



Headlines

St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Autumn Term 2023/24
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Week Beginning – 30th October

Monday 30th

ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Wednesday 1st November

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

Thursday 2nd

Yr4 trip to Royal Festival Hall
Parents' Forum 7pm (online meeting)

Friday 3rd

Yr5/6 Hockey Championship
Pre-loved Uniform Sale—3pm

It's incredible to believe that we have already arrived at the half way point of the first term.

It has been a very busy half term and I would like to say a huge well done to all of the children who have settled so well into their new year groups and are working hard to continue to develop their knowledge and skills across all areas of the curriculum.

As you will see from this week's edition this hard work has been complimented by many opportunities to enrich and extend the curriculum through educational visits and visitors.

In the coming half term we look forward to more learning and many other important and exciting events including national anti-bullying week, celebrating the month of remembrance and of course the fast approaching C word!

I wish you all a restful and relaxing half term break and look forward to seeing all of our families on our return to school on Monday the 30th October.

Happy Birthday

Jasper H, Aleksander P,
Beatriz A, Sami K, Megan S,
Isabella H, Alexander H, Ethan C,
Benedict A, Jemima A, Jovan A,
Isabelle H, Evie K, Karolina K,
Sofia C, Kyllane G, Hugh L,
Roisin M-M

Don't forget to bring in any pre-loved uniform on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd November ready for the *Pre-loved Uniform Sale on Friday 3rd November from 3pm.*

Letters Home:

Induction Mass—Whole school

Into Film Festival—Yr3/Yr4
Governors Fund 2023/24—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**

Yr5 were very lucky to have a visit from Merton Hockey coach Mr. Walker this week. We learned skills to help us play the sport. The club are always looking for new members so anyone who is interested, please feel free to give it a go.

Merton Hockey Club



Hockey for all ages and abilities since 1893!

Come and join us for free taster sessions and very affordable membership. No need to pre-register and we have plenty of sticks you can borrow. Just need a mouth guard, shin pads and a passion to play!



Juniors (10 teams for 6 to 16 year olds) – all welcome to any or all of the following:

Tuesdays: 5-6:30pm @ Harris Morden (SM4 6DU)
 Thursdays: 5-6pm @ Raynes Park High School (SW20 0JL)
 Saturdays: 9-10:15am (boys), 10:15-11:30am (girls) @ Harris Morden (SM4 6DU)
 Sundays: Surrey League matches and friendly fixtures available to all

Adults (3 men's teams and 2 women's teams):

Thursdays: 8-9:30pm @ KCS Sports Ground (KT3 6JA)
 Saturdays: London Area League matches and friendly fixtures available to all

Home Pitch: Harris Academy Morden, Lilleshall Road, Morden, SM4 6DU
Clubhouse: John Innes Recreation Ground, Cannon Hill Lane, SW20 9ES

For more details, contact Chris Walker on 07801 817808

or info@mertonhockey.co.uk or visit www.mertonhockey.co.uk



Thank you for all the donations which you sent to school for our annual Harvest collection.

Wimbledon Foodbank came to school today and with the help of some of our pupils were able to fill their van with donations.



St Helena class had a fantastic time during our local walk this week. We discussed 'human' and 'physical' features of our area as we visited St John Fisher church and Canon Hill common. Thank you to the parents and carers who came with us on this trip. We know St Susanna class will certainly enjoy their trip when it takes place after half term.



Yr6 went to the Wimbledon Book-fest this week to meet J T Williams, author of 'Potions and Poisons'. We found out all about what inspired her to write this series of mystery books. We really enjoyed the trip and are looking forward to reading the rest of the books in her series.



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Childrens & Young Peoples Flu Vaccinations in Sutton & Merton 2023

School aged children from
Reception to Year 11



Clinic Date- Wednesday 25th October 2023

Time-10:30- 15:00

Address- Sutton life centre
24 Alcorn Cl, Sutton SM3 9PX

- Walk in flu clinic for children who missed vaccine at school
- No appointment needed
- Call 02039033371/ 02039033373 for any questions

Banji Alexander visited us at SJF on Monday to share with us his book 'Lockdown Looms'. The children enjoyed meeting him and asking him some really good questions about his book writing experience.

"We were so excited to meet Banji Alexander, especially after seeing him and his class perform on Britain's Got Talent. We feel really lucky to have met him" - St Osmund

"We loved meeting a famous author!! I read his book in a night!!" - St James

"We had a great time meeting Banji and we loved his hat and loved wearing ours!" - Reception classes



On Monday Year 3 went to Wimbledon High School to see an author called Olaf Falafel as part of Wimbledon BookFest. We travelled there by bus. When we got there, Olaf Falafel came onstage to introduce his book *Trixie Pickle Art Avenger: Toxic Takedown*. The author told us all about himself and how he has 6 jobs. He told us about his family and he shared lots of funny jokes with us. He was hilarious! He showed us some of his other books too, including one about a lonely character called Blob Fish who lives at the bottom of the sea and makes friends with a plastic bag. We were really excited to receive our copies of the Trixie Pickle book - it's funny, interesting and has lots of facts about different artists. We really enjoyed meeting Olaf Falafel!

By Amelia, Bronte, Gracie and Sienna



Thank you to everybody who donated to the Woodland Garden appeal both through Parent Pay and at the Summer Fair.

Through your generosity we have been able to provide SJF with learning resources to the value of £400 which are already being used by pupils as you can see from the photos.

Special thanks also to the parents and carers who came along on Sunday and helped build a new raised plant bed, cleaned the bench and cut back the wildflower turf. These help is invaluable to keep the wildflower garden in the best condition possible for all pupils to enjoy.

PTFA Weekly Update

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in our first half term as the new PTFA Committee!

We hope everyone had as much fun at the **Autumn Disco** as we did. We made over **£2,200 profit** from the event. Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket and to all our volunteers - over 50 people signed up to help. It was great to see some new faces.

We raised **£180 from the Clothes Bin Collection**. A new bin is on its way and will be ready for collections very soon!

We are pleased to announce we have launched a **new website**: <https://linktr.ee/stjohnfisherptfa> Now you will be able to find all the PTFA information, links and dates in one place. Please take a look and let us know if you have any feedback.

In September, we also launched **Easyfundraising and our new Instagram account**. All details are on our website.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our PTFA fund on ParentPay. We are at nearly £500 already.

Ms Kenna and the team have started to progress the initial stages of the new Playground project so we look forward to updating everyone soon!

Next half-term:

After the half-term break, we are going to re-launch our **Match Funding initiative** ready for the Christmas Fair. We've had a great start with one of our parents getting £500 from their employer, Natwest, for volunteering at the Summer Fair!

Our next event is the **Quiz Night on Friday 10th November** and it is **SOLD OUT!** Sorry to anyone who missed out this time. We will be calling out for volunteers to help after the half term holiday.

Christmas!!! As always, there will be lots happening in November and December so we will try to make sure you all get plenty of notice. We will need donations, lots of volunteers and some help collecting raffle prizes.

The **Woodland Garden** team have another volunteering day scheduled on Sunday 26th November. Please join the Woodland Garden whatsapp group to find out more information: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/BTvqNuD70ZJ6NmM4UdDVQt>

And finally, don't forget to bring in any pre-loved uniform on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd November ready for the **Pre-loved Uniform Sale on Friday 3rd November from 3pm**.

Please follow us on Facebook or Instagram for regular updates on events and fundraising. Search "St John Fisher PTFA" on Facebook or follow this link for our Instagram: https://instagram.com/stjohnfisherptfa?igshid=OGQ5ZDc2ODk2ZA%3D%3D&utm_source=qr

BUILDBETTER LEARNING



These pupils have used
great questioning to
develop their learning

St Scholastica – Amanda E

St Aidan – Isaac B

St Ninian – Mia F D

St Teresa – Sami Al-D

St James – Zoe K

St Osmund – Freya A

St Hugh – Louisa M L

St Nicholas – Ethan P

St Francis – Abigail C

St Ignatius – Evie C

St Susanna – Henry E

St Helena – Gabby A

St Elizabeth – Max F

St Rose – Ethan C

Nursery – Ada C

Attendance Percentage
week beginning
9th October 2023

Class	Week commencing 09/10/23	Week commencing 02/10/23
St Rose	98.60	95.60
St Elizabeth	94.90	89.30
St Susanna	99.80	96.70
St Helena	97.70	96.30
St Francis	97.90	99.30
St Ignatius	98.00	96.60
St Nicholas	97.20	95.20
St Hugh	97.80	98.20
St James	99.30	97.00
St Osmund	96.70	91.10
St Teresa	99.70	98.30
St Ninian	99.30	97.30
St Aidan	98.80	92.70
St Scholastica	99.00	97.20
Overall	98.20	95.80

Best Class: St Susanna

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

**** Evie O'S ****



WELL DONE

St James

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

Wednesday
18th October

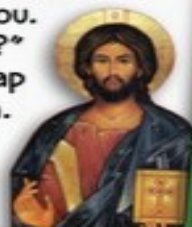


**Good News
for Families**

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Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Some of the leaders of the people tried to trap Jesus and get him into trouble. So they sent some of their followers who said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are an honest man and teach God's way with honesty. We also know that you are not afraid of anybody: someone's rank means nothing to you. Then they asked him, "Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar, the Emperor?" Knowing what they were up to, Jesus said, "Why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin you use to pay taxes." They handed him a coin. He said to them, "Whose head is on this coin, and whose name?" "Caesar's," they replied. "So then," he said to them, "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."



From the Gospel of 22nd October 2023 Cf. Matthew 22:15-21 (the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

***** NEW MENU FOR AFTER HALF TERM *****

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Beef Burger with Toppings and Potato Wedges BUILD A BURGER	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Minced Beef Pasta Bake	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Veggie Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Soya Mince Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Veggie Sausages, Onions and Gravy with Roast Potatoes	Five Bean Chilli with Rice	Cheesy Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Winter Roasted Vegetable's	Baked Beans Mixed Vegetables	Peas Cauliflower	Roasted Carrots Green Beans	Peas Baked Beans
Lemon Drizzle	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins	Freshly Chopped Fruit Medley	NEW Jam and Coconut Sponge	Oaty Cookie
Cheese & Crunchy Slaw Sandwich	Chicken Breast Salad and Wrap	Tuna and Cucumber Roll	Cheese Baguette	Greek Chicken Pitta
Tuna Salad Roll	Egg Mayonnaise Baguette	Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	Tuna and Cucumber Wrap	Egg Salad Baguette
Daily Salad Bar	Daily Salad Bar	Daily Salad Bar	Daily Salad Bar	Daily Salad Bar
Apple Flapjack Yoghurt & Fresh fruit	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins Yoghurt & Fresh fruit	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad Yoghurt	Iced Vanilla Sponge Yoghurt & Fresh fruit	Oaty Cookie Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

Available Daily:

- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised) - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection