



# Headlines

**St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Spring Term 2024/25**

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## **Week Beginning – 13th January 2025**

**Monday 13th**

**Tuesday 14th**

Yr3-Yr6 Gymnastics Trials 8am  
(*pupils must have prior gymnastics experience*)  
St Teresa class Collective Worship 9am (*parents and carers of pupils in 5STT are welcome to attend*)

**Wednesday 15th**

YrR Balanceability

**Thursday 16th**

YrR Balanceability

**Friday 17th**

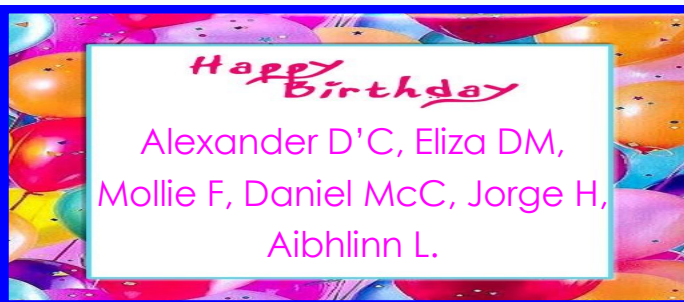
YrR Balanceability

## **Letters Home:**

Code Club (Mondays) - KS2  
Trip Letter—Yr4  
Merton Music Information—Whole school  
Foundation for Phonics Information Session—YrN

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Happy New Year! Welcome back to a new term and what I hope will be a happy and healthy 2025 for all members our SJF community.

The children have returned to school well rested and full of energy following the Christmas break and it has been wonderful to share their stories of busy festive seasons and time spent with family and friends.

As is customary, the new year is not only a good time to think about promises or resolutions for the year ahead, but also to revisit and refresh practices and routines that may have 'slipped' in the busyness of the festive season.

During this week's collective worship, the children were introduced to a very important focus for the whole SJF school community for 2025—being a 'Responsible Citizen'.

At SJF our values and our mission help and guide us to live our daily lives in the best way we can.

A key part of this is taking responsibilities for ourselves and our actions. Being a 'Responsible Citizen' allows all members of the school community to thrive. By making choices that show consideration, that support looking after each other and looking after the environment that we work, learn and live in, we are showing our responsibility not just for the individual, but for the collective — for our community.

Unfortunately, sometimes our actions fall short of those of a 'responsible citizens'. Stepping over a coat on the cloakroom floor, walking past litter on the floor, leaving our belongings outside and expecting others to look or find them—these are all actions that are well within the control of each and every individual in our community.

This year we will be focusing on ensuring that each and every member of our school community develops and displays the qualities of a 'Responsible Citizen'. Pupils who set an excellent example of modelling the qualities of a responsible citizen will be recognised—including as part of our weekly recognition awards as a new member of our recognition family joins the team...Responsibility Raccoon (see Page 3for the arrival of our new SJF furry friend!).

However, the aim of all pupils should be about living the values and actions of a responsible citizen every day, in every way. We will be looking to parents and carers to echo these messages and mirror these expectations—no matter whether at home or at school.

Where actions of individuals or groups fall short or do not reflect these qualities it is right that they are challenged and learnt from moving forwards — just in the same way we learn from our errors in master and spelling, mistakes help us to master a skill—and responsibility is a skill for life.

I look forward to a busy and productive Spring term—and of course to seeing the 'Responsible Citizens' of SJF continue to learn and grow.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

## **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)

## **Responsible Citizens - Uniform reminders**

As we begin a new term, please ensure that your child/children are wearing **full and correct uniform**. This is and always has been an expectation of the school.

**COATS:** there are a number of children who have returned to school wearing coats that are not school colours.

ALL school coats should be black, dark grey or dark blue. They should not have large logos or patterns and parents/carers should be mindful of purchasing expensive branded coats which may not be the best suited for playground use!

**SHOES:** ALL shoes should be school shoes NOT trainers. Please see images below. Trainers should only be worn on PE/games days.

Children who attend sports clubs or before school sports trials, should bring their uniform to change into after the club/trials if it is NOT a PE day for them. This includes their school shoes.

Examples of school shoes permitted to be worn



Examples of trainers **NOT** permitted to be worn as school shoes



**PE UNIFORM:** ALL PE uniform should be school colours and plain with NO sports branding/logo. School PE uniform is dark blue—**not** black.

The exception to this is base layers/'skins' which may be worn under PE uniform during cold weather.

**TIES:** Children wearing shirts in KS2 should be wearing a school tie every day. Ms. Kenna holds an emergency stock of ties and children not wearing theirs will be expected to wear one of these until the tie is found/replaced.

**SOCKS:** Should be black or dark grey, **not** white or sports socks (unless being worn with PE uniform).

**If there is a specific reason (linked to medical and or other identified needs) that your child cannot wear any item of school uniform, and the school are not already aware of this, please speak to your child's class teacher at the earliest opportunity.**

Please remember that the SJF PTFA hold regular pre-loved uniform sales which are an excellent way of replacing/renewing uniform in an economically and sustainable way. The date for the next pre-loved sale will be shared as soon as we have it.

# BUILD BETTER LEARNING

W/C 6th January

The focus this week was starting 2025 with an excellent attitude to learning.

Winners will be announced next week.

Next week the newest member of the SJF recognition awards family will make it's debut appearance as '**Responsibility Raccoon**' is awarded to the pupil who shows consistent responsible behaviour.

Meet Responsibility Raccoon!



## Attendance w/c 16th December 2024

Class	Week commencing 16/12/24	Week commencing 09/12/24
St Elizabeth	94.20	96.20
St Rose	95.90	92.20
St Helena	94.40	97.80
St Susanna	92.00	95.00
St Francis	94.10	94.80
St Ignatius	93.00	95.70
St Hugh	91.40	94.60
St Nicholas	96.80	96.40
St James	<b>99.20</b>	100.00
St Osmund	86.80	99.30
St Ninian	94.80	96.30
St Teresa	94.80	96.30
St Aidan	86.00	92.30
St Scholastica	95.40	95.70
<b>Overall</b>	<b>93.48</b>	<b>95.90</b>

## Website Sharing—Our Curriculum

The SJF 'Medium and Long Term Curriculum Maps' for each year group have now been updated and added to our new school website. These detail the curriculum taught this term (Medium Term Plans) and for the whole year (Long Term Plans).

Please click [here](#) to go to the webpage on our school website and find out about your child's curriculum coverage for the year.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

### Curriculum Year By Year

The following curriculum maps provide the termly content of what the pupils will be learning. At any point these plans may change e.g. not follow the weekly breakdown, due to events happening within school. This will be at the discretion of the class teacher.

Spring and Summer 2023-2024 Plans - being updated each term

#### Medium Term Plans

##### Spring 2025

<input type="checkbox"/> Nursery Medium Term Spring 2025	Updated: 17/12/2024 152 KB		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reception Medium Term Spring 2025	Updated: 17/12/2024 158 KB		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yr 1 Medium Term Spring 2024-2025	Updated: 09/01/2025 574 KB		

### Long Term Plans

Nursery

Reception

Year 1



# BINGO NIGHT

FRIDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY

£10pp on ParentPay

*Ticket price includes Bingo and portion of chips!  
Selection of alcoholic & soft drinks available on  
the night!*

DOORS OPEN 7.15PM  
BINGO STARTS 7.45PM