



Headlines



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

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Week Beginning – 17th March

FIRST AID WEEK

Monday 17th

Yr6 Workshare Weekend Books must be returned

Tuesday 18th

St Francis Class Collective Worship 9am (*parents and carers of pupils in 2STF are welcome to attend*)

Wednesday 19th

Yr6 Parents Evening appointments

Thursday 20th

Yr6 Parents Evening appointments

Friday 21st

Yr2 Mass (pupils and staff only)

PTFA Pre-loved Uniform Sale—2:30pm

With the season of Lent well underway, I hope that everyone is doing well with keeping their 'Lenten promises' - whether that be giving up sweet treats or making their bed every morning!

On Tuesday this week, St. Nicholas led a brilliant class collective worship reminding us more about the importance of the three pillars of Lent — Sacrifice, Almsgiving and Prayer.

With their clear and confident presentation and the wonderful singing, they certainly gave us a good reason to remember why this season of the church year is such an important one.

Whilst many of us may have been shivering in this week's return to chillier temperatures after last weekend's Spring sunshine, one area of the schools that is flourishing is our new installed 'green wall'.

As you can see from the picture on Page 5, the plants have grown significantly in the weeks since the wall was installed, and many children have been enjoying observing and noting changes and growth—with their eyes—not their fingers!

Let's hope that the coming week sees a return to sunnier days helping us all to 'grow'.

Enjoy a great weekend everyone.

Following the recent Parent Governor nominations we would like to congratulate Mrs Lim and Mrs McCann who have both been appointed to the Local Governing Body and thank them both for their support and commitment to SJF.

Letters Home:

Good Friday Service—KS2

SMSC Easter Holiday Camp—Whole School

Parent Governor Appointments—Whole School

School

Happy Birthday

Noah L-K-T, Leo B, Darcey Mae B, Elijah C, Ezra F, Olivia F, Mykhailo M, Dmytro M, Samuel IZ.

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

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 16th March 2025



Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the appearance of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing over (his death, his resurrection and his ascension) which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw Jesus' glory and the two men standing with him. As Moses and Elijah were leaving, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." As he spoke, a cloud overshadowed them; and the disciples were afraid. Then a voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him".

*Adapted from Luke 9:28-36
The 2nd Sunday of Lent, 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.



Last half term Year 5 took to the floor when performing to "Shosholoza" a traditional miner's song, originally sung by groups of men from the Ndebele ethnic group that travelled by steam train from their homes in Zimbabwe to work in South Africa's diamond and gold mines.

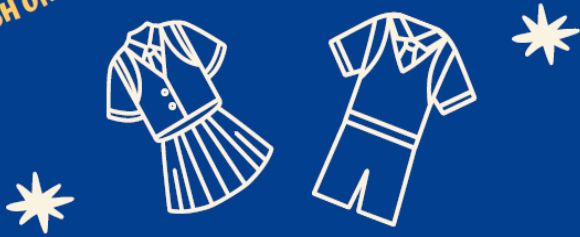
Practice really did make perfect with great performances by both classes!

Yr3



In our history lesson, we've been learning about the interesting ancient method of mummification! The theory part was really exciting, as we discovered how people in the past believed and cared for their dead. The best part was when we got to be mummifiers ourselves! It was tricky to wrap our "mummies" just right, but that made it even more fun. We laughed and worked together as we tried our best to copy the ancient way. History has never been this fun and hands-on, and we can't wait to learn more!

CASH ONLY!



SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE

Friday 21st March
From 3pm

We will be collecting uniforms that no longer fit your children at drop off on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st March.

Please ensure donations are clean and in good condition.



On Tuesday, St Nicholas Class presented their collective worship which was all about Lent. We told the story of Jesus going out into the wilderness for 40 day and 40 nights so that he could focus on the important job he had to do and to be closer to God. We also explained how he resisted temptation while he was there and how this story links to the 3 main things we do during Lent today: Praying; Fasting; Alms-giving. We really enjoyed taking part in our collective worship in front of the school and our families - it's been great to hear people still singing our songs during the week! We set the SJF Community a Lenten challenge: **What will you do for others and to grow closer to God during Lent?**

<https://www.cathchild.org.uk/>



Lent Appeal 2025

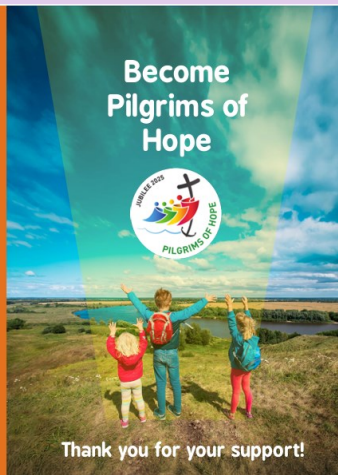
This year our school is supporting the Catholic Children's Society Lent Appeal



All the money raised will go to local disadvantaged children and their families

Registered Charity No. 210920

Become Pilgrims of Hope



Thank you for your support!

This Lent we are supporting The **Catholic Children's Society** Lent Appeal. As this is the Jubilee Year, every child in the school will become **Pilgrims of Hope** by taking part in a sponsored walk. As a collective effort, we aim to walk 1083 miles - this is the number of walking miles starting from our school and ending at the Holy Door in the Vatican! During our walking we will visit St John Fisher Church to pray. Look out on the Google Classrooms for details of when each class will walk and how you can help by sponsoring your child.

ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

SPRING MAKEOVER DAY

SUNDAY 27 APRIL
10AM-3PM

JOIN US! HELP BY PAINTING, FIXING, GARDENING AND LOTS, LOTS MORE!

BRING A PICNIC TO ENJOY AFTERWARDS!

Everyone welcome.
Our children. Our school. Our Community.

BUILD BETTER LEARNING

W/C 3rd March 2025

These pupils have enjoyed and promoted 'reading for pleasure' with other pupils.

St Scholastica - Alexander

St Aidan - Leona D

St Ninian - Clara

St Teresa - Robin

St James - Adira k

St Osmund - Liam

St Hugh - Oliver

St Nicholas - Gabriela FE

St Francis - Ethan

St Ignatius - Freddie

St Susanna - Benny

St Helena - Sinit D

St Elizabeth - Sadie L

St Rose - Daniel

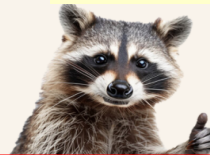
Nursery - Freddy

Attendance w/c 3rd March 2025

Class	Week commencing 03/03/25	Week commencing 24/02/25
St Elizabeth	99.20	92.70
St Rose	97.00	95.60
St Helena	95.90	97.80
St Susanna	100.00	99.70
St Francis	97.70	100.00
St Ignatius	98.60	91.30
St Hugh	97.50	98.90
St Nicholas	98.45	97.60
St James	96.90	98.10
St Osmund	96.20	94.50
St Ninian	98.50	97.00
St Teresa	97.10	97.00
St Aidan	93.00	96.70
St Scholastica	97.10	97.50
Overall	97.52%	96.74%

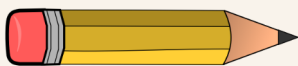
Responsibility Raccoon

**Sofia C
St James**



Big Pencil

**Florence
St Hugh**



Attendance Alligator

St Susanna - 100%!



Manners Mole

**Elena
St Osmund**



Punctuality Panda

St Ignatius





Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

PROMOTING SIBLING HARMONY

This webinar provides parents with evidence based tools and ideas for supporting and strengthening sibling relationships at home.

Managing sibling relationships can be challenging. In this webinar, we will explore a range of ways to:

- foster positive sibling relationships
- manage everyday conflict, and
- encourage cooperative play

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service is offering lunchtime and evening parent Webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health.

You can sign up to any of their free webinars by copying this URL: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/primary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-682309?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

If you are interested in 1:1 parent sessions with our friendly in-school NHS Wellbeing Practitioners to help your child's worries or anxieties, or support their challenging or tricky behaviour, you can pick up an application form from reception or speak to a member of staff.


DATE / TIME

Monday 17th March 7:30-8:30 pm
Wednesday 19th March 1:00-2:00 pm

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite (and check out our other!) by scanning the QR Code or following the link below:



[Click here to book](#)

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

Our recently installed 'green wall' is flourishing! We are really enjoying watch the different plants change as they grow; creating a spectacular 'carpet' of life to brighten up a dull brick wall.

With more Spring sun and showers still to come we can't wait to see how it continues to change with the seasons.



This week Reception have begun 'Travelling the Globe!'. We have been focusing on learning about countries in Europe. The children have enjoyed learning about France, Germany and Poland. Many thanks to Mila's dad, Hazel's mum and our very own Mrs Modzelewska for sharing their knowledge and experiences.