



Headlines

St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Autumn Term 2023/24
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Week Beginning – 11th December

Tuesday 12th

School Tour—9:45am (for prospective families)

Yr6 PGL Information session
6pm (online)

Thursday 14th

Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 15th

Christmas Jumper Day
Panto—YrR-Yr6

This week life at SJF has left us all in no doubt whatsoever that Christmas season is in full swing!! After the truly AMAZING Christmas fair last Saturday (HUGE thanks to all those involved in planning, executing and attending—see page 5 for the grand total raised...), we have continued to pack in our festive fun.

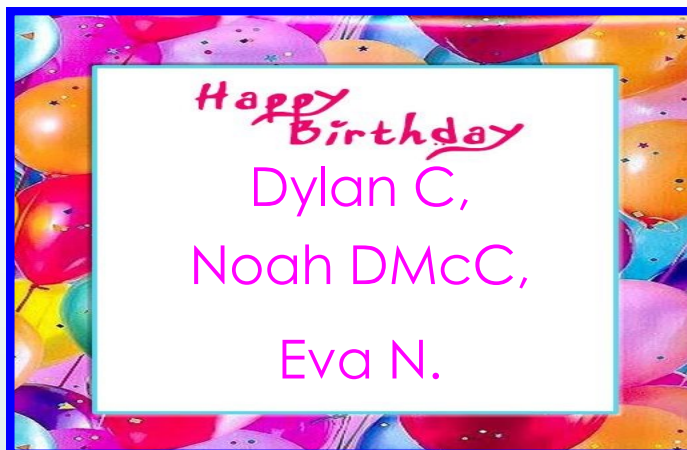
On Thursday (and after a full day of dress rehearsals on Wednesday for the school community to have a sneak peak...) children in Nursery and Reception treated us to (repeat) performances of 'A miracle in town', With voices that would put Year 6 to shame, they sang, acted and smiled their way through the greatest story ever told—with the result being not a dry eye in the house! As the photographs on page 3 show, it may be a story told many times, but the joy it brings never diminishes.

Next week our festive preparations continue with Christmas dinner on Thursday and the sparkle and shine of over 400 Christmas jumpers to dazzle us on Friday before finishing with a Panto treat—organised by our fantastic PTFA. It's going to be a busy week—so recharge those batteries over the weekend!

Enjoy a wonderful weekend everyone.

Letters Home

Parents Forum Minutes & Sports Update—Whole school
Spring term clubs—YrR-Yr6
Christmas Holiday Club at SJF—YrR-Yr6
Football Christmas Club—Yr2-Yr6
Hindu Temple trip—Yr4
PGL 2024—Yr6
EYFS Nativity Download—YrN/YrR
Carol Service—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**

ADVENT SERVICE

SJF were delighted to take part in the annual Diocesan Advent service at St George's Cathedral earlier this week. Our chaplains and school choir performed brilliantly reading, acting and singing as part of the service.

A big thank you to all of the adults who accompanied us on this very special occasion.

Please click [here](#) to see photos and a video of the children performing



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the wonderful opportunity to grow closer to God. As we are in Advent, a liturgical season of preparation,

Years 4, 5 and 6 were invited today to participate in Reconciliation with Father Francis and Father Joseph.

Today children in Yr4 to Yr6 had reconciliation. Reconciliation is also called 'confession' and it is when a priest hears your sins (your wrong doings) and cleanses you of them. We had reconciliation at this particular time of the year to prepare for Christmas and the coming of Christ so that we may receive His love and grace. Isaac R, Yr6

Act of Contrition

O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you, and with the help of your grace I will not sin again.

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH **Sunday 10th December 2023**



The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: "Look! I am sending my messenger ahead - he will prepare your way. A voice cries out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" And so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People from the land of Judaea and the city of Jerusalem came to him and, as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, they confessed their sins. But John said, "There is someone else to come - someone who is more powerful than I am. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

Adapted from Mark 1:1-8
The 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B

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

St John Fisher RC Primary - Extended Services Assistant - Breakfast Club

Breakfast: 7:15am-8:45am (1 hour 30 minutes)

Monday to Friday – school term days only - 7.50 hours per week

Scale: ME4 - Point scale 3-4 - £26,238 p.a. pro-rata














(Approximate monthly salary £397)

One-year contract in the first instance

For a job description and application form please contact Gabriel Toyos on 020 540 2637 or email sbm@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk

We are seeking to appoint **Extended Services Assistant** who is enthusiastic, cheerful with a good sense of humour, and prepared to work as part of a team to offer the very best standards in extended care on the school site. You will be supporting the children in both our classrooms and playground.

The successful candidate should be in sympathy with the ethos of the Catholic Church. Visits to the School are welcomed by prior arrangement—please contact the school office on 020 8540 2637 to arrange.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese and Tomato Pizza  <hr/> Veggie Bolognese with Garlic Bread  <hr/> Winter Roasted Vegetable's <hr/> Lemon Drizzle	Beef Burger with Toppings and Potato Wedges  <hr/> Soya Mince Lasagne with Garlic Bread <hr/> Baked Beans Mixed Vegetables <hr/> Fruit Jelly with Mandarins 	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy <hr/> Veggie Sausages, Onions and Gravy with Roast Potatoes  <hr/> Peas Cauliflower <hr/> Freshly Chopped Fruit Medley 	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce <hr/> Cheesy Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce <hr/> Peas Baked Beans <hr/> Oaty Cookie 
Cheese & Crunchy Slaw Sandwich  <hr/> Tuna Salad Roll <hr/> Daily Salad Bar <hr/> Apple Flapjack  Yoghurt & Fresh fruit	Chicken Breast Salad and Wrap <hr/> Egg Mayonnaise Baguette <hr/> Daily Salad Bar <hr/> Fruit Jelly with Mandarins  Yoghurt & Fresh fruit	Tuna and Cucumber Roll <hr/> Cheese & Tomato Sandwich  <hr/> Daily Salad Bar <hr/> Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad  Yoghurt	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY	Greek Chicken Pitta <hr/> Egg Salad Baguette <hr/> Daily Salad Bar <hr/> 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



This week the Nursery and Reception children performed their Christmas Nativity for parents, carers and extended family members. The children did an outstanding job of retelling the greatest story ever told. Huge thanks to all of the staff involved in making this such a wonderful event.

If you would like to make a donation, which will be shared between the Catholic Children's Society and the cost of the costumes etc. please use the link below or the QR code:

<https://pay.collctiv.com/nursery-and-reception-nativity-charity-collection-46443>



Thank you to Adam and Luke (based at St Catherine's Playing Field) for the beautiful Christmas tree which they donated to SJF this year.

They are offering 10% discount on Christmas trees to SJF families and will also make a donation to SJF PTFA for any trees bought by our families.



Well done everyone for supporting The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Your contribution supports the Armed Forces community, past and present.

THANK YOU!

What an amazing Christmas Fair!!!

We have now counted all the money and are so pleased to announce that between the Christmas Fair and the Raffle, YOU have helped to raise....

£8.9k

This is an astounding achievement and a credit to all the hard work, donations and help that everyone put in. We can't thank everyone individually, but you all know who you are and we couldn't have done it without you.

And that's not it, once we include the Pantomime, the Christmas Jumper Sale and Christmas gifts, we are on to make nearly £11k this year.

Christmas 2023 - £10.5k

Remember all the money raised goes towards the new playground which will hopefully be starting early next year.

All that's left to say from us is a reminder to buy your Panto tickets on ParentPay if you haven't done so already and don't forget Christmas Jumper Day next Friday 15th December!

BUILDBETTER LEARNING



These pupils have
worked hard to keep
their Advent pledges

St Scholastica – Franciszek J

St Aidan – Kathryn J

St Ninian – Desange

St Teresa – River F

St James – Alannah K

St Osmund – Olivia F

St Hugh – Hope D

St Nicholas – Isabella M

St Francis – Teddy K

St Ignatius – Emilia

St Susanna – Vivienne

St Helena – Emily

St Elizabeth – Jacob S

St Rose – Layla C

Nursery – Molly McP

Attendance Percentage
week beginning
27th November 2023

Class	Week commencing 27/11/23	Week commencing 20/11/23
St Rose	97.20	95.90
St Elizabeth	94.20	94.50
St Susanna	97.60	96.70
St Helena	96.90	97.30
St Francis	97.00	96.80
St Ignatius	98.60	98.00
St Nicholas	97.60	100.00
St Hugh	97.60	96.70
St James	97.80	100.00
St Osmund	95.80	94.80
St Teresa	97.80	97.20
St Ninian	96.80	97.70
St Aidan	94.80	91.10
St Scholastica	96.20	97.20
Overall	96.90	96.70

Best Class: St Ignatius

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

**** Ben B ****



WELL DONE
St Ninian

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