



# Headlines

**St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Spring Term 2023/24**  
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## **Week Beginning – 5th February**

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

#### **Monday 5th**

Workshare Weekend books **MUST** be returned to school

Flag Football Borough Competition

#### **Tuesday 6th**

St Teresa—Parents Evening

#### **Wednesday 7th**

YrN—Yr5 Parents Evening

#### **Thursday 8th**

YrN—Yr5 Parents Evening

#### **Friday 9th**

St Francis Class Collective Worship—9am  
(*parents and carers of pupils in 2STF are welcome to attend*)

Yr3/4 Gymnastics Competition

Ball Girl Taster Day at Ursuline High School

Dress to Express—see Pg4

## **Letters Home**

MMR Vaccine information—whole school

Workshare Weekend—Yr1-Yr5

Travelling the World—YrR

Top Tips—Children's Mental Health Week—Whole school

Swimming—Yr4

With such a short half term hurtling to its final week, children are nearly at the 'mid-point' of their school year—and time is certainly flying by!

Today children from Years 1-5 will be bringing home their books for our bi-annual 'workshare weekend.' This allows the opportunity for parents and carers to spend time sharing and discussing not just the work completed in books thus far this year, but the hundreds of lessons and learning experiences that have supported the tasks and activities that you will review with your child.

This is a great opportunity to celebrate not just learning success, but the interest, effort and progress which your child will be able to share with you. It is also an ideal opportunity for children to be able to share their 'learning voice'.

What do they enjoy about their learning? What confuses/frustrates/excites them? How do they learn best? And of course, what do they feel most proud of? All great questions that tie in brilliantly with the theme of next week's Children's Mental Health Week starting on Monday; 'My Voice Matters'.

'My Voice Matters' is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves—something that forms an important part of life for all at SJF.

See page 4 for more information about plans for Children's Mental Health week.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

## ***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](#)**

**Happy Birthday**

Maria Izadora M de S,  
Leon G, Seraphina S,  
Frankie W, Evie W,  
William B-S.

## **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](mailto:school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)***

### Yr3

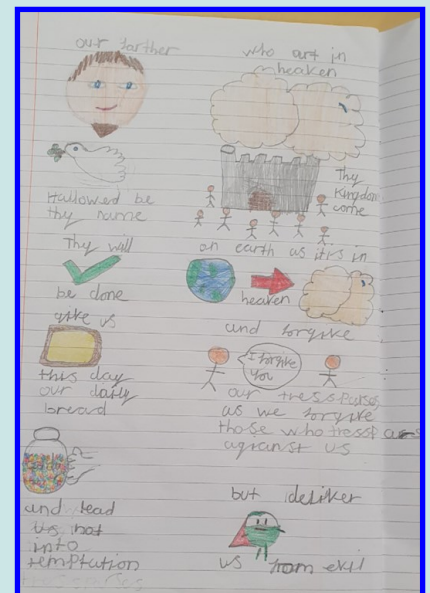
In RE we looked at The Lord's Prayer and discussed why it was so important to Christians. We discussed why and how we prayed and what this meant to each of us.

We found some of the words in the Lord's prayer hard and difficult to understand but, together, were able to retell the verses in our own words before text mapping 'Our Father' in our books. We thoroughly enjoyed the lesson.

Thursday 25 January 2024  
Why is prayer important in Christian life?

Art	It is heaven
Hallowed	holys special, mustworth
Thy	your, yours
Will	Wish, what you wish to happen
Daily bread	the things we need to live
Trespasses	sin, wrong doings
Temptation	bad things we want to do
Deliver us	save from, protect from
Thine	yours

Our Father who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name  
Thy Kingdom come  
Thy will be done  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil



### Protecting children's health – MMR (Measles Mumps and Rubella) vaccination

Following the recent outbreaks of measles the Department of Health have asked all schools to share some important information with all families.

Children are the most at risk of catching measles which is a potentially serious illness that can lead to hospitalisation and even death in some cases.

Two doses of the MMR (the first at 1yrs old and the second at 3yrs 4mths) can provide life-long immunity, will help prevent the spread of measles, safeguard children's health and that of their friends, school staff and our wider community. MMR also protects against mumps and rubella.

**Children and adults can catch up on any missed vaccinations by contacting their GP practice.**

The school immunisations team are also running additional clinics at local primary schools shown below. The immunisations team will be contacting parents directly but parents can also call 020 8487 1730 to book an appointment or email:

[hrch.immunisationcallcentre@nhs.net](mailto:hrch.immunisationcallcentre@nhs.net)

Please see the letter and FAQs sent home on 30th January for full details and a list of the clinics.

### THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024



On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many evil spirits, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there.

Adapted from Mark 1:29-39

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

**Come and learn more about the Gospel above, and say some prayers for your family & friends, at your local parish church this Sunday.**

A team of Year 3/4 footballers attended the Merton Football festival this week. They won all their matches and did not concede a goal!



They represented SJF with pride and made sure to show respect to their opponents and referees.



## Story Telling Week





Year 1 enjoyed a great day at Brooklands today. They were able to explore aeroplanes and compare aircraft from the past to the present. It was very exciting to see them in real life!

Thank you to everyone who came with us.

On Wednesday this week our Yr 5/6 gymnastics squad put in a great performance at the MSSP Yr 5/6 RISE Gymnastics Competition.

After putting 100% effort into the three disciplines of core skills (floor), a working together paired routine and the vault, the team were delighted to come away with two silvers and two bronze medals in the Vault discipline!



## What we're getting up to @ SJF during Children's Mental Health Week

This year's theme is: **My Voice Matters**

Across the week, all of the children will take part in different activities to help them listen more carefully, share what's important to them, and celebrate themselves and each other. *On Friday 9th February, we celebrate Dress to Express Day, where everyone can come in dressed in an outfit that simply makes them feel great!* We're also sending home some resources to help you talk to your child about their mental health. For further support for your family's well-being, see the 'Well-being For All' page on our school website:

[SJF - Well-being for all - click HERE](#)



# BUILDBETTER LEARNING



These pupils have  
shown that they are  
amazing story tellers

St Scholastica – Antoni

St Aidan – Ryan P

St Ninian – Isabelle C

St Teresa – Leanora D

St James – Livieram K

St Osmund – Lilly S

St Hugh – Amelie S

St Nicholas – Clara E

St Francis – Oliver B

St Ignatius – Finbar M

St Susanna – Juliette B

St Helena – Evie H

St Elizabeth – Oscar R

St Rose – Sinit D

Nursery – Otis N

Attendance Percentage  
week beginning  
**22nd January 2024**

Class	Week commencing 22/01/24	Week commencing 15/01/24
St Rose	97.60	98.30
St Elizabeth	93.30	98.00
St Susanna	94.30	98.00
St Helena	92.70	95.30
St Francis	98.20	97.50
St Ignatius	94.70	99.30
St Nicholas	98.90	<b>99.80</b>
St Hugh	98.80	97.30
St James	<b>100.00</b>	98.90
St Osmund	87.00	93.30
St Teresa	94.70	95.30
St Ninian	88.70	97.70
St Aidan	97.80	89.60
St Scholastica	95.20	97.20
<b>Overall</b>	<b>95.10</b>	<b>96.80</b>

**Best Class: St James**

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

**\*\* Peter O \*\***



**WELL DONE**  
**St Nicholas**

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