



# Catholic Virtues

Our virtues this term are: **Grateful & Generous**



# St John Fisher Newsletter



## PUPIL PREMIUM

More information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium/pupil-premium>

- If your financial circumstances have changed, pick up a form from Mrs Gibbons in the school office.
- If you are eligible for pupil premium, we can also help with clubs and trip costs. Please come and speak to me.

## » Diary Dates

30.10.2023	First Day Back
31.10.2023	Year 6 Mansfield College Visit / Secondary School Deadline
01.11.2023	All Saints Day Mass – In School 1:30 / Parents Evening
02.11.2023	Individual and Sibling Photos
03.11.2023	Year 2 Class Assembly
06.11.2023	Parents Evening
07.11.2023	KS1 Cinema Trip
08.11.2023	KS2 Cinema Trip
10.11.2023	Panto in School 1:30
16.11.2023	Year 5/6 Girls Football Competition
16.11.2023	Reception to Y6 Flu immunisations.
17.11.2023	Year 1 Class Assembly
21.11.2023	Year 6 Junior Citizens Trip
23.11.2023	Year 5/6 Boys Football Competition
28.11.2023	Year 1/2 Science Oxford Trip
30.11.2023	Year 5 Mansfield College Trip
01.12.2023	Non Uniform Day for Christmas Fayre



## SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES

Year 6 parents, please ensure you have applied for Secondary School. The deadline is **October 31st**, apply online at: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/year-7-applications/late-application-secondary>

## » Parish News

### Pope Francis Prayer Intention for October 2023

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

- 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



20th October 2023

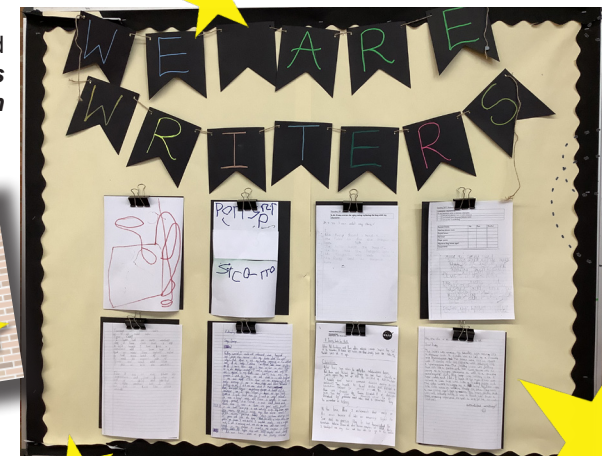
Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an incredibly successful half term here at St John Fisher. It has been fantastic to have the opportunity to start afresh this year. I am eternally grateful to the work of all of the staff at the school for making it such a success.

## Reading and Writing

This week has seen our first children reach their 25 reads! Please continue to read with your child every day and record what you have read for their chance to reach 25, 50 and 100 reads!

Our Writing stars received their postcards home *this week and are proudly on display for all to see.*



## Worship

### Harvest Mass

Thank you to Father Harry for celebrating Mass with us for harvest, and to all the families who brought in food. Our school council will be taking it to Blackbird Leys foodbank to help families in the local community.



### Parents Evening

Wednesday 1st and Monday 6th November will be our Parent Meetings. Please book a slot in the Office. Year 5 will have the opportunity to use the meeting to meet their new teacher Ms Onamusi.

Children on the SEND register should have received contact from Mrs Clark to book a longer more focused meeting at a separate time

### » Sleepover



Our sleepover was a HUGE success, the last child fell asleep at 12:30, and the first rose at 4:30, so a MASSIVE thank you goes out to Mrs Ball, Mrs Moss, Mrs Turton and Ms McCarthy for staying the whole night and helping raise funds for our new library refurbishment!

### POSTCARDS AND FLYERS

You may have seen your children come home with a shiny postcard commending their great work –keep an eye out for them.

We have made some beautiful new flyers advertising the school, **if anyone wishes to take some to hand out in local community groups, please ask at the office and we will give you a wad.**



### » Flu Immunisation

Please respond to the email regarding Flu Immunisations, a response needs to be made either way.



Follow us on twitter for daily updates <https://twitter.com/SJFOxford>



### » Family Links Group

Mrs Moss and Ms Wenborn have started up their Family Links programme. Thank you to all who came along. We are looking forward to working on the project with you each week.



### MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

Another incredible success. Thank you again to our staff for running a fantastic sale, we raised £145 for Macmillan – an incredible cause. Our next charitable event will be for Sobell House, another amazing local charity.

### Sports News



### Competitions

Years 3 and 4 sent a team of boys to TOA for a football competition recently. They performed incredibly well with a 3rd placed finish.



### After School Clubs

There is still room in our after-school clubs, please book on the app or speak to Mr White in the Office.

Multi-Sports is becoming a football club, with chances to win tickets to Oxford United games!

### » Staffing updates

■ Mrs Howlett is leaving us after over 20 years at St John Fisher, she has been a wonderful member of staff and has contributed immensely to our whole community. We send her all our love and will miss her greatly.

■ Mrs Butler has now started with us in Year 3 and looking forward to a great year with her wonderful class.

■ Ms Onamusi will start with us the first day back after half-term in Year 5, Mrs Wickens will continue to support on a Friday until Christmas