



# Headlines



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

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## **Week Beginning – 20th October**

### **Monday 20th**

**WORKSHARE WEEKEND BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED**

Yr6 WW2 Workshop

### **Tuesday 21st**

Yr2 Living Things Workshop

### **Wednesday 22nd**

Parents Prayer Group—8:40am (This is the last session so please come along—see pg5)

Yr5/Yr6 Bookfest trip

Yr5/Yr6 Boys Football Open Championships

YrR-Yr6—Parents'/Carers' Evening

### **Thursday 23rd**

PTFA 'Break the Rules' Day—see pg3

### **Friday 24th**

**SCHOOL CLOSED—INSET DAY**

What a busy week at SJF! From workshops and visits, to visitors from our community, it is fantastic to see our broad and rich curriculum being brought to life with 'hands on' experiences.

This weekend children in Years 1-6 will bring home a variety of books to share their learning with you as part of 'Workshare Weekend' and ahead of forthcoming parents/teacher meetings.

This is an opportunity for you to spend time enjoying talking with your child/children about the new learning they have encountered to date this year and what they have really enjoyed.

We hope that you find the questions and prompts suggested useful in guiding this discussion. Please return all books on Monday — ready for a new week of learning.

Enjoy a wonderful weekend everyone.

## **Term Dates 2026/27**

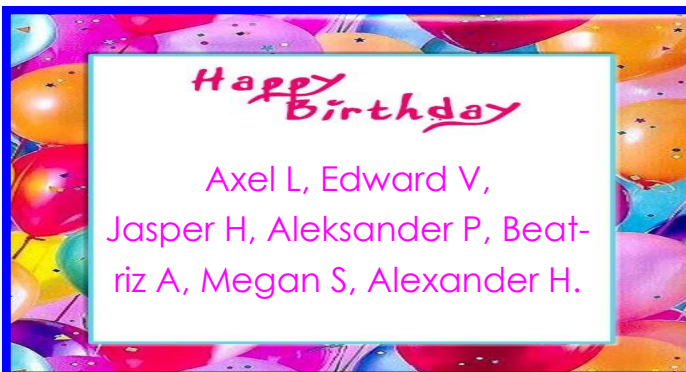
These are now available on the school website.

## **Letters Home:**

Workshare Weekend letter and information—Yr1-Yr6

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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)**

# BUILD BETTER LEARNING

ST JOHN FISHER PRIMARY

## LOVE AWARD

Awarded to:

Maria Tereza 4STO,  
Sophia RSTR, Frances 1STH



Head Teacher

Teacher

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## LEARN AWARD

Awarded to:

Isabel 4STJ,  
Evie W 6STSC, Ward 2STI



Head Teacher

Teacher

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## ACHIEVE AWARD

Awarded to:

Tabitha 3STH,  
Aathmihaa YrN, Luca 6STA



Head Teacher

Teacher

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## POSITIVITY AWARD

Awarded to:

Luan RSTE,  
Clemmie 2STF



Head Teacher

Teacher

Responsibility Raccoon

**Benjamin C**  
**St Ninian**



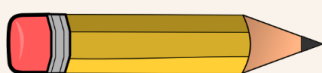
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**Alicia**  
**St Ignatius**



Big Pencil

**Zeffy**  
**St Francis**



**Congratulations**  
**Everyone**

SJF PTFA PRESENTS

# QUIZ NIGHT

**FRI 7 NOV**

**READY TO PLAY?**

**TICKETS £10**  
available on Arbor now!

**DOORS OPEN 7.15PM**  
**QUIZ 7.45PM - LATE**

**TICKET PRICE INCLUDES**  
A PORTION OF CHIPS!  
ALCOHOLIC & SOFT  
DRINKS AVAILABLE.

**SORT YOUR OWN TEAM**  
OF 8-10 OR LET US  
KNOW AND WE'LL SORT  
A TEAM FOR YOU!

## BREAK THE RULES DAY!

Thursday 23rd 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!

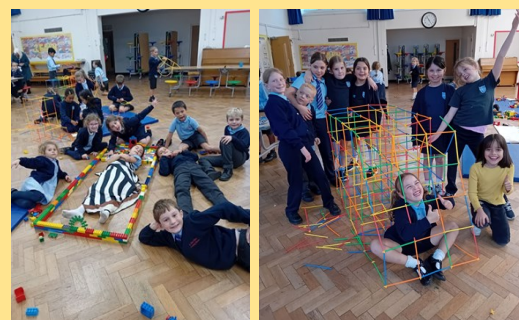
NOTE: All uniform other than the below **MUST** still be worn.  
All other school rules still apply ie. no jewellery, make-up etc.

- Wear Trainers**
- Embellish your laces**
- Nail Varnish**
- Crazy Hair**  
\*No hair colour please\*
- Swap your School Top**  
Even Football shirts allowed!
- Temporary Tattoos**  
\*Not on faces please\*
- Hats or Hairbands**
- Krispy Kreme Doughnuts** will be available after school in the playground  
\*Cash & Card\*



Children in Fisher Fun Club have been learning about Black History Month whilst getting creative and having fun.

They drew around each others feet as a representation of *standing firm in pride and power*, replicated ironing boards (Sarah Boone), folding beds (Sarah Goode) and even a school bus (Rosa Parks).



**Rosa Parks**

"You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right."

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Black History Month

**Garrett Morgan**



**Sarah Boone**  
INVENTOR



**Sarah Goode**

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

READ

#FACTS

**CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS  
COMING SOON!**

THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN BUSY CREATING THEIR BEAUTIFUL DESIGNS. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE OUT NEXT WEEK ON HOW TO BUY, BUT HERE'S A SNEAK PEEK OF WHAT IS ON OFFER THIS YEAR!



**Class**  
**Handwriting**

Merton Council Raynes Park Library

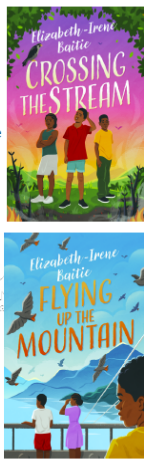
**AUTHOR SPECIAL EVENT**  
**Elizabeth-Irene Baitie**  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
13:00 - 14:00



Elizabeth-Irene Baitie is an award-winning children's and young adult author from Ghana. Her stories, set against vibrant Ghanaian backdrops, explore universal themes of courage, friendship, resilience, and identity. Through beloved books such as *Crossing the Stream* and *Flying Up the Mountain*, she has inspired readers across Africa, the UK, the US, and beyond. Her books have won international recognition, including the Macmillan Writers' Prize for Africa, the Burt Award for African Young Adult Literature, and the Children's Africana Book Award.

In this workshop, Elizabeth-Irene invites 7-12 year olds to come to create a shield of Courage including a time I was brave, someone who inspires me, a fear I want to overcome and my courage word, after hearing the inspiring tales of Ato and his friend in the books *Crossing the Stream* and *Flying up the Mountain*. Black History Month is all about celebrating these shields of courage and celebrating the people who bravely stood up against injustice and oppression in their day to day lives

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**FREE** Event with Elizabeth Irene

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### Year 4 had a rap-tastic time at Wimbledon Bookfest!

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, Year 4 went to the New Wimbledon Theatre to meet MC Grammar and hear about his book *The Adventures of Rap Kid!*

We had a great time singing lots of fun songs, dancing and rapping rhyming picture books to well-known tunes. We even had a sing-off against the adults!

We really enjoyed our afternoon with MC Grammar and are excited to have our own copies of the book. Everyone should read it!



The Reception children used their police training skills to good use today as they had to hunt all around the school for clues and interviewing staff, to work out what happened in their classrooms! They were fabulous detectives and by working together and thinking about all the clues they had found, they were able to work out that a builder had been working on the roof and had left a big mess!





**Parent Prayer Group**

Those parents and carers who were able to join Mrs Davis on Wednesday have said that it was lovely to have that short time of reflection and prayer in the morning. We hope that others will be able to join the final session this week for 15mins on Wednesday at 8:40am. Please come to the office to be taken to the prayer room.

| Attendance %<br>week beginning 6th October |                             |                             |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Class                                      | Week commencing<br>06/10/25 | Week commencing<br>29/09/25 |
| St Rose                                    | 99.40                       | 99.40                       |
| St Elizabeth                               | 98.30                       | 99.40                       |
| St Susanna                                 | <b>100.00</b>               | 96.50                       |
| St Helena                                  | 95.80                       | 98.50                       |
| St Francis                                 | <b>100.00</b>               | 98.90                       |
| St Ignatius                                | 99.30                       | <b>99.70</b>                |
| St Nicholas                                | 99.40                       | 99.70                       |
| St Hugh                                    | 96.60                       | 98.90                       |
| St James                                   | 99.00                       | 95.30                       |
| St Osmund                                  | 98.50                       | 98.10                       |
| St Teresa                                  | 98.50                       | 95.60                       |
| St Ninian                                  | 98.30                       | 98.60                       |
| St Aidan                                   | 97.80                       | 97.80                       |
| St Scholastica                             | 97.50                       | 96.80                       |
| <b>Overall</b>                             | <b>98.47%</b>               | <b>98.08%</b>               |

**Wednesday**  
**15<sup>th</sup> October**

**Good News for Families**  
**TOGETHER TIME**

**1** **Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel**

Jesus wanted to teach his disciples that they should always pray and never give up. So he told them a story. Jesus said, "There was a judge in a certain town who had neither fear of God nor respect for any other person. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, 'I want justice from you against my enemy!' For a long time the judge refused, but at last he said to himself, 'Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for any other person, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will continue coming and worry me to death.'" Then Jesus said, "If even the unjust judge eventually helped this woman who didn't give up, then how much more will God, who is good, help those who pray to him every day."

From the Gospel of Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October Cf. Luke 18:1-8. (The 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **PRAYER**.

## **Year 4 get sustainable!**

On Tuesday Year 4 took part in a fun workshop led by 2 scientists, Renee from Science Owl and her friend Coco. They told us how many plastic toys are thrown away every year - enough to fill 1000 schools! - and how much CO2 is produced when toys are made. We all agreed that it is much better for the environment to reuse and recycle toys than to just keep throwing them away. We were put into teams and given a challenge to design and make something new using broken toys and some other scraps. At the end we got to stand up and share our new creations with everyone - this was the best bit because we got to see what everyone had come up with. This was a really interesting science workshop about sustainability!



In Reception classes this week we have been thinking and learning about the different people who help us in our community. Thank you to Mr Power, Noreen, Mrs Sit and Sophie who came in and talked to the children about their special jobs. Thank you!

