



Headlines

St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Autumn Term 2024/25
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Week Beginning – 2nd December 2024

Monday 2nd

Tuesday 3rd

St Scholastica Collective Worship
(parents and carers of pupils in 6STSC are welcome to attend)

Wednesday 4th

Boxes of Love (deadline day)

Thursday 5th

EYFS Nativity:

9:30am St Rose, St Mary & St Anne

1:30pm St Elizabeth, St Joseph & St Anne

Full Governing Body Meeting

Friday 6th

Advent Service @ St George's Cathedral

This morning our Advent celebrations were launched in the most fitting way as Fr Francis came to celebrate a beautiful Advent Mass led by Yr6 St Aidan class.

During the season of Advent we are called to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

These preparations can often feel overwhelming. With the mad dash to ensure presents are bought houses are decorated and visitors are catered for, it is all too easy to forget to slow down and take a moment of quiet for our own personal preparations. Stillness and calm are very difficult to find during the festive season and a few minutes of quiet prayer and reflection can make all the difference to everyone's stress levels. With this in mind we are very pleased to once again be offering parents and carers the opportunity to join our Advent prayer sessions over the next few weeks. Please see page 3 for more details.

I look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow at the infamous SJF Christmas Fair extravaganza 12pm-3pm.



Letters Home:

Ready Steady Spell—Y2-Y6

Parents' Forum 24/25—Parents' Forum

Merton Libraries Newsletter—Whole School
Chaplains—X2 letters (please respond as soon as possible)

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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 18th November

These pupils are faithful friends to everyone in the SJF community.

St Scholastica - Jayce

St Aidan - Ginelle

St Ninian - Cao

St Teresa - Seb

St James - Abigail P

St Osmund - Seb P

St Hugh - Ella

St Nicholas - Lily P

St Francis - Lillian

St Ignatius - Felix

St Susanna - Ophelia L

St Helena - Erin V

St Elizabeth - Lottie M

St Rose - Harvey

Nursery - Noah

Attendance Percentage week beginning 18th November 2024

Class	Week commencing 18/11/24	Week commencing 11/11/24
St Rose	93.80	92.60
St Elizabeth	93.00	98.70
St Susanna	94.10	97.30
St Helena	99.60	97.60
St Francis	97.80	96.70
St Ignatius	98.90	96.30
St Nicholas	97.60	97.80
St Hugh	99.60	98.20
St James	98.70	95.80
St Osmund	97.10	95.60
St Teresa	95.10	95.20
St Ninian	96.70	97.80
St Aidan	97.70	95.20
St Scholastica	94.80	94.90
Overall	96.75	96.90

Big Pencil

Mia FD
St Scholastica

Attendance Alligator

St Hugh & St Helena

Manners Mole

Olivia
Nursery

Punctuality Panda

St Osmund

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 1st December 2024



Jesus said to his disciples, "There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars and on the earth, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man approaching in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand upright, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. Watch yourselves; be careful not to let your hearts be weighed down with the cares of life. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man."

*Adapted from Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
The 1st Sunday of Advent, Year C*

Come and learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church and say a prayer for your family & friends: all are very warmly invited.

ADVENT PRAYERS



As preparation for the season of Advent, we are offering an opportunity for you to join with other parents and carers in prayer. This is one of the things we are called to do in preparation for Christ's birth.

This will be an informal sharing of prayer and 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 the first 3 Tuesdays of Advent (3rd, 10th and 17th December).

We hope you are able to join us. Please complete the Google form below if you are able to attend any of the dates:

[Click HERE to express your interest](#)

We appreciate you may not be able to attend every week but hope to see as many of you as possible.

Please note that if there is less than 4 people signed up this group will not be able to take place.



The Yr5 and Yr6 Hockey team enjoyed competing at the Merton Championships this week.

Alongside playing their own matches the team got to meet and train with England and Team GB player, Liam Ansell.



On Friday the Yr5 and Yr6 girls football team competed in the Merton Borough Championships.

They showed great attitude and sportsmanship throughout the day and we are very proud of them all.



Yr4 took part in a Bikeability course this week.

We learnt why it is so important to wear a helmet that fits properly and how that can save your life.



The instructors taught us how to make sure that our bikes are safe to ride and how to make sure that we have lots of control when we are riding. We had a great time.



Year 2 travelled back in time this week to experience what life was like when Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole treated soldiers in the Crimean war and changed the world of nursing forever. From cleaning and organising hospitals, keeping records and cooking nutritious food, this really brought our learning to life and we thoroughly enjoyed it.



On Tuesday Yr5 were invited to Ursuline high School to watch their performance of SHREK and were really lucky to get seats right at the front!

From the moment it started we found it hilarious—it was brilliant and they even gave us a snack for the interval.

If you get the chance to see it we would definitely recommend it!



As you may have seen the annual SJF Christmas tree and wreath have been decorated and are now on display in the school office.

Thank you to Adam and Luke (based at St Catherine's Playing Field) for the beautiful Christmas tree which they donated to SJF this year.

They are offering discount on Christmas trees to SJF families. With this beautiful display now complete our Advent preparations are truly underway.



SJF is pleased to have been recognised as an 'Equal Access School' for providing equal access and opportunities for girls football and sports.