



Headlines



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

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Week Beginning – 12th January

Monday 12th

Tuesday 13th

Yr3-Yr6 Gymnastic Trials 8am
St Teresa Class Collective Worship 9am
(parents and carers of pupils in 5STT are welcome to attend)

Wednesday 14th

Yr5 RAH rehearsals at West Wimbledon

Thursday 15th

Caterlink Taster Day (**see Pg2**)

Friday 16th

Happy New Year! Welcome back to a new term and what I hope will be a happy and healthy 2026 for all members of our SJF community.

The children have returned to school well rested and full of energy following the Christmas break and it has been wonderful to share their stories of busy festive seasons and time spent with family and friends.

On Monday we fully launched our **OPAL Play** for all pupils and the playground has been abuzz with children enjoying this new form of play at school, including getting muddy, splashing in puddles, being creative and generally having lots of fun! The feedback from the children is easy to see from the smiles on their faces and the new friendships being formed—but we also need your feedback. Miss Higgins would like all parents and carers to complete a short survey (see Pg4) so that we have a starting point from which to measure the impact that OPAL will have on the children. Please take a few moments to complete this for us.

On Pg2/3 you will see Caterlink's offer of '**Try For A Day**' with special menu for Thursday 15th. This is an ideal opportunity for children who normally have a packed lunch to experience the school menu—and with pizzas, jacket potatoes, garlic bread and ice cream on offer that day I think everyone will be happy. Next Thursday is also **School Census day**, when the DfE collate data from all aspects of school life—including school meals. As you are already aware school really does need to ensure it maximise as much funding as possible so I would urge you all to take advantage of the '**Try for A Day**' and help us maximise as much funding as possible.

Have a lovely weekend

Happy Birthday
Kaili CT, Melley D, Olivia D,
Martin S, Katherine B,
Isla F, Eliza DMcC,
Domantas M, Mollie F,
Daniel McC, Jorge H,
Adrianna W.

Letters Home:

SEND Parent Coffee Morning (30th Jan) - whole school
Swimming Gala Trials—Yr5/Yr6
RAH Consent Reminder—Yr5
RAH Tickets—Yr5

Caterlink
Special 'Try it for a Day' menu on Thursday
15th see Pg2
[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

Caterlink are offering children in YrR-Yr6 the opportunity to try a hot school meal on **Thursday 15th January.**

With a delicious 'Pizza Shack' menu or jacket potato there is something for everyone (and no charge)!

This is a great chance for your child to see what Caterlink offers.



**Try our Pizza Shack menu on
Thursday 15th!**

See Pg3 for details

We have won a number of awards for using honest, local produce and pride ourselves on making fresh and nutritionally balanced meals.



Behind every meal is a team of dedicated chefs and nutritionists. **Did you know?** Most of our meals are made completely from scratch in-house!

Our pizzas are homemade and made using 50/50 wholemeal flour for extra added fibre! And our meat products are freshly delivered from our local butchers.



We often have Meat Free Mondays to support sustainable eating. We also have recipes with **Added Plant Power** identified by this logo

Why choose a Caterlink school meal?



Our desserts are handmade in house.

Many of our desserts contain hidden wholegrains and are sweetened with fruit so they count toward one of your child's 5-a-day!

On average, our meals contain 37% less free sugars than the government recommendations for school meals.

Per meal, we provide:

- 1 portion of protein
- 1 portion of carbohydrates
- 2 portions of vegetables
- A choice of salad available daily
- Freshly baked bread
- One homemade dessert



We ensure the menu adheres to the School Food Standards. That means your child is getting a well balanced and nutritious meal through out their school day.



Thursday 15th January
Pizza Shack

BBQ Chicken Pizza

or

Margherita Pizza Bread

Sides

Garlic Bread

Jacket Wedges

Coleslaw

Sweetcorn

Citrus Biscuit

Vanilla Ice Cream



Thinking about a new career for 2026? You can apply now to start training as a teacher at a local school in September 2026. Sign up for a Teach Wimbledon teacher training experience morning to find out more:

Tuesday 3rd Feb @Raynes Park High School
[Sign up here](#)

Friday 6th Feb @St Mary's Catholic Primary School
[Sign up here](#)

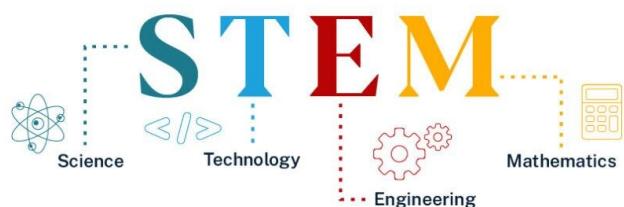
Wednesday 4th Mch @Hatfeild Primary School
[Sign up here](#)

Tuesday 10th Mch @Ursuline High School
[Sign up here](#)

To find out about training places available at all our schools for September 2026 visit
www.teachwimbledon.com



WE NEED YOU!



If you are a parent, carer or have family member who works in the STEM industry we would love to hear from you!

Please email Miss Correia via the school office.

OPAL Parents and Carers Survey

We **NEED** your views!

Please complete our OPAL parents and carers survey to support us with our launch and starting the OPAL journey.

[OPAL Survey - click HERE](#)

For more information on OPAL please read the short parent booklet called The Power of Play using the link below.

[The Power of Play - click HERE](#)



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 11th January 2026



Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. "It is I who need baptism from you," he said, "and yet you come to me!" But Jesus replied, "Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands." At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him."

Adapted from Matthew 3:13-17
The Baptism of the Lord, 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.