



# Headlines



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

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## Week Beginning – 2nd March

Inclusion Meetings all week

### Book Week

**BOOK SWAP before and after school each day (weather permitting) at the front of the school**

#### **Monday 2nd**

#### **Tuesday 3rd**

St Helena class Collective Worship 9am  
(parents and carers of pupils in 1STH are welcome to attend)

Yr5—Final RAH Rehearsal

#### **Wednesday 4th**

#### **Thursday 5th**

World Book Day—special lunch menu see pg2

#### **Friday 6th**

'Joy of Reading' pyjama day (see letter sent home on 24th)

Yr5/Yr6 Swimming Gala

Welcome back! I hope that all of our families enjoyed a break over the half term week—despite the dreary weather!

As we return to school, we find ourselves entering the second half of the academic year and looking ahead to all that we have to enjoy and achieve as a school community before the end of July.

With the season of Lent now underway too, we were missed in our whole school collective worship on Monday, about the three pillars of Lent—Fasting, Almsgiving and Prayer. At SJF we will be making our own personal efforts, as well as those as a collective community, to support these pillars—Almsgiving. This year, our Lenten appeal, will see us supporting the Catholic Children's Society and their 2026 Lenten campaign—'Small Deeds, Big Difference.' This year's appeal is inspired by Pope Leo's call to help those in need through simple, meaningful actions. Over the coming weeks, classes will be encouraged to consider and nominate their own ideas to support the mission and fundraise for the CCS.

This morning we were delighted to host a visit from Mr Paul Kohler, MP who serves as the Liberal Democrat MP for Wimbledon. Our SJF pupils shone as always in the example—and putting him through his paces with some well considered and probing questions! See page 5 for more details.

Next week we look forward to a busy week immersed in 'the joy of reading.'

Enjoy a good weekend—preferably with a good book! - everyone.

### Letters Home:

Book Week—whole school

Final RAH Reminders—Yr5

Leavers Hoodies and Books—Yr6

*Happy Birthday*

Abir S, Solomia M, Freya McH,  
Imogen McH, Eliza C,  
Alejandro H,  
Madelena C, Isla N.

### **Caterlink**

**Special World Book Day menu  
on Thursday 5th—See Pg2**

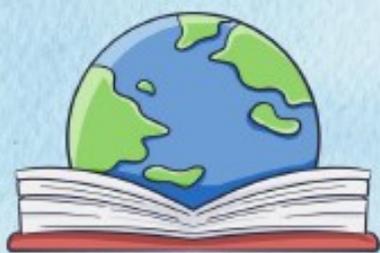
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## Designated Safeguarding Leaders

**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)



# WORLD BOOK DAY

**PUFF THE MAGIC'S DRAGON  
CHICKEN & SWEETCORN PUFF PIE  
SERVED WITH  
THE COUCH MASHED POTATO & GRUFFALO  
GRAVY**

**BFG'S SCRUMDIDDLYUMPTIOUS  
POTATO & VEGETABLE LAYER  
BAKE**

**BEATRIX POTTER VEGETABLE PATCH**

**PETER RABBIT'S CARROT CAKE**



## Attendance Alligator

# St James

# 100%!



## Punctuality Panda

# St Teresa



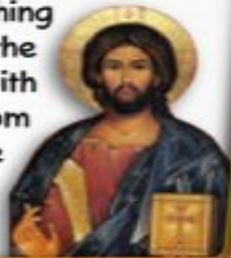
Attendance week beginning 9th February 2026		
Class	Week commencing 09/02/26	Week commencing 02/02/26
St Rose	97.50	91.90
St Elizabeth	90.70	95.60
St Susanna	95.00	96.70
St Helena	92.50	93.30
St Francis	97.80	98.50
St Ignatius	97.20	90.30
St Nicholas	90.00	97.70
St Hugh	95.70	99.00
St James	<b>100.00</b>	<b>99.30</b>
St Osmund	97.80	97.80
St Teresa	98.90	95.00
St Ninian	95.00	95.70
St Aidan	99.30	94.30
St Scholastica	90.70	94.30
<b>Overall</b>	<b>95.90%</b>	<b>95.67%</b>

## Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

## Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

### 1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray on a mountain top. While they were there, Jesus was transformed. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as dazzling as the light, whiter than any normal clothing could ever be. Suddenly Moses and Elijah, the great teacher and the great prophet of the Old Testament, appeared and were talking with Jesus. Then a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Then suddenly, when the disciples looked round, they saw only Jesus was left there with them.



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 Cf. Matthew 17: 1-9 (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year A)

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 **SACRED**.



SJF PTFA presents



spring  
disco  
friday 13th march

nursery to year 2: 5pm - 6.30pm  
year 3 to year 6: 7pm - 8.30pm

£5 PER CHILD  
PAY ON ARBOR ONLY

Drinks and snacks available!

The disco is only open to St John Fisher children and their younger siblings.

Children to be supervised by parents at all times.  
Names will be on the door. No tickets will be issued.

Please bring your own water bottles.





**Merton Music Foundation**

**GUITAR (NYLON STRUNG ACOUSTIC) AT ST JOHN FISHER**

Learning a musical instrument **builds confidence, sparks creativity** and **improves focus** - all while having fun!

**Merton Music Foundation** makes it simple:

- > Expert tutors to inspire and teach
- > Instrument hire
- > Financial assistance available

Sign-up for guitar and ukulele **lessons at school with Merton Music Foundation** at:

[www.tinyurl.com/startyourmusicaljourney](http://www.tinyurl.com/startyourmusicaljourney)

*Moving Music Forward since 1991*



Merton Music Foundation (MMF) offers fantastic opportunities for St John Fisher pupils to learn Guitar (Nylon Strung Acoustic) during the school day. Parents/Guardians can sign up directly with MMF, with the option of instrument hire and financial assistance available. Sign up today!

For more information or to register, please visit: [www.mmf.org.uk/lessons](http://www.mmf.org.uk/lessons)

I am so incredibly proud of the VOT team. This week we have met to discuss what democracy means, how important their role is in our school and ways we can help support our school family and wider community. We have had rich discussions and they have amazing ideas for the future.



The opportunity to meet a local MP and ask questions today will only help to support them in their roles. Our Sancta Familia CEO, Mr Feely was very impressed with their questions and how they represented SJF.



I am looking forward to working collaboratively with them.

Mrs Lumsden

The Reception children had great fun participating in the Balanceability course this week. They were taught how to manoeuvre around cones and other obstacles, riding whilst looking out for other people and how to ride at speed safely. They all had a great time!





# **ST JOHN FISHER PTFA HAVE WON £1000!!!**

**WE ARE THRILLED TO HAVE COME SECOND  
PLACE IN THE TESCO STRONGER STARTS  
VOTE!**

**THIS MONEY WILL GO TOWARDS CONTINUING  
OUR EXCITING PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS.  
WATCH THIS SPACE...**

# **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR VOTES!**



# Weekly Updates

This week during our play assembly, the children revisited safe and responsible tree climbing in our Woodland Garden. The children explored our tree climbing rules together: **We only use the three trees closest to the school, always check that the ground below is clear before climbing and choose thick, sturdy branches.** We practised using **“three points of contact” (two hands and one foot or two feet and one hand)** to stay balanced and safe. Children were reminded **to climb only up to the yellow safety markings and never above den areas.**

## **Reception Join OPAL Fun at Lunchtime!**

We were delighted to welcome Reception to join us during the lunch break to enjoy OPAL alongside the rest of the children. We introduced music to the playground, which the children absolutely loved. It added even more energy and excitement to playtime. Creativity continued to shine through junk modelling, LEGO building and small world play.

**NEW THIS WEEK:** Ball games should now only to be played in the MUGA/Football pen to ensure safe

## **WOODEN PALLETS NEEDED!**

We welcome wooden pallet donations! If you have access to pallets and can assist with collection and delivery we would be very grateful. Please leave them at the KS2 gate. Thank you for your support.



Weekly  
Shout Out  
to our helpers



Benny A 2STI	Jemima A 2STF	Ethan C <u>2STF</u>	Mollie F 3STH	Callum F-F <u>3STH</u>	Gabriel D 3STN
Finn K 3STH	Charles L 4STJ	Amira G-A 4STO	Isla N <u>4STO</u>	Pippa C <u>4STO</u>	Annabelle A 4STJ