



Headlines

St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Autumn Term 2023/24
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Week Beginning – 27th November

Tuesday 28th

School Tour for prospective families—9:45am
5STT at Ursuline High School
Movie Afternoon—FIRE HOUSE
Relationships and Behaviour at SJF - Information Session 6-7pm (in-person at school)

Friday 1st December

BOXES OF LOVE—LAST DAY
Mufti Day—Christmas Fair Bottle Donations (see P6)
St Ninian Class Collective Worship 9am
(*parents and carers of children in 5STNN are welcome to attend*)
Yr5/6 Girls Football Borough Championship

Saturday 2nd

PTFA Christmas Fair 12pm-3pm

This weekend marks the first weekend in the liturgical season of Advent.

Advent is the time to start making preparations to celebrate Christ's birth - God's momentous arrival into our world in the person of Jesus.

During the season of Advent the SJF community will prepare to welcome the Lord in many ways including making Advent promises and drawing closer to God through prayer and reflection.

As part of our Advent preparations don't forget that we will be running Advent Prayers for parents on Tuesday 5th, 12th and 19th December at 8:40am. These sessions will be led by a former member of staff and one of our current governors, Mrs Davis. Final arrangements for this will be confirmed in next week's Headlines.

Over the weekend I am sure that many of you will be gathering together your Christmas decorations, unravelling your fairy lights and securing your advent calendars (before they all sell out).

The season of preparation is nearly upon us...
Enjoy a wonderful weekend everyone.

Happy Birthday

Zofia K, Johan O,
Florence B,
Isabella M,
Louisa MM,
Clementine B, Elena C.

Letters Home

Christmas Carols at SJF Church—Whole school
PTFA Christmas Panto—YrR-Yr6
Red Wednesday—Whole school
Relationships & Behaviour @SJF Information session—Whole school
Ursuline High School Production—5STT
Christmas Lunch—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***

Please bring in your **BOXES OF LOVE** by **Friday 1st December** so that they can be given to the elderly of the Parish at their Christmas Party on Saturday. Thank you.



Bring a smile to an elderly person in our Parish of St John Fisher



BOXES OF LOVE

Christmas is fast approaching and once again this year we are thinking of the elderly in our parish and local community. We want you to donate a "Box of Love".

A decorated box filled with special things can have a great impact on someone's Christmas.

Be part of changing someone's Christmas in the name of Jesus through the power of a simple "Box of Love"



What to do....

1. Find an empty medium sized box and wrap box and lid separately in Christmas paper.
2. Fill your box with a variety of new gifts that will bring happiness to an elderly person.
3. Mark if it is suitable for a lady or a gentleman.
4. Put a rubber band round it.
5. Bring to school by the deadline date (to be confirmed)
6. Remember to pray for the person who will receive your gift box



Ideas of things to put in your box;

- ☐ Soap/shower gel/bubble bath etc
- ☐ Toothpaste/toothbrush, comb/hairbrush.
- ☐ Deodorant (roll-on)
- ☐ Socks/bed socks
- ☐ Scarf/wrap, hat
- ☐ Sweets/biscuits (within sell-by date)
- ☐ Handkerchiefs
- ☐ Shaving materials
- ☐ Perfume/aftershave
- ☐ A small torch
- ☐ Suitable books (word search book/playing cards etc)

****Don't' forget a Christmas card or note with your message. This is one of the most important ways we can show the elderly of our parish the we care.****



On Wednesday pupils wore something **RED** to show their solidarity with those around the world who are persecuted for their faith. This action is part of 'Red Wednesday', an initiative driven by Aid to the Church in Need.



Children in **EARTH HOUSE** enjoyed a movie afternoon today complete with comfy cushions, blankets and some tasty treats.

Next week it will be the turn of **FIRE HOUSE** to enjoy their treat for being House point winners last half term.

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 19th November 2023



Jesus said to his disciples, "There was once a man who set out on a journey. Before he left, he summoned his servants and handed over his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to a third he gave one talent – giving to each according to their ability. Then he left on his journey. After a long time the master came back and settled his accounts with them. The servant who had received the five talents brought his master an extra five talents. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents; look, I've made you another five talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have proved yourself faithful over little things, so I will put you in charge of much more. Come and share your master's joy.' The servant who had been given two talents made two more and his master said the same thing to him. But the servant who had been given one talent had just buried it in the ground and then dug it up and returned it to his master. The master was angry and had that lazy servant thrown out."

Adapted from Matthew 25:14-30
The 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

You are warmly invited to learn more about the Gospel through your local parish church.

"Do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Put your talents at the service of God."

Pope Francis














The Yr5/6 football team took part in the Borough Boys' Football Competition today. They played really well and made it through to the knock out stage to ultimately finish a very credible 7th out of 33 teams.

The team represented SJF well with their sportsmanship and respect for other teams.



*** NEW MENU ***

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Chef Shilpa's Chicken Korma with Rice 	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Enchiladas	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Roasted Vegetable Curry with Rice 	Vegan Burger in a Bun and Potato Wedges 	Vegan Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy 	Chef Mariam's Vegetable Couscous 	Cheese Omelette with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Peas Carrots	Mediterranean Vegetables	Sliced Carrots Broccoli	Green Beans Cauliflower	Peas Baked Beans
NEW Carrot Cake	Apple Crumble with Custard 	Fruit Medley 	Chocolate Drizzle Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Vanilla Shortbread 
Cream Cheese and Cucumber Wrap	Chicken and Salad Roll	Turkey Sandwich	Egg Mayonnaise Baguette 	Fish Finger & Tomato Sauce Wrap
Egg Mayonnaise Pitta	Cheese and Crunchy Slaw Sandwich 	Tuna Mayonnaise and Sweetcorn Roll	Cheese Quiche 	Cheese and Onion Baguette 
Daily Salad Bar	Daily Salad Bar	Daily Salad Bar	Daily Salad Bar	Daily Salad Bar
Summer Lemon Cake Yoghurt & Fresh fruit	Syrup Snap Biscuit  Yoghurt & Fresh fruit	Fruit Medley  Yoghurt & Fresh fruit	Apple Strudel with Cream Yoghurt & Fresh fruit	Chocolate Shortbread  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

PTFA Update

So next week is going to be BUSY! It's the week leading up to the final big event of the year - **the Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December 12-3pm!**

For a reminder of what is needed and when - see the ***PTFA Info Summary*** sheet on page 6.

It is also **Mufti / Non-uniform day on Friday 1st December!**

Thank you to everyone who has been busy buying **Raffle Tickets**, we are so pleased to announce that we are well over half-way to our target! With just over 6 days to go to the end of the raffle - we really need your help to make it to 2,000 tickets, so keep on buying and sharing if you can:

<https://raffall.com/347378/enter-raffle-to-win-sjf-ptfa-christmas-raffle-2023-hosted-by-st-john-fisher-ptfa>

Thank you for signing up to help on your class stalls, we will still be needing lots of help throughout next week so if you haven't already and would like to **help with collections, sorting and set-up for the fair**, please sign up: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rITnrox5ptpvUs5o4o0qDZECKeti43UrsY5eFY76Z98/edit?usp=sharing>

And finally, we sent out the information for the **YrR–Yr6 Pantomime on Friday 15th December.**

Tickets are £4 and are available on Parent Pay now.

SJF Christmas Fair

PTFA Info Summary

WHAT?	WHERE?	WHEN?
Hamper Donation	Classrooms	Until Friday 1st December
Alternative tombola donation	PTFA drop- off point (next to clothes recycling bin)	Every day w/c 27th November from 8:30 - 8:50am
Pre-loved toys & games		
Selection box or advent calendar		
Bottle for tombola (soft or alcoholic)	PTFA drop- off point	Friday 1st December from 8:30 - 8:50am

Key Dates

Non-uniform /
Mufti Day

Friday 1st December

Christmas Jumper Day
& Pantomime

Friday 15th December

On Thursday the school Eco Warriors helped with the pre-loved Christmas jumper sale.

Thank you to everyone who donated and bought from the sale. We were so pleased with the amount of donations and really pleased to have raised £125 which was donated to the PTFA! The remainder of the clothing will be on a stall at the Christmas fair so please come and grab a bargain.



Y5 Covent Garden Business Challenge



Having passed the first round of the business challenge, we went to Covent Garden in London. We browsed various stalls in the Apple market. When we arrived at the office, the judges were standing upright. We were so nervous when it was our turn to present. Our product, that we created and designed, was the 'motor pack'. We talked about the design, price and its qualities. Then, it was judging time... Sadly we weren't the overall winners. We took the train and bus home. It was so much fun! We had the best experience.

Written by Manchary & Tilly



This week in collective worship the children learnt about road safety week and how we can all work together to make our roads safer.

We talked about:

- using the crossings to cross the road (traffic lights)
- crossing with an adult
- cars driving at 20mph in residential areas
- braking distances for moving vehicles.

Please talk this through with your child/ren and model crossing the road safely EVERY time you cross.



BUILDBETTER LEARNING



These pupils have
applied their spellings
in their writing

St Scholastica – Nicole B

St Aidan – James L

St Ninian – Milo

St Teresa – Luke L

St James – Luca JP

St Osmund – Ben C

St Hugh – Jasmine R

St Nicholas – Sophia B

St Francis – Pippa C

St Ignatius – Leo H

St Susanna – Tien L-D

St Helena – Gianluca M

St Elizabeth – Livia G

St Rose – Noah C

Nursery – Logan R

Attendance Percentage
week beginning
13th November 2023

Class	Week commencing 13/11/23	Week commencing 06/11/23
St Rose	93.40	97.90
St Elizabeth	94.50	93.80
St Susanna	98.70	98.30
St Helena	96.30	98.00
St Francis	100.00	96.40
St Ignatius	98.70	99.00
St Nicholas	99.00	95.20
St Hugh	97.00	94.40
St James	97.80	96.30
St Osmund	97.40	93.70
St Teresa	97.20	97.20
St Ninian	99.70	94.70
St Aidan	98.50	95.90
St Scholastica	94.50	93.40
Overall	97.30	96.10

Best Class: St Francis

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

**** Edward V ****



WELL DONE
St Scholastica

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