects the spirit of thinking of others during Christmas is:

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" – Acts 20:35

This verse emphasizes the importance of helping others, which is central to the Christmas message of love, generosity, and compassion. It reminds us that the act of giving and thinking of others is a blessed way to live, echoing the example set by Jesus, and through your amazing generosity we are certainly demonstrating that way of living.



Boxes Of Love:

We were delighted to donate *120 Boxes of Love* this year to the SJF parish for the senior citizens Christmas lunch.

Sutton Night Watch:

An amazing *£590 was collected for Sutton Night Watch* meaning 59 service users will have a Christmas dinner and treats from our wonderful community.

Children's Hospital Pyjamas:

Over 100 pairs of pyjamas were donated to poorly children. This will help families feel close together even when apart at a difficult time.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS

Christmas Jumper Day



Pupils in EARTH house enjoyed a wonderful movie afternoon as their reward for being House Point winners last half term.

