



Headlines

'Together we grow in God's love, learning to be the best we can be'
Week beginning 3rd January

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Monday 3rd

School closed

Tuesday 4th

School reopens for all pupils

As we finally reach the Christmas break, I would like to thank the whole SJF community for making the Autumn term such a successful one.

We continue to work in challenging times. However, the strength of our wonderful community never fails to amaze me. The partnership between all of our stakeholders—pupils, staff, parents, governors—is crucial to the success of our school and to its strength. We have needed to call upon this strength so many times in the last 18 months and it has never failed to rise to the challenge.

Our pupils have enjoyed a fantastic term of learning, educational visits and fully embraced many aspects of school life that remained restricted in the last academic year. The children, in particularly those in the older year groups, have developed a new understanding of the routines of school life. They know and understand that being flexible, adaptable and, above all, being resilient are skills that are needed not just on 'one off' occasions, but are part of our day to day 'toolkit' - ready to be drawn upon at any time.

My wish for our whole community now is a safe and healthy Christmas and a hopeful 2022 filled with the light of Christ—our hope and our salvation.

Happy Christmas everyone.

*Happy
Birthday*

Cian G, Eliana M,
Layla DeW D'O,
Arturo V-C, Reilly S,
Livieram K, Erin L,
Santiago R, Hannah C,
Emma W, George G,
Evelina Z, Alexander S,
Alexei O, Eliza HD, Gerda P,
Thomas D, Elly J,
Ryan P.

Letters Home

Covid update—Whole school
Devices & Technology—Whole school
End of Term Update—Whole School
Public Health Merton—Whole School

Designated Safeguarding Leaders

Ms J Kenna
DSL

Mrs C Ellerker
Deputy DSL

Miss C Higgins
Deputy DSL



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Wednesday
15th December

Five Minutes
Family Time

Good News
for Families

1 Enjoy reading the Gospel

Mary had been told by an angel that she was to give birth to a son named Jesus. When she heard that her cousin, Elizabeth, was also going to have a baby, she went as quickly as she could to visit Elizabeth. Mary went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth gave a loud cry and said to Mary, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For as soon as your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed are you for believing the promise made to you by the Lord."



From the Gospel of Sunday 19th December 2021 - Luke 1: 39-45 (the 4th Sunday of Advent, Year C)

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

Christmas at SJF

We know that it has been disappointing to many of our parents and carers that we have been unable to celebrate many of our Christmas events 'in person.'

However, as always undeterred in commitment to share our Christmas celebrations with you, please find below the link to several visual Christmas treats that we would like to share with you this festive season.

We hope you enjoy them!

The Big Little Nativity 2021 AM Group <https://youtu.be/m1IPX5Ob9WQ>

The Big Little Nativity 2021 PM Group <https://youtu.be/VBx8VVD5ymY>

SJF Carol Service <https://youtu.be/-aOpun-sgzA>

SJF Staff Christmas Video : https://youtu.be/5wlp7RC_cms

| Meat Free Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges  | Chicken Pie with Mashed Potatoes/ New Potatoes and Gravy | Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Mild Mexican Beef Chill with Rice/ Jacket  | Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce |
| Devil's Kitchen Burger with Potato Wedges  | Soya Spaghetti Bolognaise with Garlic Bread  | Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Devils Kitchen Vegan Hot Dog with Wedges  | Cheese and Onion Quiche with Chips  |
| Peppers Baked Beans | Broccoli Carrots | Peas Cabbage | Vegetable Medley | Peas Sweetcorn |
| Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard  | Vanilla Iced Sponge | Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station | Orange Drizzle Cake | Chocolate Cookie  |

Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily

On Wednesday this week we enjoyed a DELICIOUS Christmas lunch with our friends—complete with suitable Christmassy music and many festive looking pieces of head wear too!

This year the new schools meals company for Merton, Caterlink, took the decision not to supply Christmas crackers to accompany the meal, but provided some festive themed activity place mats to keep the children entertained whilst waiting to be served. In discussion with some of the children during lunch, we were all in agreement that this was absolutely the right decision in supporting work to limit waste and in doing so, protect our environment.



Join Blue Peter's Mwaksy for a special event celebrating children's author Dame Jacqueline Wilson, featuring CBBC stars and the BBC Symphony Orchestra. The programme will be available on iPlayer from 26th Dec:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0012txt>

Great fun was enjoyed this week, from the class Christmas parties to the surprise visits from Santa, all pupils across the school had a wonderful time!



Thank You

From the St John Fisher PTFA

This term we have raised

£10,488!

And this is how we've done it:

Christmas Fair £7,500

Christmas Cards & Gifts £945

Uniform Sale & Clothes Bin £250

'Wear your own clothes' Day £229

PTFA Fund – voluntary donations £585

Matched Funding £979

A big thank you to everyone who has supported these initiatives, and to those who have helped make it all possible. Even in the face of huge challenges this term, we've raised a staggering amount of money for our school! All this money will be spent on improving the experience of all of our children at St John Fisher!



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