



# Headlines

**St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Autumn Term 2024/25**  
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## **Week Beginning – 9th December 2024**

### **Monday 9th**

School Tour 9:45am (for prospective families)

### **Tuesday 10th**

Advent Reflection for parents and carers 8:40am (see Pg3)  
EARTH HOUSE—Movie Afternoon (see Pg3)

### **Wednesday 11th**

### **Thursday 12th**

Christmas Dinner Day—Nursery Lunch Club and YrR-Yr6

### **Friday 13th**

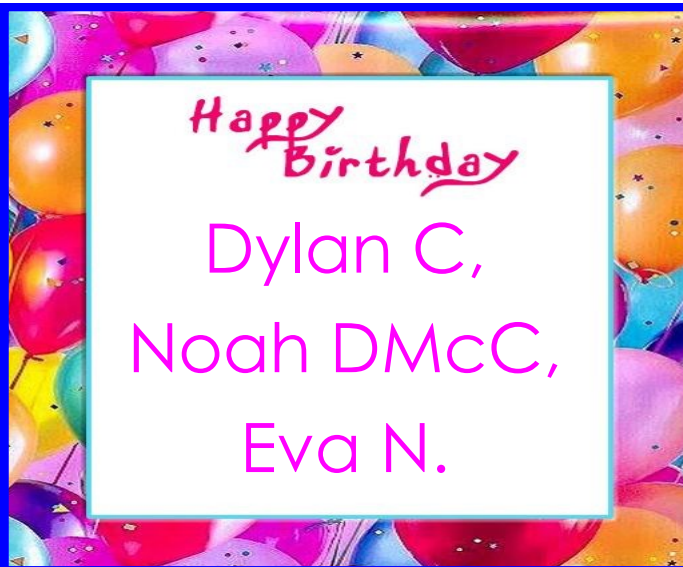
Christmas Jumper Day—whole school

This week life at SJF has left us all in no doubt whatsoever that Christmas season is in full swing!! After the truly AMAZING Christmas fair last Saturday (HUGE thanks to all those involved in planning, executing and attending—see page 5 for the grand total raised...), we have continued to pack in our festive fun.

On Thursday (and after a full day of dress rehearsals on Wednesday for the school community to have a sneak peak...) children in Nursery and Reception treated us to (repeat) performances of 'A Bundle of Joy'. With voices that would put Year 6 to shame, they sang, acted and smiled their way through the greatest story ever told—with the result being not a dry eye in the house! It may be a story told many times, but the joy it brings never diminishes.

Next week our festive preparations continue with Christmas dinner on Thursday and the sparkle and shine of over 400 Christmas jumpers to dazzle us on Friday. It's going to be a busy week—so recharge those batteries over the weekend!

Enjoy a wonderful weekend everyone.



## **Letters Home:**

Carol Service—Whole School

## ***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](mailto:safeguarding@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)

# BUILD BETTER LEARNING

W/C 25th November

These pupils are leaders who set a good example for others in the SJF community.

St Scholastica - Mia FD

St Aidan - Noah C

St Ninian - Macy

St Teresa - Olivia

St James - Edmund T

St Osmund - Noah

St Hugh - Hannah

St Nicholas - Isabel L

St Francis - Aleksander P

St Ignatius - Evie K

St Susanna - Ella H

St Helena - Alexandra C

St Elizabeth - Otis

St Rose - Heidi

Nursery - Elspeth

Attendance Percentage  
week beginning  
**25th November 2024**

Class	Week commencing 02/12/24	Week commencing 25/11/24
St Rose		88.90
St Elizabeth		90.70
St Susanna		93.30
St Helena		96.30
St Francis		94.10
St Ignatius		97.70
St Nicholas		93.90
St Hugh		97.20
St James		98.50
St Osmund		96.40
St Teresa		97.40
St Ninian		98.10
St Aidan		98.00
St Scholastica		95.00
<b>Overall</b>		<b>95.39</b>

**Big Pencil**

**Dmytro**  
**St Aidan**



**Attendance Alligator**

**St James**



**Manners Mole**

**Nicholas**  
**St Osmund**

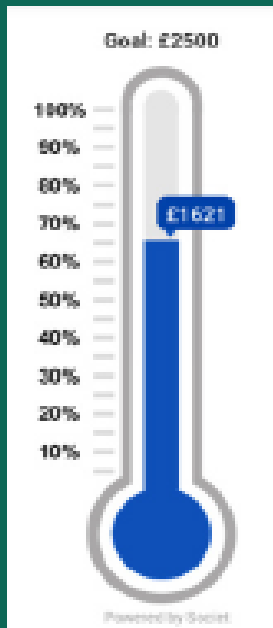


**Punctuality Panda**

**St Elizabeth**



# Christmas Raffle Update



With under a week to go,  
we are just 900 tickets  
away from our target!

Ticket sales end Friday  
13th December at 12noon  
so buy your tickets using  
the link now!

Don't forget to forward  
onto your friends and  
family!

Just a few of the 37 amazing  
prizes we have on offer!



Use this link to enter the raffle and **GOOD LUCK!!!**

<https://raffaly.com/raffles/enter-to-a-win-st-john-fisher-ptfa-christmas-raffle-2024>

## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024



At the time when Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor of Judaea, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, who was living in the desert. John went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: 'A voice cries in the wilderness; prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all people will see the saving power of God.'

*Adapted from Luke 3:1-6  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year C*

*Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.  
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your  
local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.*

## ADVENT PRAYERS



As we continue our preparations for Advent, we would like to offer our parents and carers an informal opportunity to join with others in prayer.

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 each Tuesday morning during Advent (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.**



## Has your child missed their Flu vaccine?

Come down to our walk-in flu catch-up clinic and protect your child this winter!

Date: Saturday 7 December

Time: 10:00-14:00

Venue: 5<sup>th</sup> Sutton (St Barnabas) Scout Hall, SM1 4JN

Date: Tuesday 10 December

Time: 15:00-18:00

Venue: 5<sup>th</sup> Sutton (St Barnabas) Scout Hall, SM1 4JN

Date: Thursday 12 December

Time: 15:00-18:00

Venue: The New Horizon Centre, Mitcham, CR4 1LT

Call 020 3903 3371 or 020 3903 3373  
for more information

No appointment needed!

## THANK YOU

FOR SUPPORTING THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION'S  
POPPY APPEAL

Certificate of Appreciation awarded to:

*St John Fisher School*

Amount raised:

*£1,124.09*

Your contribution helps us to support the Armed Forces community,  
past and present.

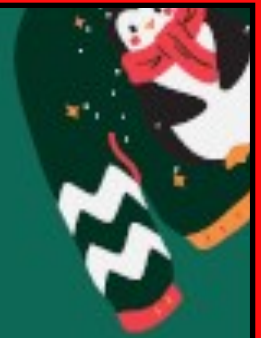
EVERY POPPY COUNTS

Thank you to everyone for helping to raise the amazing amount of £1124.09 for The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

Not only did our school once again raise the most money in our area we were also the only school to raise over £1000.

The British Legion would like to extend it's thanks to all of our pupils for their generosity and for remembering those who have given so much in the name of Peace.





# THANK you!

What a day! The Christmas Fair was a huge success. There was a great atmosphere and the sun even made an appearance too! Thank you to all the volunteers who organised, sorted, set up, ran the stalls, tidied up and worked their socks off for over 48 hours to make this all happen. We are so pleased to announce that you all helped to raise an incredible....

£5.5k



This week the Nursery and Reception children performed their Christmas Nativity for parents, carers and extended family members. The children did an outstanding job of retelling the greatest story ever told. Huge thanks to all of the staff involved in making this such a wonderful event.



If you didn't get the opportunity to show your appreciation by making a donation to the SJF Resources Support Fund would like to make a donation please use the link below.

Every penny donated will go towards supporting the purchase of essential educational resources (including costumes) in the Early Years and across the school.

[Please click HERE to donate](#)

It was all hands on deck this week as we loaded the amazing Boxes of Love to be taken to SJF Church in readiness for their Elderly Parishioners Christmas Party this week.

THANK you to everyone who donated a Box of Love, these really do make a difference to those in the community who are perhaps feeling alone or isolated at this time of year.



You can still donate to the Sutton Night Watch (on ParentPay) or bring in a pair of new Pyjamas for children who will be in hospital over Christmas.



**EARTH House** pupils will enjoy a movie afternoon on Tuesday 10th December as their prize for being House point winners last half term.

Pupils in EARTH House can bring in a snack (**NO nuts or products containing nuts**) and a cushion or blanket to enjoy and be comfortable during the movie.