



Headlines

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

PTFA COLLECTION ALL WEEK—See P2 for more details

Monday 25th

Y4 Bikeability
School Tour—9:45am (for perspective families)

Tuesday 26th

Y4 Bikeability
Y5 attending production at Ursuline
PTFA Wreath Making Workshop 7pm

Wednesday 27th

Y2 'Lady of the Lamp' workshop

Thursday 28th

Friday 29th

Mufti Day for PTFA Donations (see Pg3)
St Aiden Class Mass 9am (*parents and carers of pupils in 6STA are welcome to attend*)

Saturday 30th

PTFA CHRISTMAS FAIR 12-3pm

It has been a very busy week here at SJF for pupils both inside and outside of school.

Yr6 took to the roads as part of the Bikeability courses offered by Merton Local Authority to support bike safety and confidence on the roads. Don't forget that Merton often run free cycle training courses based at SJF over the school holidays. To find out more details click [HERE](#).

Confidence was also the topic of the day during today's coffee morning 'Building Confidence in the Primary Years'. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers giving up their time to attend this session and share ideas and thoughts as a group.

Rehearsals are well underway for forthcoming Christmas events the first of which we look forward to in a weeks time as our wonderful PTFA get our celebrations underway with the SJF Christmas Fair.

For families new to the school please do try your hardest to come along. Our school fairs are brilliantly run and a great way to be involved in the school community (including offering your help on a stall if at all possible).

Next week will be just as busy so enjoy a relaxing weekend.

!!! URGENT !!!

We have had a very low response to our Community Christmas Campaign launched two weeks ago. In previous years we have collected over 200 boxes of love. Whichever campaign you choose to support we really do need your help to continue to make a difference. Please see pages 6 and 7 for more information .

Letters Home:

Pedestrian Access to SJF—Whole School
SMSC Christmas Holiday Club—Whole School
Christmas Raffle—Whole School
SJF Community Christmas Campaign—Whole School

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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

BUILD BETTER LEARNING

W/C 11th November

These pupils have chosen respect.

St Scholastica - Daniel G

St Aidan - Leo P

St Ninian - Riley

St Teresa - Alex H

St James - Gabe C

St Osmund - Arlo

St Hugh - Jamie

St Nicholas - Matthew M

St Francis - Alex G

St Ignatius - Mia

St Susanna - Karolina

St Helena - Hugo

St Elizabeth - Ada

St Rose - Danylo


Nursery - Maya

Attendance Percentage
week beginning
11th November 2024

Class	Week commencing 11/11/24	Week commencing 04/11/24
St Rose	92.60	98.50
St Elizabeth	98.70	97.80
St Susanna	97.30	96.30
St Helena	97.60	97.90
St Francis	96.70	97.70
St Ignatius	96.30	98.70
St Nicholas	97.80	98.80
St Hugh	98.20	94.60
St James	95.80	95.80
St Osmund	95.60	96.30
St Teresa	95.20	93.30
St Ninian	97.80	99.30
St Aidan	95.20	93.10
St Scholastica	94.90	92.50
Overall	96.90	96.32

Big Pencil

Emma
St Hugh



Attendance Alligator

St Elizabeth



Manners Mole

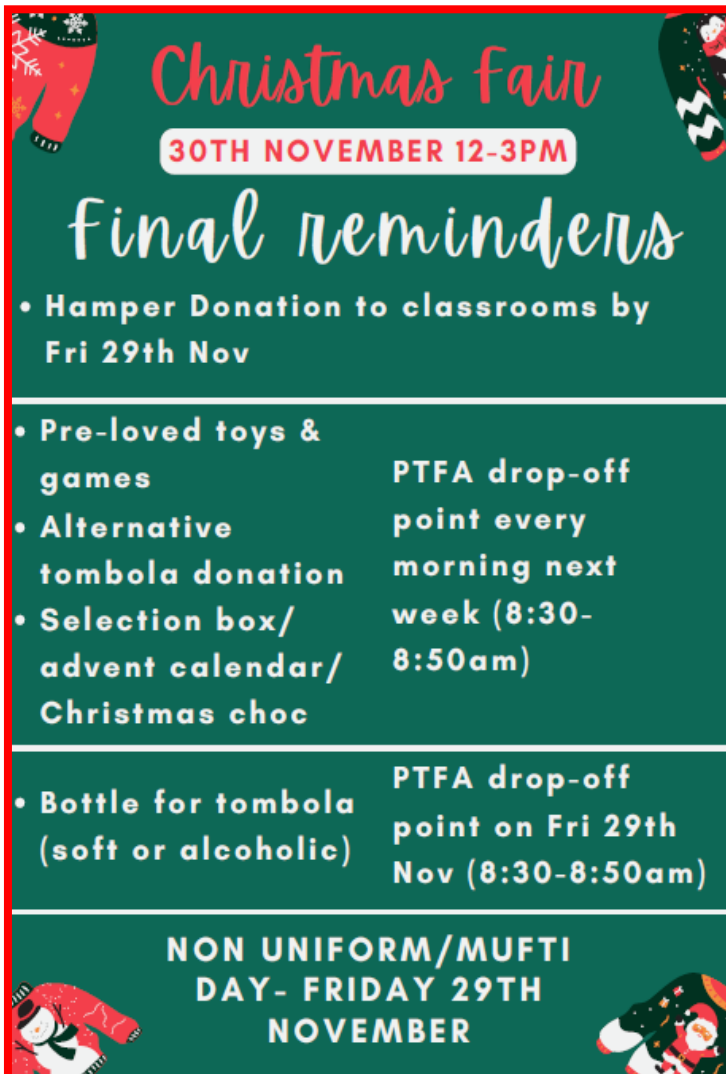
Layla
St Ninian



Punctuality Panda

St Teresa





Christmas Fair

30TH NOVEMBER 12-3PM

Final reminders

- Hamper Donation to classrooms by Fri 29th Nov
- Pre-loved toys & games
- Alternative tombola donation
- Selection box/ advent calendar/ Christmas choc
- Bottle for tombola (soft or alcoholic)

PTFA drop-off point every morning next week (8:30-8:50am)

PTFA drop-off point on Fri 29th Nov (8:30-8:50am)

NON UNIFORM/MUFTI DAY- FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

***** PTFA *****

Christmas Raffle

Get your tickets here: [Click here to get your SJF CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS](#)

Christmas Fair Volunteering

We really need to make sure we have enough volunteers to set up and run the stalls. Please let your class rep know or add your name to the volunteer spreadsheet: [Click HERE to volunteer](#)

****HELP NEEDED****

Can you spare some time on Saturday 23rd November between 10am-2pm to help move the woodchips (see below) to the Woodland garden?

Please come along, **EVERYONE** welcome!

[Click HERE to message if you can help](#)



(the more volunteers the earlier the finish)



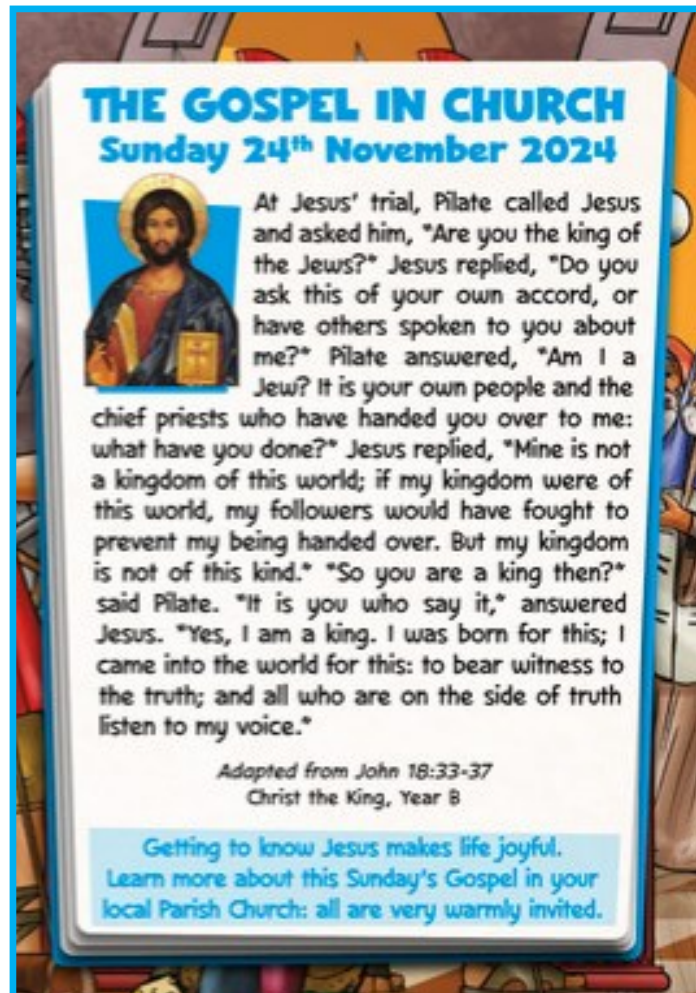
ST JOHN FISHER PTFA PRESENT OUR

Christmas Raffle

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND WIN AMAZING PRIZES!

Fabulous prizes from Tower Bridge, RHS Wisley, Raynes Park Vale, Bocketts Farm, Elys, Hobbledown, London Wetlands Centre, David Lloyd, Sean McInnes, Sri Lankan Soul and many many more...

AVAILABLE NOW



Preparing for Winter Illness

Last week UKHSA issued a press release reminding us of the simple steps we can take to reduce the spread of stomach bugs and winter illnesses.

This includes teaching good hygiene habits; knowing when to keep your child at home and when to send them to school; and getting vaccinated. There are some resources which parents and carers may find useful for managing winter illness:

UKHSA's [e-bug](#) resources for all ages can help you to explain and discuss hygiene habits and their importance, to your child or teenager.

NHS UK also provides easily accessible guidance for parents to [help manage winter illness at home](#).



On Wednesday, some of the Chaplains from our school joined Chaplains from 9 other schools for a Chaplaincy morning. The Chaplains spent the morning getting to know each other and playing games including a treasure hunt to find out about each other's school saints. The Chaplains then led a beautiful liturgy that they had planned together. The morning finished with a well deserved inside picnic.



The Chaplains learned a new hymn that they are going to teach to the rest of the school when we gather together in prayer.



On Thursday the Yr5 Business Challenge team went to Covent Garden to compete in the finals.

We were very excited and had so much fun presenting our idea to the judges.

We all knew it was going to be a battle to win the competition because all the teams had great ideas

and although we missed out on first place we still came 2nd! None of us were sad because we had all done our best and were awarded prizes. We really had a great time at the event and it was lovely to see the Christmas decorations in Covent Garden.



This week Yr4 learnt that all sound is created by vibrations.



We took turns speaking into one side of the balloon and listening on the other side. We could feel the vibrations of the soundwaves traveling through the balloon.

(Then we had fun with the balloons).



This week we participated in a week long course of bike safety. We learnt that closer in to the middle of the road this is called primary position, which means cars cannot overtake you and that closer to the pavement is called secondary position. We had a very enjoyable experience despite the cold (and a little bit of snow)!

Isabella G and Emma B.
Year 6

This week, some children in Yr6 have been learning different rules for riding on the road. We have been learning about road safety on a bike (indicating and making sure that we are safe on the road). We have had a lot of fun. We will take a lot of information from our sessions and will probably use it later on in life.

Written by Cristina and Elena.



SJF Community Christmas Campaign 2024

Whilst you and your child can choose which ever campaign you wish to support we would suggest that:

YrN-Yr3 create Boxes of Love for those in our Parish who may be feeling lonely this year.

Yr4-Yr6 support Sutton Night Watch or Children's Hospital Pyjamas as they may have more of an understanding of the what it means to be homeless, hungry, scared or in hospital and away from family and friends.

1. Boxes Of Love:

Find an empty medium sized box, such as a shoe box and fill your box with a variety of new gifts that will bring happiness to an elderly person (see Pg4 for more details). Enclose a card / message for that person.

Wrap your box in festive paper and mark on the box if it is for a lady or a gentleman.



DEADLINE TO SCHOOL 4TH DECEMBER

2. Sutton Night Watch:

Sutton Night Watch is a local charity which help those without a home to find hope and a future. A £10 donation via ParentPay will provide a Christmas dinner and treats to take away for service users. A warm meal in the company of others to spread festive cheer.



DEADLINE TO SCHOOL—6TH DECEMBER

3. Children's Hospital Pyjamas

Donate a pair of new pyjamas (age newborn to age 18) which will be given to a poorly child who may be in hospital, a hospice or a refuge. These will be passed on to a family via the charity and will also include a pair of handmade sewn hearts; 1 for the child and 1 for someone at home so they can feel close together even when apart.

The pyjamas do not need to be wrapped and the hearts will be added by the charity before donation.



DEADLINE TO SCHOOL—6TH DECEMBER



Bring a smile to an elderly person in our Parish of St John Fisher



BOXES OF LOVE

Christmas is fast approaching and once again this year we are thinking of the elderly in our parish and local community. We want you to donate a "Box of Love".

A decorated box filled with special things can have a great impact on someone's Christmas.

Be part of changing someone's Christmas in the name of Jesus through the power of a simple "Box of Love"



What to do....

1. Find an empty medium sized box and wrap box and lid separately in Christmas paper.
2. Fill your box with a variety of new gifts that will bring happiness to an elderly person.
3. Mark if it is suitable for a lady or a gentleman.
4. Put a rubber band round it.
5. Bring to school by the deadline date (to be confirmed)
6. Remember to pray for the person who will receive your gift box



Ideas of things to put in your box;

- Soap/shower gel/bubble bath etc
- Toothpaste/toothbrush, comb/hairbrush.
- Deodorant (roll-on)
- Socks/bed socks
- Scarf/wrap, hat
- Sweets/biscuits (within sell-by date)
- Handkerchiefs
- Shaving materials
- Perfume/aftershave
- A small torch
- Suitable books (word search book/playing cards etc)

****Don't forget a Christmas card or note with your message. This is one of the most important ways we can show the elderly of our parish the we care.****