



# Headlines



**St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Autumn Term 2025/26**

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## **Week Beginning – 14th September**

### **SUNDAY 13th**

Education Sunday Mass 9:30am at SJF Parish Church

### **Monday 14th**

School tour for prospective families 9:45am

### **Tuesday 15th**

Yr5 Meet the Teacher 6:15pm

Yr6 Meet the Teacher 6:40pm

Yr5/Yr6 Transition to High School meeting 7:15pm

### **Wednesday 16th**

Yr3 Meet the Teacher 6pm

Yr4 Meet the Teacher 6:30pm

### **Thursday 17th**

Yr1 Meet the Teacher 6:15pm

Yr2 Meet the Teacher 6:40pm

### **Friday 18th**

It has been wonderful to see almost all of our pupils back with us this week, and the school is already feeling busy, happy and full of the excitement that comes with a new school year. A very warm welcome to all our new children and families, and particularly to our Nursery children who have been joining us throughout the week. By the middle of next week, all of our Nursery children will have started, and we look forward to welcoming them fully into our school family.

This Sunday, we will celebrate Education Sunday, which is a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together and begin the school year as a whole school community in our parish church. It is therefore very important that all children attend this special event in full school uniform, as part of the 9:30am Mass at St John Fisher Church (207 Cannon Hill Lane, SW20 9DB). As with all our school events, every family, of all faiths and none, are warmly encouraged to join us for this celebration. Please see the letter sent home for full details.

Next week, parents and carers will have the opportunity to meet their children's new class teachers at our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions (please see the calendar on Pg1 and the letter sent home for details). There will be lots of useful information shared, so please do try to come along.

On Thursday, these sessions will be followed by our Transition to High School presentation for Year 5 and Year 6 parents and carers. This has always proved to be a very useful and informative evening for families, particularly as you begin to think ahead to the next stage of your child's education.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing many of you at Education Sunday on Sunday morning.

*Happy Birthday*

Francesca T, Emma AS,  
Oscar D, Olha H,  
Dominic P, Connie T,  
Lyla McC, Lucas PN,  
Ella R.

## **Letters Home:**

Meet the Teacher sessions—YrR-Yr6  
Transition to High School meeting—  
Yr5/Yr6

***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)*

# Keeping safe at SJF

As we start a new term and also welcome some new faces to our school family, it is a good opportunity to remind everyone about **ALLERGY AWARENESS AT SJF** - and the community responsibility we all have keep everyone safe.

## **Nut Free school:**

SJF is a strictly **nut-free environment**. To ensure the safety and well-being of all our pupils, staff and visitors, especially those with severe, life-threatening nut allergies, we ask that no nuts or products containing nuts (including hazelnut spreads, certain cereal bars, and snacks labelled as "may contain nuts") are brought into school. This applies to both packed lunches and daily snacks.

We appreciate your vigilance and co-operation in helping us keep all of our children safe.

## **Asthma awareness:**

A number of children have a diagnosis of asthma. If your GP/hospital have prescribed your child with an relief inhaler (generally blue in colour) they **MUST** have an IN DATE prescribed inhaler and an asthma plan that are kept in school. All parents/carers of pupils diagnosed with asthma are also asked to sign a consent form for school to be able to administer spare 'school inhalers' (provided by Wandsworth and Merton CCGs) in case of emergency.

## **Allergies and anaphylaxis:**

If you child has a medically diagnosed allergy and requires a special diet to eliminate certain foods, you **MUST** keep school and our catering firm, Cater-link, updated with the required documentation (including an annual updated Healthcare Plan). Every child that has been prescribed an EpiPen should have **TWO of the correct dose EpiPens in school**. This is essential should a second dose of adrenaline needs to be administered.

If you encounter any issues with your GP prescribing TWO EpiPens for school as well as TWO pens for home, our school nurse, Pearl Buady, can be contacted via [clcht.SchoolNursingMerton@nhs.net](mailto:clcht.SchoolNursingMerton@nhs.net) and will be able to support you.

All parents/carers of pupils diagnosed with an allergy that requires an EpiPen are also asked to sign a consent form for school to be able to administer spare 'school EpiPens' (provided by Wandsworth and Merton CCGs) in case of emergency.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that all pupils are kept safe at SJF.



# PTFA *committee*

*Hello!*

We are 4 mums  
balancing work, kids and  
life with 9 kids split  
between us, all at SJF  
school. And now we've  
taken on the challenge  
of the PTFA!

We share a deep  
passion to make our  
school the best in  
Merton and to create an  
incredible environment  
for all the children at SJF!



*What we would love to achieve with YOUR help:*

1. Enrich children's lives
2. Strengthen Community spirit
3. Support School maintainance
4. And do all of this while having fun

**If you can help in any way, please  
join our WhatsApp group**

**WhatsApp group link**

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**PTFA**

Parent, Teacher,  
Friends Association

# EVENTS

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# SCHEDULE

**FRI 16 OCT**

AUTUMN DISCO

**THUR 22 OCT**

BREAK THE RULES DAY

**FRI 6 NOV**

QUIZ NIGHT - ONE FOR THE ADULTS

**SAT 28 NOV**

CHRISTMAS FAIR

**TUE 8 DEC**

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING



## Car Park Safety Reminder

A gentle reminder that, for everyone's safety, **scooters and bicycles must not be ridden in the school car park at any time.** Vehicles may be moving in and out of the car park, and this can create a significant safety risk. This applies to **all pupils, parents, carers, and children who do not attend St John Fisher.**

Please ensure that bikes and scooters are **walked through the car park** and only ridden once safely outside the school grounds.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe.



Lunchtimes have seen a few changes this week!!

The children are really enjoying the new arrangements with one Yr5 pupil giving it a 5-star review calling it '*fine dining*' !!



Our reception children have made such a positive start to their life with us at SJF. They have been learning new routines and making new friends and playing together.



# OPAL Updates

It has been another fun-filled week of OPAL play, with lots of creativity, teamwork and happy children across the playground!

Our **brand-new mud kitchen** was introduced this week, with the children learning how to use and enjoy it safely during Monday's Play Assembly. It has already been a very popular addition!

**Back by popular demand!**  
Table tennis has returned for our Year 6 children and has been a big hit this week.



## SJF RESTAURANT

We have also captured some lovely photos of our **SJF Restaurant** in action, now looking even smarter with our **new tablecloths**. It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying our new lunchtime set-up together.



## A Little Reminder for Parents

As the weather becomes wetter, we would really appreciate your help in making sure children are ready to enjoy OPAL play comfortably in all conditions.

If possible, please send in wellies, waterproofs, a change of shoes and a spare change of clothes for those extra muddy days. We also ask that **every child brings a coat to school each day**, so they can continue to enjoy outdoor play whatever the weather brings.



## SHOUT OUT

**Agnes, Aibhlinn and Karolina**  
in Year 3.

