



# Headlines

**St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Autumn Term 2022/23**  
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**\*\* Saturday 3rd \*\***  
**SJF Christmas Fair—12pm-3pm**

## **Week Beginning – 5th December**

### **Monday 5th**

School Tour—9:45am for prospective families  
Yr5/6 Choir—carol singing at Eastway Care Home

### **Tuesday 6th**

St Aidan Class Mass – 9am  
*(parents and carers of children in 6STA are welcome to attend)*

### **Wednesday 7th**

Yr5—Loudmouth workshop  
Full Governing Body meeting—5pm

### **Thursday 8th**

YrR Nativity Performance 9:30am *(St Rose parents and carers welcome to attend)*  
YrR Nativity Performance 9:30am *(St Elizabeth parents and carers welcome to attend)*  
Yr1 Trip to Wimbledon Library  
Anniversary Mass for Sr. Catherine (RIP) 7pm at SJF Church

### **Friday 9th**

**LAST DAY FOR BOXES OF LOVE**  
Christmas Jumper Day—whole school

This week the season of Advent has certainly been seen in full swing here at SJF.

From the sound of Christmas songs and performance rehearsals, busy preparations for tomorrow's Christmas fair extravaganza and, of course, our now legendary amazing Advent wreath front window display, there's no getting away from the fact that Christmas is most definitely on its way.

Next week we look forward to further preparations as we celebrate our Advent Mass led by Year 6 St. Aidan class, choir members share their voices by singing in the local community and Reception children take to the stage in the first live nativity for three years!

Just a reminder that our whole school Christmas celebration will be on **Monday 12th December – 6pm at St. John Fisher Parish Church**. Please make a note of the date and time as we would like to see as many families there as possible. More details regarding organisation etc.. to follow.

Thank you to all PTFA members and parent/carer helpers who have been working ALL day today to prepare for tomorrow's fair. With the weather turning colder remember to wrap up warm and come along and join us for an afternoon of festive fun!

I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

## **Letters Home:**

Parish Carol Service—Yr4-Yr6  
Parent Governor Ballot—Whole school  
Open Door Library—volunteers  
Extra Curricular Clubs Spring term—YrR-Yr6

The St John Fisher school website is regularly updated with things that are happening at school and all of our curriculum updates. We understand that there is a lot of information on the site and so we felt that we would like signpost you to pages or links to keep you informed and celebrate the wonderful things going on at St John Fisher. Please click on the link below for an update: [St Scholastica Collective Worship for Advent - their 'Hopes and Dreams'.](#)



## **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 [school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)*

St John Fisher lights up Grand Drive with their Advent promises of Hope, Joy, Love Peace and of course our anticipation of the coming of Christ this Christmas



## GREEN WALL AT ST JOHN FISHER— HELP REQUIRED!!

Calling all parents for the **second round** of planting our plants for the SJF green wall. Please get in touch with the school office if you are happy to volunteer some time on **Sunday 11th December @ 9am**.

Thank you all for giving up your time to support with this.

### PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Voting is now open for the Parent Governor election. Please refer to the email sent home on 29th November which also provided the statements for each candidate.

You may vote for **one** of the nominated candidates by using the link below.

**Voting will close at 4pm on 13th December.**

**[Parent Governor Election November 2022: CLICK HERE TO VOTE](#)**

Each parent can submit **one** vote regardless of the number of children you have attending the school.

Paper ballot forms are available on request from the school office if you are unable to use the online system. Once you have marked the ballot paper you should seal it in an envelope which should then be put in the school post box outside the main office **by 4pm on 13th December 2022**.

Write a poem on kindness and enter SPINE Festival 2023's competition for the opportunity to have your poem published by Otter-Barry Books! This competition is judged by Waterstones' Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho! Winners will be announced at the festival launch on 10 April 2023.

Open to children aged 5 - 11

See more: [Kindness Competition 2023 : Apples and Snakes](#)



**SPINE FESTIVAL 2023**

# KINDNESS

## POETRY COMPETITION

What does kindness mean to you?  
What does kindness look or feel like?

**WRITE A POEM ON KINDNESS**

**PRIZE**

Your poem will be published in an Otter-Barry Books' anthology edited by Joseph Coelho!



There will be a special Mass on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ 7pm** to remember Sr. Catherine RIP on her third anniversary at St John Fisher Church. All Welcome to the church or to join online at [https:// www.churchservices.tv/merton](https://www.churchservices.tv/merton)

A huge well done to our Year 5&6 Girls Football team who represented the school superbly at the Girls Football Borough Championship on Friday. The team played a total of 7 matches, winning 4 and drew in three! There was a high level of football on display with fantastic skill shown by all the players.





# St John Fisher PTFA presents

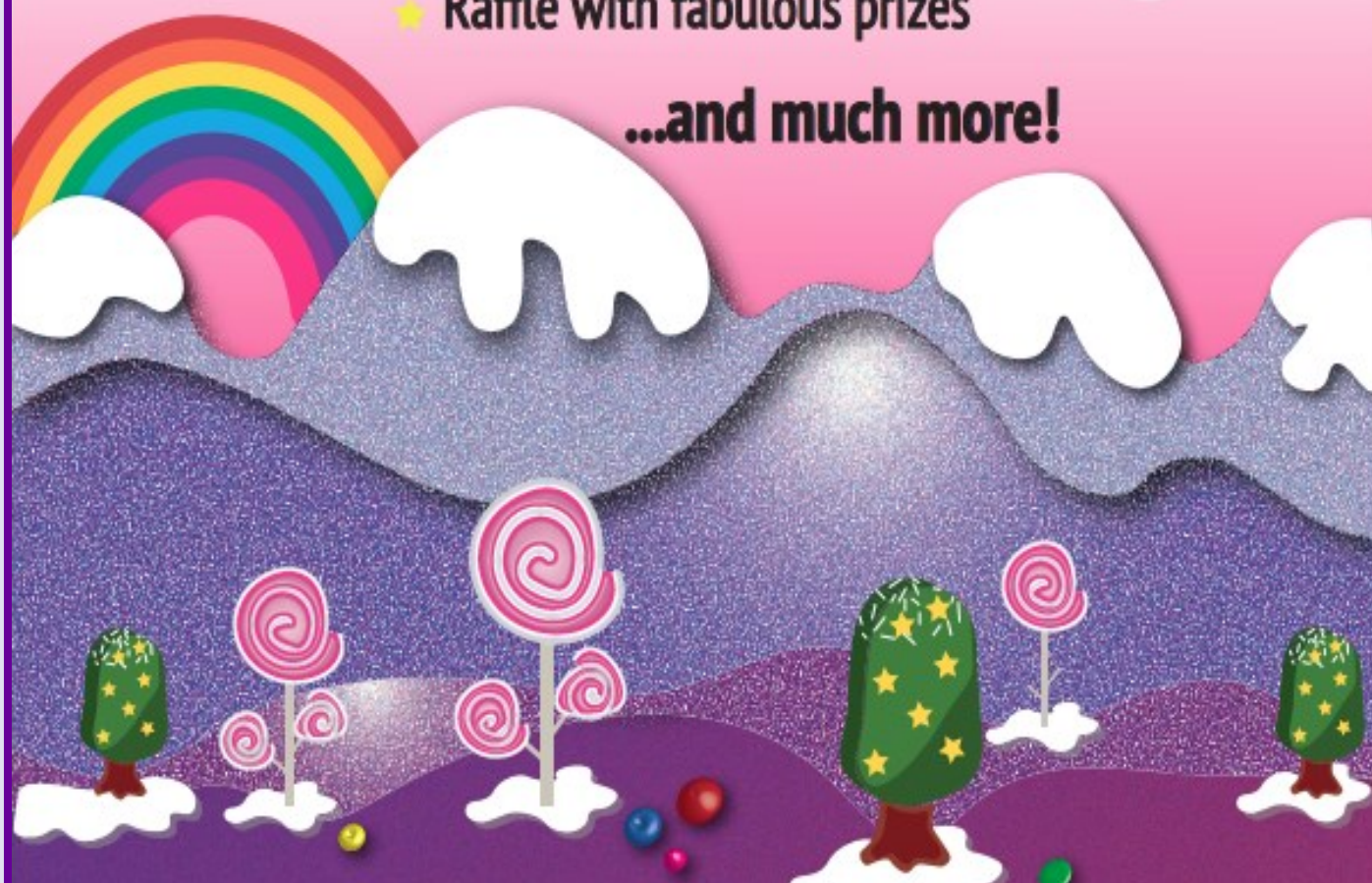
## *'The Land of Sweets' Christmas Fair!*

**Saturday 3rd December 12-3pm**

**St John Fisher Primary School, Grand Drive, SW20**

- ★ Santa's Grotto
- ★ Christmas Market
- ★ Hamper Raffle
- ★ Stalls and Games
- ★ Christmas Café
- ★ Raffle with fabulous prizes

**...and much more!**



# BUILDBETTER LEARNING



**These pupils are always  
prepared and  
ready to learn**

St Scholastica - Zofia T

St Aidan - Sebastian M L

St Ninian - Ella F

St Teresa - Ryan P

St James - Alex D'C

St Osmund - Elena C

St Hugh - Constanca De M

St Nicholas - Riley D

St Francis - William H

St Ignatius - Nicolas J

St Susanna - Eloise D

St Helena - Eva N

St Elizabeth - Kaili C T

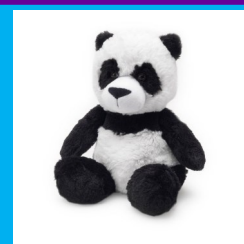
St Rose - Henry E

Nursery - Cara L

Attendance Percentage  
week beginning  
**21st November 2022**

Class		Week commencing 21/11/22	Week commencing 14/11/22
St Rose		92.00	96.00
St Elizabeth		95.30	99.30
St Susanna		92.30	98.30
St Helena		84.00	97.30
St Francis		93.90	98.60
St Ignatius		93.70	97.70
St Nicholas		91.40	96.20
St Hugh		96.60	93.30
St James		93.80	90.70
St Osmund		<b>98.70</b>	95.00
St Teresa		76.70	94.30
St Ninian		97.20	89.30
St Aidan		97.30	95.70
St Scholastica		93.10	96.90
<b>Overall</b>		<b>92.50</b>	<b>94.90</b>

**Best Class - St Osmund**

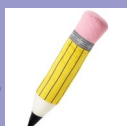


**WELL DONE**

**St Nicholas**

**for being on time,  
in class and  
ready to learn  
every morning.**

This week's overall  
winner of Ms Kenna's  
BIG PENCIL.....



**\*\* Mila G B \*\***





On 1st December the SJF Chaplains had a wonderful time attending the Archdiocese of Southwark Advent Service in aid of the Southwark Crisis Fund.

It was held at St George's Cathedral where they were led through the story of Christmas with acting, hymns and prayer and offered gifts and Advent promises to the Catholic Children's Society.

## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022



In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judea and this was his message: "Repent, change your ways; for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said, 'A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight'. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John said to the people, "I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

*Adapted from  
Matthew 3: 1-12 (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year A)*

**Everyone can learn more about this Gospel  
in Church - all are warmly invited.**

**"The Lord is coming. May we  
await him with open hearts!"**

*Pope Francis*



Meat Free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Chicken Sausage in a Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast of the Day with Stuffing Ball, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise with Garlic Bread	Fishfingers with Chips
Veggie Chilli with Rice	Vegetable Pasty	Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne	Vegetable Jollof Rice
Baked Beans Sweetcorn	Green Bean Carrots	Cauliflower Peas	Broccoli Carrots	Peas Baked Beans
Chocolate Cookie	Marble Cake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Banana Sponge with Custard	Apple Flapjack
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily				