



# Headlines

**St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Summer Term 2022/23**  
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## **Week Beginning – 17th April**

**St Osmund class swimming lessons all week—  
Don't forget swimming kits on Monday**

### **Monday 17th**

YrR—Vision screening

### **Friday 21st**

KS2 Tennis Development Competition

## **BEAT THE STREET**

*Ms Modzelewska leads the way on the SJF school leader board with an incredible **4110 points!** Can anyone catch her?  
See page 6 for more details on how to earn bonus points*

*Happy  
Birthday*

Alfie L-G, Imogen S, Gabriel D,  
Cooper H, Evelyn C, Ciara M,  
Oliver C, Patrick G, Liberty T,  
James B, Prince O, Alicia H,  
Corinne G, Leonardo H,  
Yelyzaveta H, Charles L,  
Iyla-Rose O, Ethan C, Ethan J-W,  
Mirela C, Cristina P, Sebastian  
TC, Isabella H, Alexandra K,  
Maria J, Jude G, Elena C

As the Spring term draws to a close (in rather than less sunny Spring type weather!), I know that children, staff and parents alike are ready for a break and some time to relax and refresh over the coming fortnight.

It has been another busy term packed with both learning and with opportunities for children to enrich and extend their enjoyment through sports, music and the wide range of extra curricular provision offer here at SJF.

Thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to complete our recent parents survey. We look forward to sharing the results of this along with ideas about how we continue to drive our school forwards, at the beginning of the Summer term.

As you will see from the item on page 6, as part of our Lenten journey, the school have been using a wonderful resource entitled 'Ribbons of the Cross'.

As Holy Week and Easter fall during the holiday, our religion lesson this week, our beautiful Easter service yesterday and today's final 'ribbons' assembly, have afforded us the opportunity to really explore the gift of ever lasting life that we are given through Jesus' death and resurrection.

I wish you and your families a blessed Easter time, filled with the joy of the risen Christ.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday 17th April to begin our final term of the school year.

## **Staffing news**

This term we are sad to have said farewell to Mrs. Dinger and Ms. Chubb, Teaching and Learning Assistants who have both moved into new and exciting careers. They will be sorely missed for the outstanding service they have given to the school in their time here. We wish them both the best of luck for the future.

We have welcomed Mr. Hall to our teaching support staff team, currently working in KS2, and also new members to our MDS team, Mr. Patel and Miss Pearl. We are delighted that they have joined the SJF family!

## **Letters Home:**

**Mastering Number at Home—YrR-Yr2**  
**Phonics Screening—Yr1**  
**MMF Ensemble Trials—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 **[school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)***

**Wednesday  
29<sup>th</sup> March 2023**



**Good News  
for Families**

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**Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel**

When they were near Jerusalem, Jesus sent two disciples into a nearby village to collect a donkey. He said to them, "If anyone stops you, tell them that it is for the Lord, and that the donkey will be returned." So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and Jesus sat on it. As he set off, great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were spreading palm branches on the path in front of him. The crowds were all shouting, "Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, everyone was excited and some asked, "Who is this?" "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee," was the reply.




Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023. Matthew 21:1-11 (Passion/Palm Sunday)

Which words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why?  
Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's words, which are **HOLY WEEK**.

On Thursday this week we reflected on the events of Holy Week through our Easter service. The Chaplains did a fantastic job of leading the readings and prayers focused on retelling the events of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday and of course the joy of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The wonderful songs that Mrs. Reuss had taught the children and the choir, were added to the readings making for a prayerful and reflective service.



Meat Free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges 	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread 	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	BBQ Quorn with Savoury Rice 	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Crunchy Topped Vegetable Bake with New Potatoes 	Summer Tomato & Butterbean Pasta 	<b>NEW</b> Sweet Potato & Spinach Flan with Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Cheesy Bean Puff with Chips
Sweetcorn Salsa with Peppers 	Broccoli Carrots 	Peas Cauliflower	Roasted Carrots Green Beans	Peas Baked Beans
Apple Flapjack 	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins 	Freshly Chopped Fruit 	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Oaty Cookie 
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily				



## Bravo Bravo!!

We were amazed at the musicianship of the children who performed at our Spring Instrumental Concert. They worked so hard to polish their performances - practising can be solitary so it was lovely for us to be entertained and hear the fruits of their hard work!

Thank you to these children for working hard on their pieces and finding the confidence to play for us: Benjamin (Yr2), Oliver S, Evie O, Freya, Bhavish, Rafael (Yr3) Gerda, Isabella G, Emma, Ben W, Alexander, Luke L (Yr4) Dominic, Florence, Amelia, Isaac R (Yr5) Eloise, Elizabeth, Harry, Rodrigo, Alexandra, Amelie (Yr6)  
Many children will have been inspired by your playing!

Now is a good time to register for lessons with Merton Music Foundation. If you'd like to register your child for piano / guitar / drum kit - we have visiting teachers in school or you can register at their music centre for any instrument on Mon/Weds/Sat. MMF manage all these lessons / timetables: <https://mmf.org.uk/lessons/>

The MSSP Y5/6 Tag Rugby Borough Championships took place on Monday 20th March at Old Ruts RFC. There was high quality tag rugby on display from the 21 schools participating in the event.

After the initial group matches, SJF made it through to the next round where the top 8 teams played off. With fantastic teamwork and skill shown throughout the day, SJF finished 5th place in a highly competitive competition and did an amazing job of representing SJF!



A HUGE thank you from SJF on behalf of Wimbledon Foodbank for the generous donations made last week to support the Easter food donations appeal.

It was great to see the children helping to load up the van with a range of essential products —as well as some Easter treats. We know that the services of the Foodbank are in more and more demand and look forward to being able to support this local cause more frequently moving forwards.



# BUILDBETTER LEARNING



These pupils always show  
mutual respect and courtesy  
for all members of our  
school community

St Scholastica –  
St Aidan – Grace W  
St Ninian – Ariadne C  
St Teresa – Sasha M  
St James – Gerda P  
St Osmund – Milo M  
St Hugh – Emily VC  
St Nicholas – Charlotte B  
St Francis – Jack C  
St Ignatius – Felix H  
St Susanna – Julia B  
St Helena – Mykhailo M  
St Elizabeth – Hanuji N  
St Rose – Freddie McC

## Attendance Percentage week beginning 20th March 2023

Class	Week commencing 20/03/23	Week commencing 13/03/23
St Rose	94.00	94.20
St Elizabeth	93.30	87.70
St Susanna	96.30	97.50
St Helena	92.00	99.40
St Francis	<b>98.30</b>	95.90
St Ignatius	91.00	94.30
St Nicholas	96.60	96.10
St Hugh	95.40	96.40
St James	<b>98.30</b>	98.30
St Osmund	97.00	93.80
St Teresa	95.00	96.70
St Ninian	95.00	92.90
St Aidan	93.00	96.30
St Scholastica	94.70	93.80
<b>Overall</b>	<b>95.00</b>	<b>95.00</b>

**Best Classes: St James and St Francis**

## PTFA News

Thanks to all those who came along to the discos last Friday. The children danced their socks off and had a lot of fun! We also managed to **raise £1400**, so it was a success all round!

## SAVE THE DATE:

The **PTFA AGM** will take place on **Monday 22nd May**. Please see the email send to all families on Friday.



Thank you to Mrs Jose-Winny and Mr Fisher, who both shared their experiences of life in Karala and Secunderabad in India with the Reception children.



2660g



2468g



2415g



2250g

Congratulations to **FIRE** for being the House point winners for the end of the Spring term. They did amazingly well coming from third place last half term to become the winners!

*The children enjoy watching the House point tubes fill as the weeks pass by and there is always great excitement as they try to guess, by **very** careful scrutiny of the tubes, who will be the winners.*

The winners - **FIRE** - will enjoy a movie afternoon after the Easter holidays (date tbc)



As part of our while school assemblies during the period of Lent, we have been using a wonderful resource called 'Ribbons of the Cross.' Each week we have added different ribbons to our cross and reflected on the symbolism of words linked to each colour ribbon.

We have really enjoyed listening to stories to highlight and illustrate each of these; taking our Lenten journey from the black ribbon ('Living in Darkness') to the final white ribbon which we added today ('Into the Light').



*St Nicholas Class* had a great time searching for tokens on their Easter treasure hunt, which they later swapped for sweet treats. Thank you to the PTFA for providing the goodies!

St John Fisher remain in 3rd place but thanks to a busy week, have closed the gap to 11,000 points. If each of the 700 members of the SJF team picked up an extra 20 points this weekend, we would hopefully make up the ground on the top 2.



## Go Wild Weekend

This weekend is  
**'Mystery Beat Box Weekend'**.

Can you find a box giving triple points?

Next weekend, some boxes near parks and green spaces have double points!

This includes box 33 on Cannon Hill Common, Box 51 at Joseph Hood Park, Box 65, 86, 88 and 107 at Morden Park. Be sure to tap your card on the beat boxes over the Easter break!

**Fri 7 Apr - Mon 10 Apr**

Let's Go Wild! Get double points in parks & greens spaces all weekend. Double points on Boxes: 5, 6, 20, 51, 53, 60, 63, 75, 79, 85, 86, 88, 95, 100, 101, 104, 107, 110, 112, 115, 116, 122, 123, 124, 125, 128, 134, 138, 142, 146, 148, 149, 150, 154, 158, 165, 174, 177 179, 180, 181, 185, 191, 192, 193, 197, 199, 203 & 204



## Week 2 results

**SJF Merton** position: **4th**

**SJF Regional** position (London):  
**41st**

**SJF National** position: **94th**

Over the last 9 days we have made a fantastic **2741** active journeys to school! A big thank you to our new VOTs who have been busy each morning collecting and uploading the numbers for each class.

Keep your eyes peeled for the final update after Easter which will have our finishing positions on each of the leaderboards.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Active journeys</u>
1 =	Nursery	256
1 =	St Nicholas	256
2	St Susanna	245
3	St Francis	242
4	St James	236
5	St Elizabeth	223
6	St Scholastica	220
7	St Ignatius	200
8	St Rose	192
9	St Helena	183
10 =	St Teresa	180
10 =	St Aidan	180
11	St Hugh	173
12	St Osmund	163
13	St Ninian	152

## FIRST AID WEEK

During First Aid Week, Year 3 enjoyed learning about bites and stings. We learned about the symptoms and re-enacted the steps to take if someone gets a bite or sting.



**Take part in The Big Merton Libraries Easter Hunt this Easter Half Term to win fantastic prizes!**

Find the hidden letters at your local library to uncover an Easter word for your chance to win a **£20 Entertainer toyshop voucher**.  
OR, visit all our Merton Libraries and uncover all the Easter words for your chance to win a **family ticket to KidZania!**

- The competition will run from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of April (Easter Half Term).
- Collect entry sheets from a member of staff at your local library
- To enter the prize draw, participants must borrow a minimum of one book on the day at the library and show their printout or borrowed books when submitting their entry form to a library member of staff.

For more information...

[Special Events 1 \(merton.gov.uk\)](https://www.merton.gov.uk/special-events-1)

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# Merton Libraries

## Big Easter Hunt

### 3 April – 15 April

Solve the clues and find the Easter words hidden in the libraries for your chance to win a family ticket to Kidzania or a £20 gift voucher.

For more information about how to take part, speak to a member of staff or visit our website.  
All children welcome to join the fun!



[www.merton.gov.uk/libraries](https://www.merton.gov.uk/libraries)

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