



Headlines



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

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Week Beginning – 2nd Nov

Inclusion Meetings all week

Monday 2nd

School reopens for all pupils
YrR-Yr6—Nasal Flu Vaccination

Tuesday 3rd

YrR—Early Reading Online Information Session 6pm

Wednesday 4th

Thursday 5th

Yr5/Yr6 Athletics Trials - 8am

Friday 6th

Remembrance Mass 9am (pupils only)
Yr5/Yr6 Football Borough Championships

As we reach the end of another busy half term, I would like to thank all parents and carers who have attended parent/teacher meeting this week. A successful partnership between home and school is one of the key ingredients of enabling our pupils to thrive, and we are grateful for the high level of engagement and support. It is always valuable to share how the children are getting on and to work together to support their learning. If you were unable to attend your appointment, please contact the school office to arrange an alternative time to meet with your child's teacher.

It was wonderful to see so many creative and imaginative ways of breaking the rules on Thursday's 'Break the Rules Day'. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to express themselves in a variety of ways—many of them high colourful!

As you will see on Pg3 there is an upcoming opportunity for the adults to enjoy themselves as well as the PTFA Quiz Night on 6th November. These evenings are great fun so please do come along.

This week we have also enjoyed some exciting experiences beyond the classroom, with visits to Bookfest and the Children's Parliament at Merton Civic Centre.

As the weather has demonstrated this week, conditions can change very quickly, and we want to ensure that the children are warm and comfortable when outdoors so as a minimum all children must bring a coat to school every day. They can also bring their wet weather clothes which can remain in school.

Looking ahead to our return, please be aware that planned maintenance work will be taking place on our IT services after half term, which may result in some changes to our usual communication channels. If necessary further information will be sent out, so please keep an eye out for these updates.

Finally, a reminder that the flu vaccinations for children in Reception to Year 6 will take place on the first day back, so please ensure you have completed any necessary consent forms.

Wishing you all a lovely half-term break!

**NEW CATERLINK
MENU FOR
AUTUMN / WINTER**
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Letters Home

Living Things—Yr2
Start of Day—YrR
Christmas Journey—Yr2
Flu Vaccine—YrR-Yr6
Phonics Screening Information Session—Yr1
Expression of Interest (2Yr Old Offer) - Whole school

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



Year 5 VOTs were invited to Children's Parliament Day at Merton Civic Centre this week.

They took part in discussions with other Merton schools identifying current issues in the borough, how we could help and deciding the focus for the year.

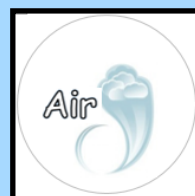
It was great to hear about all the great work each school was doing to help their community.



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Congratulations to **WATER HOUSE** for being the first House point winners for 2026/27. Children in **WATER HOUSE** will be rewarded with a winners treat after half term.



Yr2 had a brilliant time at Bookfest meeting the authors of 'Adventure Mice', Phillip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre.

The children got to be illustrators too by drawing their own mouse character.

Thank you to the parents and carers who came with us.



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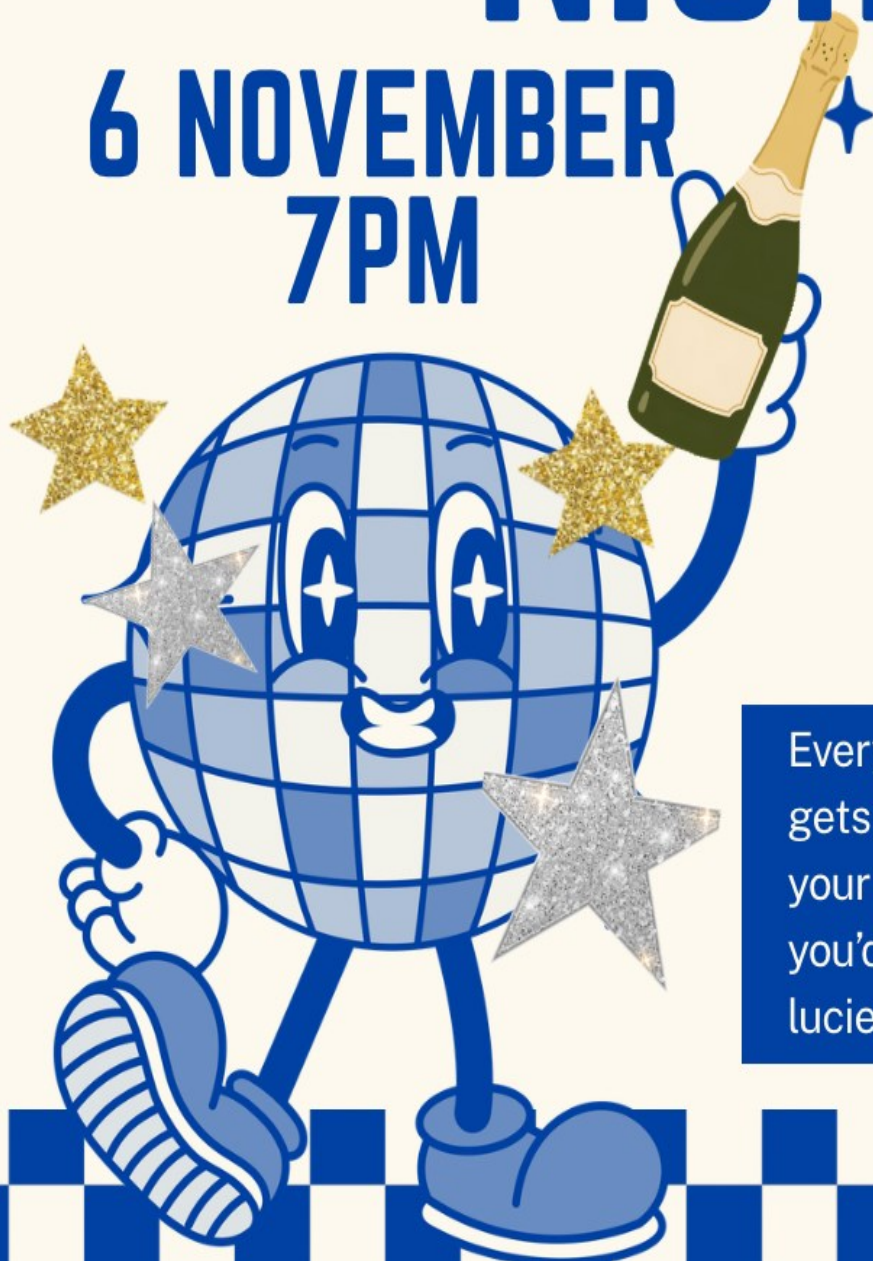
QUIZ

==> NIGHT <==

6 NOVEMBER
7PM

TICKETS INCLUDE:
HOT CHIPS
POPCORN
CASH BAR
BRAGGING RIGHTS

Every class to create a team of 8
gets a FREE bottle of Prosecco for
your table! Email your team (or if
you'd like to be added to a team) to
lucie@st-johnfisherpta.org



Happy Birthday

Rafe K, Ethan C, Tegan K, Ethan R,
Jack D, Kyle H, Katrina S, Benny A,
Jemima A, Jovan A, Evie K, Sofia C,
Hugh L, Elisha M, Noah G,
Frances M, Arnika S.



On Tuesday, RISE Theatre visited our school for an exciting, interactive treasure hunt adventure to help build on our daily work with Catholic Social Teaching!

Since we already know these principles so well through our CAFOD mascot friends, **Treasure Within** was a brilliant chance to celebrate those values in a brand-new way. Through catchy songs, lively drama, and inspiring storytelling, the performance put our CST learning right into action.

Together, we went on a quest to discover all **7 Treasures** hidden inside each of us:

- **Human Dignity** – Knowing that everyone is special, unique, and loved by God. **Luc the Deer**
- **Community & Participation** – Building a welcoming place where everyone belongs and gets involved. **Patariki the Penguin**
- **Rights & Responsibilities / Subsidiarity** – Standing up for fairness so everyone has a voice and what they need to flourish. **Sid the Sheep**
- **Option for the Poor** – Reaching out and giving an extra helping hand to those who need it most. **Poppy the Popokotea**
- **The Common Good & Dignity of Work** – Valuing each other's work and making choices that are good for everyone. **Chikondi the Giraffe**
- **Solidarity** – Working together as one big global family, no matter where we live. **Shristi the Sun Bear**
- **Stewardship & Caring for Creation** – Loving, protecting, and looking after our wonderful earth. **Sofia the Sloth**

The show was a fantastic celebration of our ongoing hard work, reminding us that the greatest treasure of all is the love, kindness, and justice we share every single day!

"It was a great and exciting way to learn more about Catholic Social Teaching" St Scholastica

"It inspired me and now I'm going to make sure I make good choices to help others who are need my help" Amira

"I really liked the idea of a treasure hunt to find the seven treasures that help us with Catholic Social Teaching. It taught me how important every person is" Bert





Attendance Alligator

St Francis

2nd week running!



Punctuality Panda

St Teresa

Attendance week beginning 12th October		
Class	Week Commencing 12th Oct	Week Commencing 5th Oct
St Elizabeth	97.40	97.90
St Rose	75.00	92.10
St Helena	95.10	92.20
St Susanna	98.60	94.40
St Francis	95.90	99.70
St Ignatius	96.70	98.90
St Hugh	94.70	98.20
St Nicholas	93.50	96.10
St James	96.20	96.30
St Osmund	97.50	96.70
St Ninian	96.30	97.00
St Teresa	98.20	91.80
St Aidan	96.80	99.30
St Scholastica	91.00	94.60
Overall	94.49%	96.05%

Wednesday 21st October

Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Some of the leaders gathered together. One of the leaders was an expert in the Law and he asked Jesus a question to try and catch him out. "Teacher," he said, "which is the greatest commandment in God's Law?" Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and the first commandment. But there is a second commandment like it, that is: 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' All the teaching of the Law and the Prophets follows from these two commandments."



From the Gospel of 25th October 2026 Cf. Matthew 22:34-40 (The 30th 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 **LOVE**.

BUILD BETTER LEARNING



Busy Things

This is a quick reminder that your child can also log into Busy Things from home.

How to log in:

Go to www.busythings.co.uk.

Click the 'Log in' button.

Enter the username and password to the right—or scan their QR code.

Why use Busy Things?

The platform features over 1,600 fun, curriculum-linked games covering maths, phonics, coding, art, and more. It is a brilliant, safe way for your child to practice what they are learning in class while having fun.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning journey!

Pupil login

To access Busy Things, go to busythings.co.uk and click 'LOG IN'.

Username:

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Password:

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OPAL HEADLINES

Week Beginning 19th October 2026

News This Week

This week the children have embraced the very wet weather and have had fantastic fun outside at OPAL!

There has been lots of mud play, den building and imaginative play, with the children using their creativity to create amazing stories, camps and adventures during lunchtimes.

They have been working together, exploring our provision and making the most of the changing season.



OPAL Donations

Thank you for all the donations!

We are still in need of:



Dolls



Doll pushchairs/
prams



Small cars

Wet Weather Reminder

As the season changes and the weather gets wetter and wetter, please make sure children come to school with:

- ✓ A waterproof coat
- ✓ Waterproof trousers
- ✓ Spare clothes (including trousers, socks, tops and jumpers)

These are essential for muddy areas and to keep them warm and comfortable during outdoor play and learning.

Thank you for your support.



Shout Outs

Kayleigh – Year 5
Eliana – Year 1
Mollie – Year 4
Margot – Year 4
Hugh – Year 3
Elisha – Year 1

Olivia H – Year 3
Bert – Year 3
Jemima – Year 3
Shawn – Year 3
Gabriela – Year 3
Sinit – Year 3
Charlotte – Year 5