



Headlines

St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Autumn Term 2024/25
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Week Beginning – 11th November 2024

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Inclusion meetings all week

Monday 11th

Tuesday 12th

Odd Sock Day—see Pg5

St Osmund Class Collective Worship—9am
(parents and carers of pupils in 4STO are welcome to attend)

Yr3 Into Film Festival trip

YrR Early Reading Session ONLINE 6pm

Wednesday 13th

Covent Garden Business Challenge

Thursday 14th

Yr4 Into Film Festival trip

Yr6 Into Film Festival trip

Friday 15th

Welcome back to school everyone, I hope you enjoyed a relaxing half term break and are ready for the extremely busy second half of the Autumn term.

On Monday this week, in our return to school collective worship we started our journey of reflection and remembrance that the month of November brings.

As you will have begun to notice, at the front of the school, our renowned 'Field of Remembrance' has begun to flower and we look forward to seeing it grow over the coming week.

As you will see from Pg3 we are delighted to launch the SJF Community Christmas Campaign. Following the success of previous years and our 'Boxes of Love' campaign, this year we are extending the range and focus of our charity Christmas work and in doing so offering SJF children and families the opportunity to support others in the community in one of three different ways. Every year we have been astounded at the level of support offered to our Christmas campaign and I hope this year will be better than ever.

Next week we look forward to anti-bullying week which this year focuses on the theme of 'Choose Respect' and I look forward to sharing more about this in next week's Headlines.

Enjoy a wonderful weekend and if you are competing in this evenings PTFA quiz night GOOD LUCK!

Letters Home:

Reading Information Session (online) - YrR

Phonics and Phonics Screening Check Information Session (online) - Yr1

Into Film Trip—Yr6

Christmas Lunch—Whole School

Parents Forum 24/25—Whole School (due to issues with T2P this will be resnt next week)

Happy Birthday

Emily L, Freya A,
Nicolas J,
Greta N, L Crane.

Caterlink

New Autumn / Winter menu from 4th November

[Click HERE for menu](#)

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 school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk

BUILD BETTER LEARNING

This week children have been focusing on providing support and encouragement to light up the lives of others. Winners will be announced in next week Headlines.



Conversations with the Leader of the Council

Join Cllr Ross Garrod in person and online

Your chance to ask questions and connect with the leadership of Merton council.

Tuesday 12 November 7pm
Vestry Hall, Mitcham CR4 3UD



Scan QR code to reserve your place.



New event: Conversations with the Leader of the Council

Join Merton Council for an engaging event where you'll have the opportunity to chat with the Leader of Merton Council, Councillor Ross Garrod and Deputy Leader, Councillor Eleanor Stringer.

This event is the first of its kind in Merton, and it's your chance to ask questions, share your thoughts, and connect with the leadership of the council, in a relaxed setting.

Attendees can submit their questions in advance – follow the registration link to do this.

Ways to get involved:

Book your place to secure a spot in person: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/conversations-with-the-leader-of-merton-council-in-person-tickets-1056533743869>

Or register to attend remotely online: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/conversations-with-the-leader-of-the-council-online-tickets-1067225402909>

🕒 Tuesday 12 November 7pm 📍 Vestry Hall, Mitcham
💎 FREE, but booking is essential

Attendance Percentage week beginning 14th October 2024

Class	Week commencing 21/10/2024	Week commencing 14/10/2024
St Rose	95.80	94.80
St Elizabeth	98.70	100.00
St Susanna	91.70	93.70
St Helena	96.90	97.10
St Francis	95.00	98.30
St Ignatius	97.50	96.70
St Nicholas	98.70	96.80
St Hugh	98.20	93.60
St James	97.60	100.00
St Osmund	99.10	99.30
St Teresa	96.30	97.40
St Ninian	99.10	97.00
St Aidan	96.60	96.60
St Scholastica	95.50	97.10
Overall	96.80	97.00

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Please ensure your child attends school on time every day unless too unwell to do so.

Please be reminded of our attendance policy and updated guidance regarding leave of absence.

[SJF Attendance Policy 2024](#)

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.****



 ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

With the support of



This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on
TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2024



Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!



#OddSocksDay
#AntiBullyingWeek
#ChooseRespect

If you're worried about bullying you can speak to ...



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THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 10th November 2024



Jesus said, "Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted with respect in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive." He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over but she, from the little she had, has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on."

Adapted from Mark 12:38-44
The 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

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

ST JOHN FISHER PTFA PRESENTS OUR

Jolly Jumper Christmas Fair

30TH NOVEMBER 12-3PM

CRAFTS ✦ CAFE

GAMES ✦ STALLS

SANTAS GROTTO ✦ HAMPER RAFFLE



St John Fisher School, Grand Drive, SW20 9NA
Organised by SJF PTFA - Registered Charity No:110588

The PTFA are looking for donations of wool for the Christmas Fair decorations. Please hand any you can donate to the school office.
Thank you!

SJF PTFA
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WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 7PM

TICKETS £45 AVAILABLE ON PARENT PAY NOW

ALL MATERIALS AND PROSECCO INCLUDED!

Get into the festive spirit and
unleash your creativity!