



# Catholic Virtues

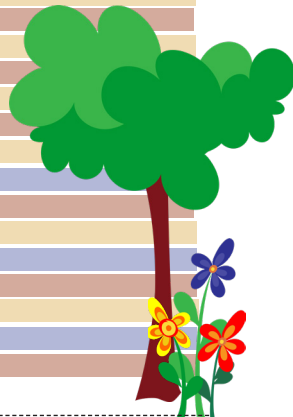
Our virtues this term are: **Attentive and Discerning**

## CHRISTMAS DATES

The table below details all of the dates coming up, but two key ones for the diary are  
**Friday 8 th December** – This will be our Christmas Fayre, please get in touch with Mrs Moss or Mrs Ball if you wish to help out  
**Thursday 14 th (PM) and Friday 15 th (AM)** – KS1 Nativity – There will be two performances of the nativity, hopefully one with a very special guest, so please note the dates.

### » Diary Dates

31.11.2023 Opera Workshops in School
16.11.2023 Year 5/6 Girls Football at Oxford City / Flu Immunisations
17.11.2023 Children In Need
20.11.2023 Year 3/4 Football Team v John Henry Newman
21.11.2023 Year 6 Junior Citizens Trip
23.11.2023 Year 5/6 Boys Football at Oxford City
28.11.2023 Year 1/2 Science Oxford Trip
29.11.2023 Year 5/6 Football at Horspath
30.11.2023 Year 5 Mansfield College Trip
30.11.2023 KS2 Choir Performance 5:30 PM at University College
01.12.2023 Non Uniform Day for Fayre
05.12.2023 Y4 to visit Headington School for Oliver!
06.12.2023 Advent Mass at Bd Dominic Barberi
07.12.2023 Y5/6 Girls Football v Windmill
08.12.2023 Christmas Fayre
11.12.2023 Advent Penitential Service
12.12.2023 Violin Concert
13.12.2023 Christmas Jumper/Dinner/Santa Run
13.12.2023 Year 5 Trip – Roman Immersive Classroom
14.12.2023 Bambinelli Blessing / Nativity Performance (PM)
15.12.2023 Nativity Performance (AM)
19.12.2023 Choir to perform at Nursing Home / Carol Concert
20.12.2023 Break up 1:00



### » Parish News

#### Pope Francis Prayer Intention for November 2023

*For the Pope*

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Sacred Heart Church  
Blessed Dominic Barberi Church  
Our Lady Help of Christians

<https://sacredheartoxford.com/>  
<https://www.bldominicbarberioxford.org.uk/>  
<https://olhoccowley.co.uk/>

God Bless,  
Mr P Higgins (Principal)  
and the SJF Team



# St John Fisher Newsletter



14th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone after a wonderful half term. This is always the busiest term in a Primary school in the lead up to Christmas, but should also be the most fun!

## Remembrance

On Friday, Miss McCarthy led the whole school in a remembrance assembly, emphasising the contribution of people from all of the world in ensuring peace in our lives, and remembering those who died, and continue to die for this cause.



This Friday we will be asking all children to donate £1 and dress up in spots to take part in Children in Need Day – the proceeds will be shared with Sobell House, as explained in our letter last week.

## Worship All Saints Mass

On November 1st we celebrated All Saints Day in school, with Fr Harry delivering a wonderful homily quizzing the children on Saints and statues.



**ABSENCE REPORTING** *A reminder that parents need to call the office before 9.00am to report an absence call 01865 779 76 and Select option 1*

### Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended over the last two weeks to meet with their children's teachers and discuss their learning. As a school we pride ourselves on ensuring communication channels are always open; if you ever have any issues just speak to your class teacher after school, or a member of the leadership team in the mornings.



### »PFMAC Concert

Just before half term, our Y6 students went to Oxford Town Hall to take part in the PFMAC "Back to the 80s" concert. It was a wonderful evening and a great way to bring our whole Pope Francis community together.

### BLACKBIRD LEYS COMMUNITY LARDER

All of your wonderful harvest donations were taken to the Blackbird Leys community larder by our School Council Team and will go to helping feed over 100 people each day at the Leisure Centre.



### DOJO POINTS

Last terms winners were Jesuits! They received 30 minutes extra play on the last day of term

*Week 1s scores are below:*

Jesuits - 420 Benedictines - 432 Franciscans - 426 Dominicans - 422



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### »Panto

Friday afternoon saw the school hall (with its lovely new curtains) become Sherwood Forest as the children were entertained by a production of Robin Hood. A special mention goes to Ms Perrin and Mr Keith for their amazing dancing.

Next year it will be in December!



Our Year 5 and 6 football teams have been busy this half term hosting fixtures and sitting on the bus in traffic.

Our boys continue to impress, and our girls are showing great promise, and huge improvements on last year.

A few recent results:  
Boys v St Michaels 8-3  
Girls v John Henry Newman 1-2  
Girls v St Nicholas 1-4



We recently took part in the Oxford County Cross Country Championships, where our children ran around an incredibly muddy and wet Horspath. I was immensely proud of all of them, especially when it came to choosing mud over popcorn, and rain over Super Mario. Special mention must go to Oliver in Year 6, for coming 2nd overall out over well over 100 runners.



### School Partnerships



MANSFIELD COLLEGE OXFORD

Our Partnership with Mansfield College has now begun with their students attending each Wednesday to support our Y6 students, who have already been to visit the University.



Premier League Primary Stars

Cameron from Oxford United has also begun working in school on a Monday supporting children in a variety of ways as part of the Premier League Primary Stars Programme.

### »Staffing updates

- Ms Onamusi has had a flying start in Year 5
- Mrs Butler's son has been re-hospitalised, but we expect him to be out soon and look forward to welcoming her back to school
- We welcome Evie and Daisy, two BA students from Oxford Brookes working in EYFS for the rest of the term
- We continue to pray for Mrs Greer who is missed by all, whose treatment is progressing