



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone to what promises to be a fantastic new year at St John Fisher. A special welcome to all of our new families, we hope you have settled in well during what has been a calm and purposeful start to the year.

Our summer works saw new doors and windows throughout the school and a fresh lick of paint in the hall to improve the environment.

Phonics and Early Reading Workshop

Ms McCarthy led a successful phonics workshop this week where 50 parents attended to learn about how to support their children in successful reading this year.



Year 4 Residential

Please can Y4 parents who are interested in sending their child on the residential either pay or Arbor, or get in touch with Mr Higgins if there is an issue around the timing of the £25 deposit



Bus Travel

Oxford Bus Company have once again agreed to subsidise out travel this year, to ensure all trips are as affordable as possible for families



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»Operation Ouch!

A group of Y5 and 6 children will be starring in the new series of Operation Ouch, they spent a day filming at a secret location in Thame – look out for them in the new year.



»Earth Trust

Year 4 have now visited Earth Trust to take part in a 'Forest School Experience Day', the children had great fun and enjoyed a day out learning in Nature



»STEM Day and Construction Site

Our Y5 and 6 children have been learning all about construction at the local development in Blackbird Leys and then visited Blenheim for a whole day of STEM activities



»Curiosity Cube

We have visited the 'Curiosity Cube' at Greyfriars, for a morning of exciting learning all about the environment



»Sheldonian Theatre

Year 4 visited the Sheldonian Theatre as part of a literacy festival to be inspired for the year ahead



»Story Museum

Year 5 had a very successful and enjoyable day at The Story Museum, the other classes will be visiting soon to be inspired by the environment there.

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<https://twitter.com/SJFOxford>



»Catholic Virtues

We had a wonderful Mass to start the year with Fr Ziggy, and then Fr Harry joined us in school for a beautiful collective worship



**Our virtues this term are:
Eloquent and Truthful**



We have elected our Faith Leaders for the year who will lead each class as a combination of Faith Ambassador and School Councillor



»Radley and Oxford High

Our Y4 children have begun a new partnership with Radley, where each week half of the class will visit their 'Countryside Centre' for a unique outdoor learning experience, exploring all of the different roles related to this. Our Y5s will continue working with Mrs Wittington and the Science department at OHS every Thursday afternoon.



»Sports News

The football season started with our Y4 mixed team winning their first game 6-0 v Barton Park Primary. We also welcome in a coach from Hertfordshire GAA to teach our Y5 and 6 children how to play Gaelic Football



»Bookie Breakfast & Bookfair

Reading is always at the forefront of our minds, so it was great to see so many parents and children enjoying their free sausage sandwiches and croissants at our Bookie Breakfast. The Bookfair was also a great success.



Mrs Gomez De Paula has started working across the school this year



Clubs

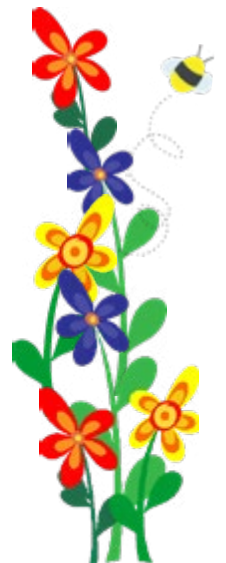
Clubs are up and running, and our new Wraparound offer is live, please book using ARBOR. You either book wraparound (if you are staying post 4.30) or you book a club (if you are staying until 4.30)

If you book 'wraparound' you can join the clubs if they aren't full.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ACTIVITIES	COOKING	DANCE	ART	IRISH DANCING CODING

» Diary Dates

29.09.2025 St Michael and St Vincent Mass 09:30 – Bd Dominic Barberi
 1.10.2025 Year 6 Girls Football v SSMJ
 2.10.2025 Non Uniform Day for Myeloma UK
 3.10.2025 St Therese and St Francis Mass – 09:30 – Bd Dominic Barberi
 6.10.2025 KS2 Harvest Mass at Sacred Heart | FOSJF AGM 3:30 – All welcome
 8.10.2025 Y5 Prayer Retreat Day
 9.10.2025 Individual Photo Day
 10.10.2025 Year 4 Assembly
 10.10.2025 Year 6 Story Museum
 10.10.2025 Year 6 Boys Football Competition
 15.10.2025 Parents Evening
 16.10.2025 Year 3 Mansfield College
 16.10.2025 PFMAC Concert Y6 PM
 17.10.2025 Year 6 Girls Football Competition
 20.10.2025 Parents Evening
 23.10.2025 Year 3 Story Museum
 24.10.2025 Break Up for Half Term 3:15



» Parish News

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Sacred Heart Church <https://sacredheartoxford.com/>

Blessed Dominic Barberi Church <https://www.bldominicbarberioxford.org.uk/>

Our Lady Help of Christians <https://olhoccowley.co.uk/>

God Bless,

Mr Higgins and the SJF Team

