



July 2025

## SCHOOL FINISH TIME!

A reminder that on Tuesday 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.

## 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 3 productions I have seen at St John Fisher – well done!



## BIKE HELMETS

It has been great to see so many children riding bikes and scooters to school this term, please remember they must wear a helmet





## »Catholic Virtues

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

### »RE

This term saw a successful monitoring visit from the BDES praising the work we have done over the past few years.

We have also seen our children complete their First Holy Communion and Confirmations – well done all!



### »Pilgrims

The Pilgrims of Hope have been on the move this term with more classes visiting their churches, including our Year 6 adventure to The Oratory where we were toured around the beautiful church by Father Benedict



## FOSJF Camp-Out!

Our Year 6 Camp Out was a huge success with over 50 children and 5 staff members camping out on the school field. We had a campfire, marshmallows and hours of fun. I am sure all of your children had a good long nap on the Saturday

Another successful social night has taken place to end the year, with families dancing the night away to Motown classics! Remember to tell all your friends.



### INSTAGRAM

We are uploading images frequently to our Instagram page, so please follow if you don't already.

<https://www.instagram.com/st.johnfisherprimary>



## SPORTS DAY



Sports day was a huge success as the children battled the heat to compete in a wide range of events. Thanks to everyone for the lack of feedback on the day, I appreciated that. I was extremely exhausted by the end, but I know that the children had a great time and received their medals last week. Congratulations especially to Ms Onamusi and Ms McCarthy for their sprinting success.



Our school has added some more silverware to the trophy cabinet this week. Our Year  $\frac{3}{4}$  Indoor athletics team won the Oxford City Championships and then moved on to come 3rd in the whole county, an incredible performance. A special mention must go to Alexandra, who came out 1st place in the combined event championships amongst over 100 pupils competing.



Our Year 5/6 footballers also finished off the season with success in two competitions, winning the newly formed Oxford City Catholic Cup with victories against Our Lady's and St Joseph's and then retaining their title in the John Henry Newman competition last week. An amazing finish to a

great season for a wonderful group of children!

Our Sports Awards have also taken place, with Ola and Laura being selected as this years Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year.



## >>Power 2 Inspire

This term saw fantastic workshops delivered by John from Power 2 Inspire, who took the children on a journey through his life, exploring paralympic events.

## >>STEM Camp

Last Week STEM.org in collaboration with Vertex Labs came in to school for a week of STEM workshops. This was a fully funded opportunity which saw our Year 5s spend their week exploring different areas of science and then visit the labs in Abingdon to extract DNA from a strawberry

Mrs O'Neill has enjoyed her time here so much on Maternity Cover, we have appointed her permanently in a teaching role.



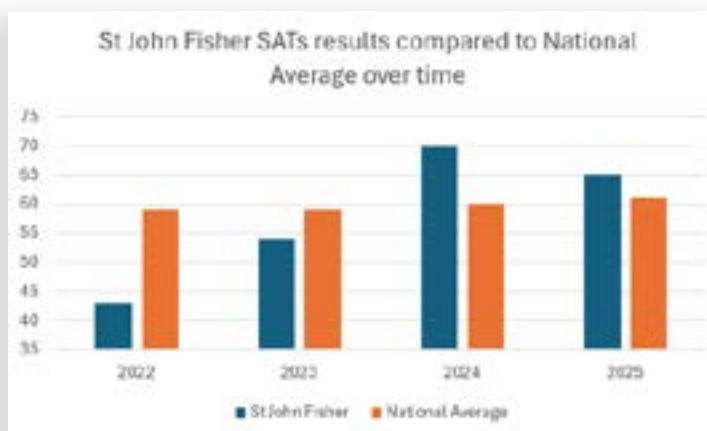
## »Football Kits and Phonics Books

Please can you remember to bring back football kits which may be hiding at home – I know you 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.

## »SATS Results

Our children have once again performed fantastically in their KS2 SATs, with the school remaining clear above national averages for our KS2 Combined performance.

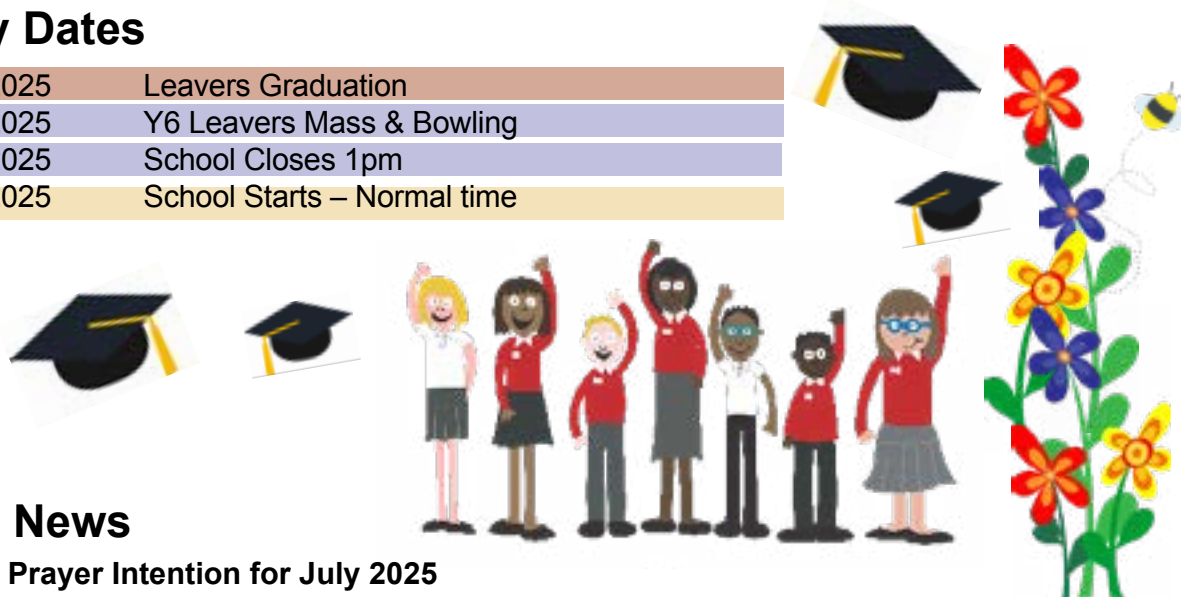


Although full results have not been published yet, I imagine this will make us the strongest academic school in Blackbird Leys and Littlemore.

The progress our children have made this year in Year 6 has been truly exceptional.

## » Diary Dates

18.07.2025	Leavers Graduation
21.07.2025	Y6 Leavers Mass & Bowling
22.07.2025	School Closes 1pm
03.09.2025	School Starts – Normal time



## » Parish News

Pope Leo Prayer Intention for July 2025

*For formation in discernment*

*Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.*

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

God Bless,

Mr Higgins and the SJF Team

