



Headlines



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

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Week Beginning – 19th October

Monday 19th

Yr1—Yr6 Workshare weekend book **must** be returned to school

Tuesday 20th

Yr2—Bookfest Trip

Wednesday 21st

Yr5—Bookfest Trip

YrR-Yr6 Guardian Consultations 4pm-6.30pm

Thursday 22nd

Yr6—Bookfest Trip

'Break the Rules Day'

YrR-Yr6 Guardian Consultations 5pm-7.30pm

Friday 23th

INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

Children in Yr1—Yr6 have brought their books home this week-end to share their learning with you in advance of the forthcoming parent/teacher meetings in the coming weeks. Please take some time to look through these with your child and celebrate their learning together. We would really appreciate your feedback using the links provided in the letter this week. Please remember that all books **MUST** be returned on Monday so that children can continue their learning. The office will contact parents and carers if books have not been returned to ask you to bring them in.

Attendance has been particularly low this week, which can sometimes happen as we approach the colder months. However, please remember that children can still attend school with a minor cough, cold or stuffy nose, provided they do not have a high temperature. Please see page 4 for further guidance and information from the NHS.

Finally, we are looking forward to seeing lots of our children at the PTFA discos this evening! Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for organising these events and helping to bring our school community together for the first event of the school year.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Letters Home:

Reception Applications— YrN (E4)

Wellbeing Movement classes—Whole school

Children's Flu Webinar—Whole school

PHSE & RSHE Updates—Whole school

Workshare Weekend & Discussions—Yr1—Yr6

Your Voice Matters (SEND) - Whole school

Happy Birthday

Naevia D, Axel L,

Ted V, Jasper H,

Aleksander P,

Beatriz A.

Caterlink

Click **[here](#)** for menu

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***

TISSUE APPEAL

As the cold and flu season arrives, our classrooms are seeing a lot more coughs and sniffles.

We would be incredibly grateful for donations of boxes of tissues. If you are able to help, please drop them off at the school office.

Thank you for your continued generosity in keeping our classrooms clean, healthy, and ready for learning.

🎄 Christmas Artwork – Parent Orders 🎄

Please check your child's school bag for their Christmas artwork order card, which includes a preview of their very own festive design!

Parents and carers can order a range of personalised Christmas gifts and keepsakes featuring their child's artwork, including Christmas cards, snow globes, baubles and more. These make lovely gifts for family and friends while helping to raise funds for our school.

The deadline for placing orders is Friday 30th October. Please make sure you don't miss out!



Fisher Fun Club made posters for Black History Month bringing their learning out of the classroom into their fun times.



✦ BREAK THE RULES DAY! ✦

Thursday 22nd October

£2 to be a Rule Breaker. £5 to be a Rule SMASHER!

Payable on Arbor or on the day

Go Wild! Break as many of THESE rules as you dare today!

NOTE: All uniform other than the below **MUST** still be worn.
All other school rules still apply ie. no jewellery, make-up etc.



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 18th October 2026



The Pharisees devised a plan to trap Jesus. They sent some of their followers who said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are an honest man and teach God's way with honesty. We also know that you are not afraid of anybody: someone's rank means nothing to you. Tell us, then, what you think about this question. Is it right to pay tax to the Emperor Caesar or not?" Knowing what they were up to, Jesus said, "Why do you set this trap for me? Show me the money you pay the tax with." They handed him a coin. He said to them, "Whose head is on this coin, and whose name?" "Caesar's," they replied. "So then," he said to them, "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."

Adapted from Matthew 22:15-21
The 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

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

Attendance week beginning 5th October

Class	Week Commencing 5th Oct	Week Commencing 28th Sept
St Elizabeth	97.90	98.80
St Rose	92.10	98.80
St Helena	92.20	94.40
St Susanna	94.40	98.90
St Francis	99.70	95.70
St Ignatius	98.90	99.60
St Hugh	98.20	98.70
St Nicholas	96.10	100.00
St James	96.30	96.00
St Osmund	96.70	96.10
St Ninian	97.00	98.50
St Teresa	91.80	98.60
St Aidan	99.30	99.30
St Scholastica	94.60	96.10
Overall	96.05%	97.82%

School Attendance

As we move further into the autumn term we would like to remind families that minor coughs, colds and runny noses **do not mean children need to stay at home.**

The NHS advises that children can attend school if they have mild symptoms and are otherwise well, provided they do not have a high temperature.

Regular attendance is so important for children's learning, friendships and routines. If your child has a high temperature or is too unwell to manage the day, they should remain at home. Please take a moment to read the helpful NHS guidance below to help you decide when your child should stay at home:

[Is my child too ill for school?](#)

Attendance Alligator

St Francis



Punctuality Panda

St Teresa



BUILD BETTER LEARNING



OPAL HEADLINES

Week beginning 12th October 2026

Safe play, whatever the weather!

In our play assembly, we revisited how to keep play safe and enjoyable for everyone. We also discussed suitable clothing for outdoor play, including coats, waterproofs and the right footwear.



Our new welly post



Play Rangers

A big welcome to Charles in Year 5, who has joined our Play Rangers. We're delighted to have him on the team!

Digging zone:

Wellies **MUST** be worn whenever children play here.

Field:

Wellies or a change of shoes are only needed when there is a welly on the post.

Weekly shout-outs

Reception: Zuri

Year 1: Grayson and Jack

Year 3: Ethan C and Elijah C

Year 4: Amelie

Year 5: Charlotte, Amira and Charles

Year 6: Amelia and Ethan P

Well done, everyone!

Please ensure clothing and footwear are clearly named.

Our play in pictures

