



Headlines

'Together we grow in God's love, learning to be the best we can be'

Week Beginning – 4th September

Monday 4th

SCHOOL CLOSED—STAFF TRAINING

Tuesday 5th

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Wednesday 6th

School reopens for ALL pupils

Yr6 Top-Up Swimming

Thursday 7th

Yr6 Top-Up Swimming

Yr4 Walton Firs Information Session—
6:30pm Online—link to follow

Friday 8th

Yr6 Top-Up Swimming

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!

Another successful academic year completed and what an adventure it has been! I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the whole of the SJF parent and carer community who have worked so hard to support their children and our school over the last year.

As always, the SJF staff and governors have continued to work with commitment and dedication to the school and I am immensely thankful for their ongoing support.

As the summer holidays finally begin, I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday; wherever it may take you.

Thank you all for your very generous words, cards and gifts that I have received over the last couple of days and I look forward to welcoming you back to school in September ready to go again!

Happy Holidays - from Ms Kenna

Letters Home:

Universal Free School Meals—Yr2-Yr5
Parents and Carers Leavers Survey—Yr6

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For giving their very best in everything
they have done

Mr Swain and Mrs Hassit

Thank you for everything you have
done for us all

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*



2466g



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2200g



2080g

Congratulations to **EARTH** house for winning the final house point competition for this school year!

Children did as much as they could to earn tokens as the competition got very close!

The prize for Earth House members 22/23 will be announced at the start of the new school term.

The tubes have all been emptied now and we wait to see who will be the first house point champions for the new school year!

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

French Pizza Bread

Vegetable Tagine
with Couscous

Summer Mixed
Vegetables

Summer Lemon Cake

Chicken Sausage Hot Dog with
Potato Wedges

Vegan Sausage with Mashed
Potato and Gravy

BBQ Baked Beans
Broccoli

NEW Syrup Snap Biscuit

Roast Beef with Roast
Potatoes and Gravy

Roast Quorn, Roast
Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy

Carrots
Cabbage

Fruit Medley

NEW Vegan Meatballs
Pasta Bake

Roasted Cauliflower
Curry with Rice

Sweetcorn
Green beans

NEW Apple Strudel with
Cream

Fishfingers or Salmon
Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato
Sauce

NEW Vegetable Burger in a Bun
with Chips & Tomato Sauce

Peas
Baked Beans

Chocolate Shortbread

Caterlink have introduced a wider option cold menu.

The menu for the hot option is above and the cold option is below.

MONDAY

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Cream Cheese and
Cucumber Wrap

Egg Mayonnaise Pitta

Daily Salad Bar

Summer Lemon Cake
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

Chicken and Salad Roll

Cheese and Crunchy Slaw
Sandwich

Daily Salad Bar

Syrup Snap Biscuit
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

Turkey Sandwich

Tuna Mayonnaise and
Sweetcorn Roll

Daily Salad Bar

Fruit Medley
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

Egg Mayonnaise Baguette

Cheese Quiche

Daily Salad Bar

Apple Strudel with Cream
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

Fish Finger & Tomato Sauce
Wrap

Cheese and Onion
Baguette

Daily Salad Bar

Chocolate Shortbread
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

Happy Birthday

Alexander F, Poppy A, Nina McC, Eliazs M, Oliver B, Finn K, Antek B, Raphael D'S, Sophia L-K-T, King O, Julia AA, Izabella M, Cara L, Gianluca M, Lewis C, Zaim K, Jayden S, Dylan McM, Sophia B, Daisy H, Poppy H, Esme B, Attila L, Benjamin C, Lexi H, Jude L, Felix H, Evie H, Leo M, Peter O, Helen M, Evie S, Annabelle A, Jack C, Milo M, Jamie McC, Molly B, Stanislaw M, Michaela K-K, Luca J P, Antoni O, Nayana P-D, Maximilian F, Benjamin B, Kirsten O, Frederick McC, Oscar S, Francesca T, Michael L, Alexander R, Pearl D, Rinojan J.



We have so many keen musicians at St John Fisher and we are very lucky to have peripatetic teachers for piano, guitar and drumkit lessons provided by Merton Music Foundation - they will all have some availability in September.

Children receive 10 x lessons per term which take place during school time and this is all organised through Merton Music Foundation (MMF).

The MMF website has all the details regarding options for lessons. If you would like your child to have lessons please register directly with MMF at:

<https://mmf.org.uk/mertonschools/>

Spaces are allocated on a first come first served basis with a waiting list kept if we cannot accommodate all requests - MMF will confirm lessons in September once the new registers are finalised.

Chaplain videos

Please click [here](#) to view some short videos from our chaplains, discussing how much they have loved their role. Slide down the page to view the videos.



St John Fisher Governing Body

Message from Kate Blom, Chair of Governors

This academic year has been a busy one for the school, we've had a successful Ofsted inspection which is a credit to the hard work by staff and pupils and the support of our parents and carers. From a governance perspective there has been a lot of work and focus on the proposed formation of the Sancta Familia CAT and also on the financial state of the school. Unfortunately like all schools SJF is suffering from financial strain and we are relying more on the additional funds generated from our extended services offering and from donations by families via the PTFA and the Governors' Fund.

I have included an update from the Chairs of each of our main committees below which I hope helps to outline the work the governing body does to both support and scrutinise Ms Kenna and her leadership team. Our committees focus on ensuring we deliver high quality education, but at the same time continuing to ensure the school is kept within budget.

The Governors would also like to thank the PTFA and especially the outgoing committee members who have done another fantastic job this year providing significant contributions to our school. These additional funds provide valuable support to the provision of the excellent educational facilities at SJF.

Sadly our vice-chair Mrs Therese Lord has decided to move on from the governing body, Therese has been a governor for over 10 years and her commitment, wise counsel and support to the school will be greatly missed.

On behalf of the Governing Board at SJF I would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you a very enjoyable summer break.

Quality of Education

Members: Deborah McCann (Chair), Daren King, Alain van West, Katie Newman, Janine Kenna

This academic year, the Quality of Education Committee has continued to support and challenge school leaders to deliver high quality education and enrichment opportunities that are tailored to meet the needs of the children at St John Fisher.

The development of the curriculum has continued to be a strong focus throughout the year and it has been excellent to see the ambitious curriculum recognised in the recent Ofsted inspection. Subject leaders have continued to be supported through peer support clusters with teachers from other local schools and professional development will continue to be a priority, to maximise the impact of the curriculum for all children.

The new phonics scheme introduced last year, has continued to be embedded in Early Years and is supporting children to develop an early love of reading. Decodable books are supporting children's progress in early years and we are very grateful to the parent volunteers who have been supporting children's reading.

Throughout the school, investment in new books and class resources which align with curriculum and better reflect the diversity of school population, are helping to embed diversity and inclusion, and will help all children feel represented in their learning.

Continued investment in the Talk for Writing and Maths Mastery schemes are providing continued professional development for staff and are supporting the school to deliver against the priorities in the School Development Plan.

We have continued to support and challenge the leadership team to meet the needs of children with SEND which has been in the context of a challenging financial position for the local authority. The school has continued to champion the needs of children with SEND to secure access to specialist support wherever possible, as well as supporting school staff to meet children's individual needs through adaptive teaching.

Additional funding from the Government to support education recovery following Covid has continued to be used to support small group work with children most in need of accelerated progress.

Despite the pressure on school budgets, the school has continued to offer a diverse mix of enrichment activities, including through school visits and clubs, a STEAM week, and a sports fortnight, which continue to be very popular.

Looking forward to the 2023/24 academic year, we expect St John Fisher to continue to build on the implementation of the curriculum and to support the professional development of middle leaders and teachers to deliver high quality teaching and learning.

Quality of Operations

Members: Frank Huidobro (Chair), Kate Blom, Janine Kenna, Philip Gilbertson, Adrian Benedict

This year the Quality of Operations Committee has continued to focus on matching the school's expenditure to its financial resources and ensuring that the facilities are compliant and maintained to the best standard possible.

The costs of running the school have reflected some of the wider economic challenges and funding from the Local Authority has also continued to be under pressure. Despite this the school was able to work within its financial resources during the financial year. This was due to the benefit of previous years reserves and continued close financial scrutiny of operational costs.

As in the previous academic year, a significant amount of financial resource has come from the success of using the school facilities to raise income. This is an increasingly essential part of the school finances and in being able to maintain a positive financial balance. This in turn ensures that the school can continue to offer the current high standards of education and facilities. A particular thank you goes to everyone who has been part of making this additional revenue generation a success.

The school has benefitted from several projects to improve the school facilities, notably the Year 5/6 toilet block which is currently undergoing a significant refurbishment.

Going forward the school is looking to continue to operate within the budget constraints of the year ahead and to maintain the excellent facilities the school has. The focus on raising additional income from the school facilities will continue and hopefully with the support of the St John Fisher community.

Spiritual, Ethos and Wellbeing

Members: Therese Lord (Chair), Janine Kenna, Fr Matthias, Louisa Asgill, Richard Fisher

The Spiritual, Ethics and Wellbeing committee has continued to support the school during a very full academic year. We congratulate the school body on achieving a very good Ofsted report. The SEW committee are particularly pleased to see the benefits reaped from having a Mental Health lead and the continued work to broaden the scope of Mental Health offers for pupils, parents and staff. Initiatives such as recognising Mental health week in the school with various class activities and assemblies has gone a long way in embedding the importance of mental health as a key factor in the pupils ability to thrive at the school.

The outstanding creation of the Woodland garden has also equipped the pupils with a fantastic space for outdoor learning, reflection and exploration another key factor in maintaining good mental health and wellbeing. A big 'thank you' to all the parents and students who helped to create this space.

The pupils themselves spoke of their school as 'like belonging to a big family where there is always someone who will look after you and make sure you are happy' which can be seen as a testament to all the work that has gone into looking after the mental health of the staff and pupils.

Hot on the heels of the Ofsted inspection, the school now waits in anticipation for the upcoming CSI (Catholic Schools Inspection) which will be under the new framework. There is also a new Catholic Education Directory (curriculum) that needs to be implemented by September 2025

The SEW committee has been briefed on the new assessment criteria and continue to give oversight on the work going into getting the school secure in these requirements. There is a lot of work to be done but the governors are confident that the school leaders have a clear plan of action to attain this.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new parent governors to the committee Louisa Asgill and Richard Fisher, they both will bring fresh insight and I am happy that they have chosen to take on this new responsibility.

St John Fisher Governors' Fund

Trustees: Kate Blom (Chair), Philip Gilbertson (Treasurer), Adrian Benedict, Frank Huidobro

This academic year the school Governors' fund has purchased the following:

Description	Amount
Atlases for mapping skills	584
Bibles and Crosses	700
CTouch St Scholastica	3,824
Ctouch staff room (to support staff training courses and meetings	3,699
Ukulele resources—whole class	888
Maths resources	620
RE resources	270
Equalities books	5,000
Total 2022/23	15,585

The Governors' School Maintenance Fund is now a registered charity, please consider signing up to Gift Aid to optimise your contributions. If all contributions had included a gift-aid this year we would've had additional funds to purchase one new CTOUCH interactive screen.

Trustees would like to thank all families for their contributions, and we ask those who haven't yet done so to consider supporting this fund. The Governors' fund has very little overheads, just a small annual auditing cost, therefore almost all your contributions go straight to the school.



St John Fisher PTFA success in 2022-2023!

Thanks to the efforts of all the many volunteers and supporters of our events, this year we have raised over

£20,000!!!

This money will be used in the coming academic year to enrich the school life of each and every child at St John Fisher. This year, we have been fortunate enough to be able to make several large donations to the school, and provide several treats too! Here's what we've done:

- £20,000 donation towards brand new Playground Equipment
- £5,400 donation towards creating the Woodland Garden
- £5,000 donation towards books for class libraries
- Christmas Parties for whole school
- School Christmas Tree
- Christmas Pantomime (online)
- St John Fisher feast-day picnic ice lollies for whole school
- Year 3 Holy Communion Parties
- Year 6 Leavers' Disco and BBQ

It's been our pleasure to work with the wonderful parents and staff at SJF, raising money and bringing the community together. Thank you all for your help and support over the past 8 years, and good luck to the new PTFA Committee!

Your outgoing PTFA Committee

Emma, Niamh, Olivia and Laura

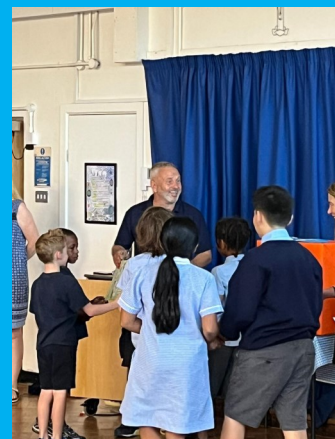


We would like to wish all of our leavers the very best as you leave SJF!

We will miss you all but we know you will do amazing things in your next adventures.



Yr6 parents and carers can check their Google Classroom for a PGL memories throwback.



Hail Mary

At St John Fisher we have all learnt to sign the Hail Mary. Pupils and staff have shared this in Collective Worship and during services. Mrs Reuss has kindly put together a film, which shows a mix of pupils from KS2 leading the signing for the whole school singing. With thanks to permission from Fisherman UK Music. Click on the link below to view the video:

<https://www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk/spiritual-life-of-the-school/prayer-and-liturgy/>

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**These pupils have lived
out our SJF values
consistently all school year**

St Scholastica – Richard M

St Aidan – Aubany P

St Ninian – Henry B

St Teresa – Liberty T

St James – Alicia H

St Osmund – Cristina P

St Hugh – Freya A

St Nicholas – Clara K

St Francis – Ted V

St Ignatius – Victoria D

St Susanna – Abbie C

St Helena – Eva N

St Elizabeth – Gianluca M and Mara G

St Rose – Francesca T

Nursery – Zeruiq O



On Wednesday afternoon, after the disappointment of having to postpone last week's 'Music on a Summer's Evening' event, we enjoyed a re-purposed 'indoor' version as children across the school enjoyed a musical treat from each year group, led brilliantly as always by our music teacher Mrs. Reuss — ably assisted by Mrs. Nash.

The musical talents even extended to dancing as year 2 danced and sang along to a traditional Polish folk song.

We also had the opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to our wonderful PTFA committee who have worked so hard over the last 8 years to bring miles of smiles to our school community—and very much needed and well utilised funds too!

THANK YOU Emma, Niamh, Laura and Olivia you have made SUCH a difference to SJF and your work will never be forgotten!

