



Headlines



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

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Week Beginning – 15th Sept

Sunday 14th

Education Sunday Mass at SJF Parish Church
9:30am (see letter sent home last week for more details)

Monday 15th

School Tour 9:45am—for prospective families

Tuesday 16th

YrR Meet the Teacher 6:15pm

Wednesday 17th

Governors Day and
Full Local Governing Body Meeting

Thursday 18th

Friday 19th

Letters Home:

Wellbeing Webinars—YrN/YrR (x1) and
whole school (x1)

Flu Vaccine—YrR-Yr6

Bookfest Trip—Yr6

I would like to say a big thank you to the huge numbers of parents and carers who took time to attend the 'Meet the Teacher' evenings across the course of this week.

Whilst I appreciate that some of the information shared is familiar from that in previous years, I know that the most valued part of these sessions is to be able to meet the teachers that your children will be working with this year and visit the classrooms where the magic happens!

During the meetings, I talked to all parents and carers about our 'SJF Resource Support Fund'.

As outlined in the meetings, this fund is an essential source of income for the school to be able to purchase the day-to-day consumables to support learning. From exercise books to pens, pencils, rulers and more, the rising costs of these items offset against the real time decrease in school funding, means that it is crucial that we seek all the support and help that we are able to.

Please take time to read the information on page 3, visit the website and consider what you may be able to contribute.

As you will also be aware from the letter sent last week, this coming Sunday we look forward to welcoming all of our families to St. John Fisher Parish Church for Education Sunday Mass (9:30am). Just a reminder that children should wear full school uniform and will be encouraged to sit together in the front pews of the church. This is a wonderful way to come together as a community to start the school year and I look forward to seeing you all there on Sunday.

Enjoy a wonderful weekend everyone.

Having spoken to parents and carers about the information in Headlines (4th July 2025) school would like to revise the information regarding air tags.

We understand and fully support that some parents and carers would prefer not to give their children a smart phone but as children begin to walk to and from school on their own they would like to be able to ensure they have arrived safely to school or are on their way home. Therefore, we will allow 'tags' to be used in school bags but this is **only** for pupils who are making their own way to or from school.

The guidance in regards to smart devices including watches, remains the same and children should NOT be wearing or bringing these devices in to school. A Fitbit or step tracker can be worn but any devices that can connect to the internet and receive or send notifications/messages is not appropriate for school. If a pupil is found to be wearing one, it will be confiscated and their parent/carers will be contacted to come to school to collect it.

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

PTFA DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



2025/26



COFFEE MORNING

FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER



AUTUMN DISCOS

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER



QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

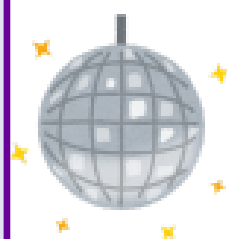


CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

LOOK OUT FOR A GARDEN TIDY-UP DAY TOO!

AND DON'T FORGET 2026....



SPRING DISCOS

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH



SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 4TH JULY



SJF Resources Support Fund

What is the SJF Resources Support Fund?

The SJF Resources Support Fund is to help provide additional income for our school from parents and carers, alumni, friends from the community and further afield. This funding stream is directed at core educational school costs. It is distinct from PTFA fundraising, which is directed strictly towards additional enrichment, equipment and specific capital projects.

School budgets are being increasingly squeezed. Funding for St John Fisher Catholic Primary School has fallen in real terms again this year. Over the past few years, the financial support from the Department for Education has not kept up with the rising costs of running our school.

How can I make a contribution?

- Monthly standing order via your bank account
Beneficiary name: St. John Fisher School Governors' Fund
Bank: The Co-operative Bank
Sort Code: 08-92-99
Account Number: 67399657
- A one-off payment via your bank (payment details above)
- Via Arbor (NEW: the Arbor shop will contain different amounts that you can select to *purchase* and in doing so make a contribution to the fund. Details of this will be released by the end of next week.

Don't forget if you are a UK tax payer to complete a gift aid form on-line and BOOST your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. You can access the form on our school website sjf-resources-support-fund and scroll to the bottom of the page for the GIFT AID LINK.

To see more details of how the funds were allocated in the last year please click the link above.

Thank you all in advance for your generosity and support in ensuring that we can continue to provide all that is necessary to deliver the best standards of education.

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 14th September 2025



Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven - that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved."

Adapted from John 3:13-17
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

We would like to share the following information recently published by the Government:

[Prime Minister's letter to parents and carers on Best Start in Life – The Education Hub.](#)

Please also note that the website below replaces the Child-care Choices website as the main source of information for early education and childcare support. Please take a look.

[Homepage | Best Start in Life.](#)

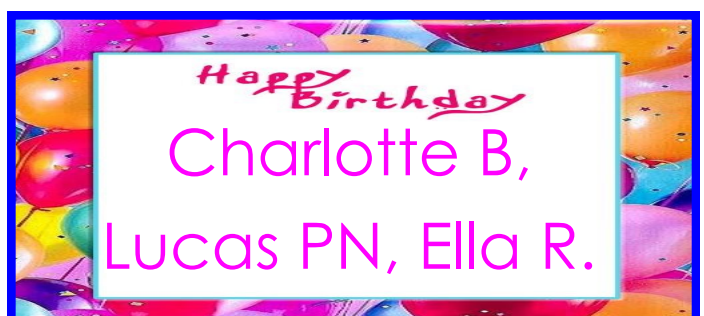
FLU VACCINE 2025

YrR-Yr6 Please you ensure that you have read the letter sent home on 10th September which gives information regarding the flu vaccine immunisation program.

All parents / carers must use the link in the letter (and given below) to **register or withdraw** your consent.

[Flu Vaccine - CONSENT OR NON-CONSENT](#)

Caterlink
[Click HERE for menu](#)





Our Reception pupils have enjoyed their first full week at SJF.

They went on their own 'school tour' visiting the office, the woodland garden and seeing where Ms Kenna works.

Sing and Sign

Baby signing the fun way!

Local classes in Carshalton, Cheam & Lower Morden

Help your baby to communicate *before* speech, with our award winning music programme

SPECIAL £10 DISCOUNT
Use code: **SJF10**

Boost your baby's speech and language development

Make friends with local mums and babies

Build confidence and self-esteem

Reduce frustrations - for parents and babies!

Understand your baby's needs

Fun filled sessions

Free online resources

With classes suitable from birth to 2.5 years, why not get in touch to find your nearest class?

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For more information on Sing and Sign classes near you, scan this QR code!

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Do you have a baby between 0-24 months?

Would you like to learn a new skill that could help your little one to communicate before they can speak?

Would you like to meet other local, like-minded families with little ones of a similar age?

♪ Sing and Sign is a unique music programme for babies and toddlers that was created alongside a speech and language therapist to help enhance your little one's early communication skills through baby signing. There are three age-appropriate classes that cover a range of helpful topics: from bath time and bedtime, to animals, food, weather and so much more - all helping to unlock your little one's worlds and help you to better understand their needs and interests.

Classes are taught by one of our Year 3 mums, with 16 years teaching experience in primary education. Nearest classes are on Dudley Drive, Morden on Friday mornings but others available in Cheam and Carshalton. Autumn term starts NEXT week.

If your little ones are older now, please share the word with other local families.

Special £10 discount offered to all SJF families.

Please message for more information (see adjacent poster for further details).