



Headlines

St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Spring Term 2023/24
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Week Beginning – 4th March

BOOK WEEK

Book swap at drop off and pick up all week

Monday 4th

Yr5 - Final RAH rehearsal

YrN—Yr6 - Reading for Pleasure 6:30pm (online)

Wednesday 6th

EYFS Bedtime Story Session 6:15pm (online)

KS1 Bedtime Story Session 7:00pm (online)

KS2 Bedtime Story Session 7:45pm (online)

Thursday 7th

World Book Day—Special Caterlink Menu (see Pg4)

Friday 8th

World Book Day Dress-Up Day—Whole School

Yr5/6 Tag Rugby Championship

Letters Home

Animals Including Humans - Yr1

Parent/carers survey—whole school

RE topic—Yr6

Book Week Reminders—Whole school

Happy St David's day everyone and especially to our SJF families with Welsh heritage and connections.

Today Yr1 St Helena class helped us all to celebrate the life and work of St David, patron saint of Wales. Very little is known for certain about St David. He was born around about AD 500 and tradition says that he lived to the age of about 100 – extremely old in those days!

He was a monk and a bishop, and became well known as a preacher and teacher, wandering round Wales telling people about Christianity, devoting himself to helping people and setting up monasteries.

One of the things St David is most famous for is the saying 'Do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about'.

This is a fantastic message for us to remember during this Lenten season.

The children were set a challenge at the end of Collective Worship to live out this saying today by doing just one little thing for someone else. I look forward to asking them during Monday's Collective Worship if and how they have achieved this.

One little thing that each of you can do this weekend is complete our annual parent and carer survey, see P5 for more details.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

PE uniform reminders:

A reminder that children should ONLY wear their SJF PE uniform to school on days where they are scheduled to have PE/Games session or when their class teacher asks them to wear the PE uniform for a particular event.

If children are attending before/after school sports clubs or trials on a NON PE/Games day, they MUST wear/bring their school uniform to wear during the school day.

SJF PE uniform—as listed on the school website consists of:

- **Navy blue shorts, dark blue PE t-shirt with the school logo and navy blue hoodie with the school logo**
- **Plain navy blue tracksuit for colder weather**
- **Trainers (Velcro fastening in younger year groups)**

In addition to the above:

Plain dark blue leggings/base layers may be worn in colder weather for games/PE.

Children SHOULD NOT wear branded sports wear.

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***

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 3rd March 2024



Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple there he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and money changers sitting at their counters. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market." Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The people in the Temple said to Jesus, "What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The people replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple: are you going to raise it up in three days?" Now the Temple Jesus was talking about was his own body. And later when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had told them.

*Adapted from John 2:13-25
The 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B*

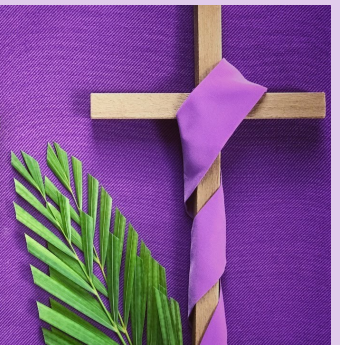
Everyone can learn more about this Gospel
in church: all are very warmly invited.

We appreciate how busy everyone's lives are but it was disappointing that **no parents or carers** from our school community were able to attend the first Lenten prayer group. We hope that some of you will be able to join Mrs Davis on Tuesdays at 8:40am in St Cecilia's classroom for a few moments of reflection and prayer.

Everybody is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there to pray together at this time.

Please see the [school web-site](#) for more details.

**DAILY
PRAYER
DURING
LENT**



#GivePrayerAGo this Lent

In January, Archbishop John Wilson [launched an online campaign](#) encouraging people to #GivePrayerAGo. People often say they find it difficult to pray, because they're too busy or they're unsure where to start. #GivePrayerAGo aims to help people overcome those barriers and support them in welcoming Christ into their hearts. Pope Francis has designated 2024 the Year of Prayer and we want to do all we can to get people praying.

This Lent, why not make prayer a priority? The Archdiocese would love children to [write their own prayers and share them with the Archdiocese](#)

It's really simple to do (click on the link above) and is a great way to get children excited about prayer.

Please click here for more [info on the campaign](#)

In religion last week St Nicholas Class practised singing The Clapping Gloria. We learned that '*Gloria in excelsis Deo*' means '*Glory to God in the highest*'.

We thought this was really interesting because a lot of the time people sing the words but don't really know what they mean!

This week we have been practising our clapping when we pray as a class.

By Lucy



This week Reception have began 'Travelling the Globe!'. We have been focusing on countries in Asia. The children have enjoyed learning about Japan, India and Bangladesh. Many thanks to Hugh's mum, Veera's mum and Jemima and Benny's dad for sharing their experiences.



Happy
Birthday

Solomia M,
Alejandro H, Iris D,
Madelena C, Isla N,
Layla C, Ophelia L,
Franciszek J.

Caterlink

The menu for each week can now be found on the school website using the link below and scrolling to the bottom of the page:

[Click HERE for menu](#)

**REMINDER—CHANGE
OF MENU FOR WORLD
BOOK DAY—SEE PAGE4**

Special Menu for World Book Day

Be Our Guest

On World Book Month
Thursday 7th March

Horrid Henry's Chicken Pitta
with
Where's Wally's Savoury Rice

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Yeti Spaghetti

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Beatrix Potter Garden Carrot's
Jack and the Green Bean's

~

Charlie and the Chocolate
Factory Brownie



We are thinking about how things grow and change over time in the Nursery. We have planted seeds and are making sure they have water and sunshine to wake them up and help them to grow. We have 5 tiny baby caterpillars that we are going to watch very closely to see how they grow and change every day. We also recorded our Lenten promises and made a chain of love to help to remind us how we are going to grow in love for each other during Lent

Parent and Carer Survey 2024

As you will be aware from today's letter we have opened our annual parent and carer survey.

We value your opinions and will use the results from this, pupil and staff surveys to help us form plans for the future development and improvements to the school. These surveys are also a way for us to celebrate our successes.

Please use the link below to complete the survey which will remain **open until FRIDAY 22nd MARCH**.

[Please click HERE to complete the parent and carer survey](#)

Thank you St Helena Class for a wonderful Collective Worship today.
Happy St David's Day.



Spring Disco: Friday 15th March

Don't forget to buy your Spring Disco tickets on ParentPay. Available **NOW!**

If you would like to volunteer at the Disco, please do via the google form.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1MI0iqUK-WndDm-Gi591X25gilbwOTD-NTiVSB9IEgQk/edit?usp=sharing>. All help is very welcome and appreciated. If you can't edit the form on your phone, please email julia@st-johnfisherpta.org

SJF PTFA Community WhatsApp Group

We have launched our PTFA Community WhatsApp Group this week which has separate chats for each event so you can pick and choose where you would like to help. If you would like to be more involved (no matter how big or small) please join the Group

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LSW63vmMxXm9LGNf0IknLX>



SJF PTFA PRESENTS

SPRING DISCO

Friday 15th March 2023

Nursery to Year 2: 5pm – 6.30pm

Year 3 to Year 6: 7pm – 8.30pm



£5 per child

Pay on Parent Pay only

Drinks and snacks available

Cash only



Children to be supervised by parents
at all times. Names will be on the
door. No tickets will be issued.



BUILDBETTER LEARNING



These pupils have taken pride in the presentation of their books and their work

St Scholastica – Dora M

St Aidan – Lila-May F

St Ninian – Cristina P

St Teresa – Cian G

St James – Louie B

St Osmund – Alex J

St Hugh – Edward V

St Nicholas – Ezra B

St Francis – Sammy H

St Ignatius – Annabelle

St Susanna – Dario

St Helena – Jemima D

St Elizabeth – Jayden de W d'O

St Rose – Alexander S

Nursery – Darcey B

Attendance Percentage week beginning 19th February 2024

Class	Week commencing 19/02/24	Week commencing 05/02/24
St Rose	95.50	80.00
St Elizabeth	92.00	88.70
St Susanna	93.00	94.70
St Helena	98.70	92.30
St Francis	96.80	93.90
St Ignatius	95.00	97.30
St Nicholas	97.40	84.40
St Hugh	92.30	95.40
St James	95.90	97.80
St Osmund	90.40	88.10
St Teresa	94.70	97.00
St Ninian	94.10	80.30
St Aidan	98.10	91.90
St Scholastica	92.40	93.80
Overall	94.70	91.10

Best Class: St Helena

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

**** Felix H ****



WELL DONE
St Susanna

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