

St John Fisher Newsletter



July 2026

RESULTS

Our KS1 Phonics Test saw a pass rate of 85% and our Year 4 Multiplications Test saw 40% of children achieving full marks, with an average of 22.3 – both a well above national average and hugely impressive – well done to all involved. KS2 Sats results have been delayed nationally, but we should know by Thursday.

SCHOOL FINISH TIME

A reminder that on Friday we finish at 1:00 – Please be punctual and ensure your children are collected at this time. Morning nursery children will finish at 11:30 as usual.

FOOTBALL KITS AND PHONICS BOOKS

Please can you remember to bring back football kits which may be hiding at home – I know your child may want to keep it, but it is important we get them all back.

The same goes for phonics books as they are very expensive and we need full sets for the new year.





» Catholic Virtues

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

A big congratulations to our children who have received their Sacrament of Confirmation or Holy Communion this year, massive steps on their journey.



60TH ANNIVERSARY

We celebrated our 60th Anniversary this term with a wonderful week of events.

Staff, ex-staff and governors came together for a wonderful meal in the school hall with speeches from Holly Kilduff and Elaine Nevin and more than 50 staff members joining us. It was fantastic to see the last 5 headteachers all come together too.



We then had our BBQ and Camp Out, another massive success with 50 children camping after a lovely BBQ. Thank you so much to Mark and Malcolm for running the BBQ and Mark especially for putting up my tent!



Finally, we had a beautiful Mass in the shade led by

Bishop Richard Walker, who blessed the

school, and our new stained-glass window which we hope to have installed early next year.



School Fete

It was fantastic to see everyone come back together on our field to celebrate. The FOSJF ran a fantastic event which

raised lots of money for the school, but more importantly, gave everyone a chance to be together and enjoy the sunshine.



»Sports Day

Another great Sports Day competed in the right way with children and families clearly all enjoying themselves. I thought the three-legged race was a great addition, and the children represented themselves very well.



Next Year Ellie-Kate will be running it, so she might make some changes!

Our Sports Awards have also taken place, with Deacon and Kate being selected as this year's Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year. .

»Year 6 Leavers

We say goodbye to a wonderful group of Year 6 children who we have seen grow and flourish at school and leave with so many incredible memories. I know this means some families will be leaving our school, but they will always feel a part of our community, and we will do whatever we can to help.

The Year 6 production was a masterpiece, acted, sung and danced magnificently! Well done to all involved in it. I can honestly say it was in the top 4 productions I have seen at St John Fisher – well done!



Staff News

We say goodbye to Mrs Woodhams and Ms Pavlaki this year and thank them for the impact they have made on the school. Mrs Woodhams has helped develop our SEND provision at the school and I know has helped many families on their journey here. Ms Pavlaki has taught here for many years now in Reception and Year 1 and has made a massive difference to the youngest children in our school – we wish them both all the best.

We welcome Ms Avleen Kaur and Mrs Jo Francis into our team, as well as offering a permanent role to Mrs Hussain who has been with us since Christmas. We also welcome Ciarra McCarthy and Desara Pemaj into the team for the start of September as well as extending Ellie Kate McCarthy's role to be our Sports Coach for 2026/7.

We also say goodbye to Miss McCarthy. I know she has been trying to keep it quiet, but she is getting married this summer. However, we welcome her back as Mrs Flynn in September.

And finally congratulations to Mrs O'Neill on the birth of her beautiful boy, Oliver.

Your child has completed their 2026 transition, and their new teachers are as follows

Nursery	Ms Emily Brooks
Reception	Mrs Jo Francis
Y1	Mrs Marion McCarthy
Y2	Mrs Jane Greer
Y3	Mrs Sadiya Hussain
Y4	Ms Avleen Kaur
Y5	Ms Ife Onamusi
Y6	Ms Melissa Perrin

Instagram

We are uploading images frequently to our Instagram page, so please follow if you don't already.
<https://www.instagram.com/st.johnfisherprimary>

» Diary Dates

14.07.2024	Year 6 Performance
17.07.2024	School Closes 1pm
03.09.2024	School Starts – Normal time



» Parish News

Pope Leo Prayer Intention for July 2026

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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

