

# Headlines



# St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Autumn Term 2025/26 www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk

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## Week Beginning - 17th November

### **Monday 17th**

PTFA Christmas Fair Planning Meeting 8pm - ONLINE (please see below)

## **Tuesday 18th**

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

Yr1 Phonics and Phonics Screening Check Information Session—Online 6pm

### Wednesday 19th

Yr4 Into Film Festival Trip

### **Thursday 20th**

Coffee Morning 9am 'Supporting Sibling Rivalry' - all welcome to attend

Yr5 RAH rehearsals at West Wimbledon School Yr1/Yr2 Florence Nightingale Workshop

## Friday 21st

Yr5/Yr6 Hockey Borough Championships

This week children across the school have taken part in activities to mark Anti Bullying week. This year's theme was 'Power for Good' which focussed on encouraging everyone to use their power to make a positive difference and combat bullying. Activities throughout the week encouraged pupils to identify and use their unique "powers," such as courage, kindness, and inclusion.

These powers of courage and kindness were also a theme during our Remembrance day tribute when as a whole school we gave thanks and prayers to those that have stood up to bullies and wrongdoing on a much wider scale.

As you will see from Pg3 we launched the SJF Community Christmas Campaign. Following the success of last years campaign we will again be 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.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

## **Letters Home:**

Christmas Appeal—Whole School Florence Nightingale Workshop—Yr1/Yr2

# Christmas Fair Planning Meeting Monday 17th November 8pm

Please join our Christmas Fair Planning <u>online</u> meeting on Monday 17th November at 8pm to share your ideas on how to make the day a success! Everyone is welcome! Meeting link; <a href="https://meet.google.com/gav-zopq-sdq">https://meet.google.com/gav-zopq-sdq</a>



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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

# BUILD: FITTER LEARNING





# SJF Community Christmas Campaign 2025

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

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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. 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. See Pg5 for ideas.

DEADLINE TO SCHOOL—12TH 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 Arbor 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.

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3. Children's Hospital Pyjamas

Donate a pair of new pyjamas (age newborn - 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.

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# Vaccination Community Clinics

If your child still needs their fluvaccine the catch-up clinics are detailed here:

- These are walk in clinics for pupils in Sutton & Merton schools for Reception to year 11 and home educated children living in Sutton/Merton borough.
- No appointment needed, there may be a bit of waiting, depending on how busy the clinic is.
- Parents can consent on the day

NHS

South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service

# Missed the flu vaccine?

Do you have a child who lives in or attends school in Merton? Aged 4-16?

Come along to a flu clinic and protect your child!

NO appointment required.

Saturday 22 November, 10:00 - 14:00 New Horizon Centre, CR4 1LT

Wednesday 3 December, 14:30 - 18:00 St Saviours Church, SW20 9DL

Saturday 6 December, 10:00 - 14:00 5<sup>th</sup> Sutton Scout Hall, SM1 4JN

Call 020 3903 3371 / 3373 for more information!



September 25





# St John Fisher PTFA have made it into the Tesco Stronger Start Vote!

We are thrilled to be in with a chance of winning up £1500 to continue our Playground renovations including our much-loved Footprint Trail!

But we need YOUR help... please put in your tokens!!!



October 2025 until January 2026

Tokens valid instore at; New Malden Extra, Wimbledon Centre Court Express, South Wimbledon Express, Colliers Wood Express, Streatham Road Mitcham Express, Wimbledon Hill Express, Wimbledon Chase Express, Wimbledon Morden Road Express, Tooting Express























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 girls 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

Don't forget to include a Christmas card or note with a message. This is one of the most important ways that we can show the elderly of our parish that we care.







ST JOHN FISHER PTFA PRESENT OUR

# CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

# SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND WIN AMAZING PRIZES!

FABULOUS PRIZES FROM: THE RITZ, LONDON ZOO,
NUFFIELD WIMBLEDON, TOWER BRIDGE,
DIPTYQUE, RHS WISLEY, HOTEL CHOCOLAT,
STRONG PILATES, AND MANY MANY MORE...

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

TICKET SALES END FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER AT 12NOON

# **Christmas Raffle**

https://raffaly.com/raffles/enter-to-a-win-st-john-fisherptfa-christmas-raffle-2025

## **STAY AND PLAY - Nursery and Reception Places**

Will your child be 4 years old in September 2026? Are you looking for a Reception place?

OR

No. 15 years abild turning 2 from January 20262. Are you looking for a Nurreary place?

Is your child turning 3 from January 2026? Are you looking for a Nursery place?

We will be holding a Stay and Play Open Morning on SATURDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2025 10.15am-11.15am

for parents and children looking for either a Nursery or Reception place (both current and for 2026).

If you would like to come along and see our wonderful school please complete the google form linked below to book a place for you and your child: **Stay and Play - CLICK HERE** 

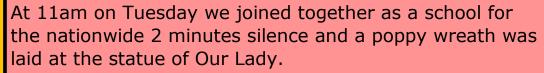
We look forward to seeing you on the 22nd November!







Once again this year our Garden of Remembrance, which can be seen at front of the school, is a poignant reminder of those that have given so much for the sake of others. These tributes have become a tradition enjoyed by the local community and The Royal British Legion have published photos of it in their newsletter.





Year 6 enjoyed a VIP cinema visit this week as part of the 'Into Film Festival' to watch Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo.

They had the entire cinema to themselves and enjoyed luxury seats for the private viewing of a great film (which is also an amazing book).









# THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 16th November 2025



When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: they will all have been knocked down." And they put to

him this question: "Master," they said, "when will this happen then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?" "Take care not to be deceived," he said, "because many will come using my name and saying, 'I am he' and 'The time is near at hand'. Refuse to join them." Then he said to them, "When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. There will be wars, earthquakes, plagues and famines here and there; there will be great signs in the heavens. Before all this happens you will be shunned by all people on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives."

Adapted from Luke 21: 5-19 The 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, 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.

The children will be upcycling plastic bottles for a whole school project for next year.



Please cut around the bottom part of a plastic bottle to create a flower shape as shown in the photo.

Children should bring in their plastic flower by 1st December.

# Attendance % week beginning 3rd November

Class	Week commencing 03/11/25	Week commencing 20/10/25
St Rose	98.80	98.80
St Elizabeth	98.30	97.80
St Susanna	95.70	98.10
St Helena	100.00	97.10
St Francis	94.10	99.30
St Ignatius	98.30	98.70
St Nicholas	98.10	98.40
St Hugh	97.20	98.20
St James	94.70	97.60
St Osmund	98.10	99.30
St Teresa	94.10	97.50
St Ninian	99.30	98.70
St Aidan	96.30	97.80
St Scholastica	95.00	96.20
Overall	97.00%	98.11%





# **Nursery Admissions**

Has your child turned 3? Is your child turning 3 this academic year?

St John Fisher Nursery is offering places to 3 year olds throughout the year.

Child Turns 3	Can Start St John Fisher Nursery	
1st September - 31st December 2025	January 2026	
1st January - 31st March 2026	April 2026	
1st April - 31st August 2026	September 2027	

# Rising 3s

Children who turn 3 years old during term time, and who are eligible, can take up a funded Early Education place the Monday after their 3rd birthday.

Please let your friends and family.
They can contact the school for further information.

As the winter months are now upon us we understand that children will have coughs and colds.



The NHS has information on lots of children's conditions including guidance on when to keep your child at home. You can access this by using the link below:

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

If you do keep your child at home it is essential that you let school know in the morning by either emailing <a href="mailto:admin.officer@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk">admin.officer@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk</a> or calling 020 8540 2637.

Year 2 had a truly wonderful time on our 'Christmas Journey' this week. Our favourite parts included having bread from Mary and listening to the animal stories in the manger.

