



Headlines

St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Spring Term 2023/24
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Week Beginning – 8th January 2024

Monday 8th

School reopens for all pupils

Tuesday 9th

School Tour—9:45am for prospective families

Letters Home

Music Makers—Spring term
LBM Childcare Survey—Whole school
Brooklands trip—Yr1

The SJF Carol Service was a wonderful event and I would like to thank all those who attended. You can view the highlights of the service using this link:

SJF Carol Service

I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Reuss, Mrs Nash and the Yr3 staff who helped make the event such a celebration.

As the term draws to a close I would like to extend my thanks and congratulations to the entire SJF community for working so well together to ensure a hugely successful first term of the academic year.

As you will see from the pupil reflections on Page 2, the children have thrived in their (not so) new year groups and our youngest pupils in the Nursery and Reception certainly showed just how well they have settled into SJF life in their amazing nativity performances just a couple of weeks ago.

Although we are all doubtless relieved to be embarking on a well deserved break, it is with huge sadness (and equal amounts of appreciation) that we bid farewell today to two much loved members of our teaching staff; Miss McDonald and Mr. Clerkin.

Both teachers have been working at SJF for over 7 years and the contribution they have made not only to the children they have taught, but to the wider life of the school, has been immeasurable.

As Miss McDonald ventures 'homeward' bound to start the next exciting chapter of her life in Australia and Mr. Clerkin continues his journey in education in a rather different role for the Department for Education, we wish them all God's blessings, happiness and success in all that they do.

Thank you Miss McDonald and Mr. Clerkin for helping our pupils, our staff and our school to grow in God's love always striving to be the best we can be. We will miss you hugely.

I would like to wish you and your families a blessed and joyous Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2024.



**Goodbye Miss McDonald and Mr Clerkin.
You will be missed by us all.**

Designated Safeguarding Leaders

Ms J Kenna
DSL
Mrs C Ellerker
Deputy DSL
Miss C Higgins
Deputy DSL



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What a term!

Reflections on the first term of 2023-24

I liked learning about Asia in Geography. It was shocking to learn about all the animals who are at risk of becoming extinct.
Evie W 4STO

I enjoyed learning about things from long away.
Meadow Yr1

I really enjoyed learning about how Hindus pray with their families when they are at home and at the mandir which is the name for a Hindu temple. Bronte Yr3

I found out a new trick in maths - when you add the digits of any number together, if the answer is either 3, 6 or 9 then that number will definitely be a multiple of 3. So if you have a really big number and want to know if it's a multiple of 3, you don't actually have to count all the way up in 3s. I thought that was really cool!

Elena Yr3

I liked History this term. It was interesting learning about the Anglo Saxons and why they settled in Britain.
Ben C Yr4

I'm enjoying creating a waistcoat and wearing it in a fashion show. My sewing has definitely improved!
Kaylee Yr6

We enjoyed learning about the human skeleton and finding out the scientific names of the bones that make up the human body - we thought it was really interesting that they have different names to the ones we normally use! Lucy & Sienna Year 3

Our DT topic of 'structures' was fun and interesting. It was tricky to make our pavilion sturdy but we worked together as a team to overcome this challenge. Corinne G Yr4 St Osmund

Learning about Iron Age hillforts in history was really interesting. I thought The Celts were really clever to build their villages high up so they could defend themselves from enemy attacks. Isabella Yr3

Learning new ways to keep fit and practise new skills in PE and Games lessons was really fun. We love doing exercise! Felix & Seb Yr3

I enjoyed making vegetable tarts in DT because it was fun. I've never made them before and they were really tasty!
Daniel Year 3

I really enjoyed learning about installation art—turning everyday objects into something different.
Desange—Yr5

I like Maths in Yr2. I have learnt to exchange, use base 10 and counters.
Lily Yr2

I learnt that light travels the fastest—you can not go faster than light.
Matthew. Yr6



Thank you!

IN THIS TERM, YOU HAVE HELPED TO RAISE A
RECORD BREAKING....

£16.2K

CHRISTMAS FAIR £8.9K

CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS £0.9K

CHRISTMAS PANTO & NATIVITY £1K

QUIZ NIGHT £1.6K

AUTUMN DISCO £2.2K

UNIFORM SALE £0.4K

CLOTHES BIN £0.2K

VOLUNTARY DONATIONS (PARENT PAY) £1K

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS
SUPPORTED AND ENJOYED THE EVENTS, AND
TO THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED MAKE IT ALL
POSSIBLE!

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Christmas Fun....and Father Christmas



Happy Birthday

Reilly S, Livieram K, Erin L, Molly McP. Hannah C,
Lennox L, Willow M, Alexei O, Manchary E, Eliza HD,
Gerda P, Thomas D, Elly J, Eva P, Ryan P, Ginelle G,
Zeruiah O, Finley B, Megan O, Jasmin R, Kaili CT,
Melley D, Martin S, Alexander D'C.

Wednesday
20th December

Five Minutes
Family Time

Good News
for Families

1 Enjoy reading the Gospel

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man called Joseph. The virgin's name was Mary. "Rejoice, favoured one!" said Gabriel. "The Lord is with you." Mary was disturbed and asked herself what he could mean. "Do not be afraid, Mary," the angel continued. "You have found favour with God. Listen! You will conceive and bear a son and you will call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High and his kingdom will never end." "How can this be," questioned Mary, "since I am a virgin?" "The Holy Spirit will come down upon you," the angel said, "and you will have a child who will be called the Son of God." "I am the servant of the Lord," Mary replied. "Let it happen just as you have said." Then the angel left her.



From the Gospel of Sunday 24th December 2023 Luke 1: 26-38 (the 4th Sunday of Advent, Year B)

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

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Wholemeal Cheese
and Tomato French
Bread Pizza

Cheese & Pepper Whirl
with Jacket Wedges

Sweetcorn
BBQ Baked Beans

Iced Sponge

Spaghetti Bolognese
with Garlic Bread

Vegan Hot Dog with
Potato Wedges

Broccoli
Cauliflower

NEW Chocolate
Orange Cookie

Sausages, Onions and
Gravy with Roast Potatoes

Winter Veg Slice, Roast
Potatoes & Gravy

Carrots
Cabbage

Fruit Platter

Cottage Pie

Vegan Shepherd's Pie
with Gravy

Winter Mixed
Vegetables

Peach Upside Down Cake
with Custard

Fishfingers or Salmon
Fishcake with Chips &
Tomato Sauce

BBQ Quorn Fillet with
Chips

Peas
Baked Beans

NEW Melting Moment
Biscuit

Tuna Mayonnaise
Salad Roll

Egg Salad Sandwich

Daily Salad Bar

Fruit Salad with Ice cream
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

Chicken and Coleslaw
Wrap

Cheese Salad Pitta

Daily Salad Bar

Pineapple Cake
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

Turkey and Salad
Baguette

Cream Cheese and
Cucumber Wrap

Daily Salad Bar

Fruit Platter
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

Cheese, Tomato and
Salad Pitta

Tuna Mayonnaise and
Roll

Daily Salad Bar

Vanilla Shortbread
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

Egg Salad Sandwich

Cheese and Rainbow
Slaw Baguette

Daily Salad Bar

Chocolate Brownie
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