



Headlines

St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Spring Term 2022/23
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Week Beginning – 9th January

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS RESTART

Sunday 8th

SJF school woodland project 10am-4pm—
ALL HELP WELCOME! (See Page 2 for more information)

Monday 9th

Morden Cluster Yr5/6 Tag Rugby
School Tour for prospective parents —
9.45am

Tuesday 10th

St Ninian Class Mass—9am
(parents and carers of pupils in 5STNN are welcome to attend)

Wednesday 11th

Welcome back and a happy new year to all members of our school community. I hope that you and your families enjoyed a restful and relaxing Christmas — home or away.

It has been fantastic to listen to the children talk with such enthusiasm about their holidays and, of course, share stories of presents received and time spent playing with new toys and gadgets!

As we begin a new term and a new year, we look forward with hope and excitement to the opportunities and experiences—both known and unknown—that lie in the months ahead.

I am sure that many of us will be embarking on new projects, promises or plans as a way of marking the new year, and this is reflected with plans and projects already underway at school too.

As a school we are very lucky to have such a supportive and energetic community who help us achieve some of our school based aims—including projects such as our wildlife classroom which is starting to take shape. As you will see from the details on page 3, the next garden project day is this coming Sunday. It would be fantastic to recruit any new volunteers and help us to achieve one of our goals for 2023!

Next week we look forward to the first full week of school and setting personal aims and objectives in all areas of school life here at SJF—all helping us to live out our SJF motto to 'Love, Learn, Achieve.'

Wishing you and your families happiness and health for the new year.

Happy Birthday
Thomas D, Elly J, Ryan P,
Ginelle G, Zeruiah O, Finley B,
Megan O, Jasmin R, Eden S,
Kaili CT, Melley Libanos D,
Martin S, Sofia C,
Alexander D'C

Letters Home:

Merton School consultation—
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**

During the first week back at school, our children have been celebrating the Epiphany's Feast Day during Spanish lessons.

They explored how this important day is celebrated in Spanish speaking countries as one of the most popular Christian holidays. Each year, it is met with an abundance of enthusiasm and many colourful traditions.

On Epiphany Day, many Catholic countries around the world celebrate the visit of the *Reyes Magos*, or "Biblical Magi," from the Orient to the new-born Baby Jesus, bringing him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Each year, the Feast of Epiphany is celebrated on January 6. The night before is called Epiphany Eve.

During the late evening of the 5th of January, in many towns and cities, the "Cabalgata de los magos", or "Magic Kings Parade," makes its way through the streets. These are made up of carriages where both children and adults in costumes participate. The most important carriages are always the ones which carry the three wise men. Sweets and even some small toys are thrown from all the carriages. Children and others who are not so young try to grab as much as they can.

Once the "parade," is over, the children return home. That night, children go to bed early because if the three wise men see that a child is awake, they won't leave any gifts. Before going to sleep, it's important to prepare something to drink and some pastry for the three wise men, who arrive tired after the long trip. It is also good to leave some water for the *camellos*, or "camels." According to tradition if children have not been good throughout the year they will not be getting the presents they wished for but they will get coal instead!

Children have thoroughly enjoyed learn about this cultural celebration this week.



¡Feliz Año Nuevo 2023! Happy New year 2023!

A parent in Yr5 kindly sent in a cake (The Three Kings) for the feast of the Epiphany. Each child cut their own slice to see who got the baby Jesus for good luck.




New Year's resolution to get fit? Do more for the community or do your bit for the planet? ♣

Come and join us this Sunday 8th January 10am-4pm at SJF school woodland project! We have made so much progress with an amazing team of parent volunteers so far and with your help we hope to get the garden open for the children spring/early summer!

This weekend we are hoping to start building the wildlife area. Please contact Victoria Brown on 07843252717 or on SJFwoodlandgarden@gmail.com


Wednesday 4th January



Good News for Families

Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

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."



From the Gospel of Sunday 8th January 2023 Matthew 3: 13-17 (The Baptism of the Lord, Year A)

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

Meat Free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheesy Swirl with New Potatoes	Sticky Chicken Noodles	Roast of the Day with Stuffing Ball, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Fishfingers/ Salmon Fishfingers with Chips
Tomato Pasta	Veggie Wrap Stack with Rice	Parsnip and Sweet Potato Loaf with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	French Bread Pizza	Cheese and Onion Quiche with Chips
Vegetable Medley	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Carrot & Swede Mash Cabbage	Sweetcorn Roasted Peppers	Peas Baked Beans
Pear and Chocolate Crumble with Custard	Yoghurt & Raisin Cake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Seasonal Root Cake	Vanilla Shortbread
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily				