



St John Fisher Newsletter



12th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to an exciting and fun filled Summer term of learning! Thank you to those of you who continue to support us through helping with homework, supporting events at SJF and attending assemblies. It makes a difference! Look out for a new parent and pupil survey so that you can help us to enhance our educational offer at SJF.

Attendance » We continue to monitor attendance as one of the most effective ways for your child to be successful in later life.

Why is attendance important?

Regular attendance **fosters a classroom community between teachers and children and increased academic knowledge.** Students who attend school are more likely to succeed academically. Students gain background knowledge from discussions while learning in school. Attending school also provides time for social interactions with peers. Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance. This relationship between attendance and achievement can appear early in a child's school career. **Please ask for help to prevent gaps in your child's attendance.**

In term 5, St Vincent de Paul class had the highest attendance of 96.3%. Congratulations!



Staffing updates

Headteacher of St John Fisher 2023

 Mr Higgins is delighted and proud to have been appointed as the Headteacher of St John Fisher in September 2023. I know that the school will continue to go from strength to strength and look forward to finding out about the successes!



Governors

Our school governors continue to promote excellence at St John Fisher and we hope that you were able to meet some of them on Thursday, before the Full Governors Meeting. We have places available for Foundation Governors. Should you know of someone who is interested, please pass on their details and a tour can be arranged. We value our Governors and the role that they play in ensuring that we continue to deliver the best education to the children and families at SJF.

» Family Links Parenting group

Mrs Moss and Miss Wenborn have begun the Nurture parenting programme at St John Fisher. This course takes place during the school day. If you are interested in finding out more information please ask Mrs Gibbons for a leaflet. More information can be found at:

<https://www.familylinks.org.uk/what-we-do>



» School Places

We still have 'in year' spaces in most classes, and for September 2023, and are always welcoming new pupils. Please spread the word, and encourage people to drop in to the school and have a tour. Welcome to the new children who have joined us this term! Look out for our **Wednesday Open Mornings** coming soon.

» Community at St John Fisher

A new face at St John Fisher! Sandra is our PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) and part of her role is to build relationship with the community. She will be at the school gate at the start and end of the day. Please do take time to have a chat with her.

Curriculum - Quality of Education

We continue to adapt and build on our broad and balanced curriculum, helping staff to improve their knowledge through professional development. We are developing our writing curriculum and would love to know what you think ... come and tell us!

This week, we have the Year 1 phonics screening check and the Year 4 timetables check.

We continue to use the mastery approach to teach maths. Please remember that we use Timetables Rock Stars (TTRS) to help children to learn multiplication facts quickly.



STAR WRITERS

Fortnightly, we are celebrating the 'Star Writers' in our school, with their work being put up for display for all the community to see.

STAR READERS

Fortnightly, we will celebrate children **who have read 25 books** and put their names on our reading tree in the hall.



To enhance the variety of books that your children have access to, why not join the **Littlemore library**? Miss McCarthy has organised visits for classes this term.

More information can be found here:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/libraries/find-library/littlemore-library>

There are lots of summer events too at the library, so take time to visit them and find out more.



Please follow us and find out what has been happening at SJF.

<https://twitter.com/SJFOxford>

Worship

 Congratulations to **Annie** in Year 5; **Kate, Isabel and Jude** in Year 4; **George, Camila, James, Laurencja, Amelia, Deacon and Mia** in Year 3 on the celebration of their First Holy Communion.

 We would also like to congratulate **Tamzin** Yr6 on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

 Come and Join us as we celebrate **St John Fisher Feast day** on **22nd June** at **St Dominic Barberi Church** with **Father Ziggy** at **9.30 am**.

Extra-Curricular & Enrichment



Year 4 by a visit to the Bristol Aquarium



Year 6 had their first taste of Netball at the Oxford Academy on 09.06.2023



Year 6 visited G and D's/ photos are available on the school website!

Sports News

The Leys Pool has struggled to staff swimming lessons this year. We hope that we will be able to continue to gain from this valuable experience from September 2023.



Thank you Mr Higgins for your huge dedication into ensuring that we are taking sporting opportunities to the max, and for our skills to be recognised through achieving a silver award.

There are lots of opportunities booked in for the Summer Term, with gymnastics, football, cricket, rugby and athletics competitions, which our school will take part in. Your child will be given a letter if they are to take part, or if it is a whole class event, we will send a message.



Catholic Virtues

Our virtues this term are: **Intentional and Prophetic**

Congratulations to The Benedictine house who have totalled the most house points last term through our Dojo system. The Benedictines enjoyed a whole school extra playtime with Mr Keith and Mrs Risby. Mrs Gibbons and Mr White are also recognising our positive behaviour approach and can now log in I wonder who they will award points to?

PUPIL PREMIUM » Not sure what this is? Ask Mrs Gibbons, in the school office

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 you uniform and trip costs. Come and speak to Mrs Penman or Mr Higgins.

» Diary Dates 2022-2023

12.06.2023	HSBC workshops all day – ask your children what they have learned!
16.06.2023	Sharing assembly: learning – star writers
16.06.2023	Headington partnership continues for year 3 on a 3-week block
22.06.2023	Feast of St John Fisher – Mass at Blessed Dominic Barberi at 9:30am – All welcome
23.06.2023	Edupic photography to take photos for new website which will be launched in August, ready for September 2023
27.06.2023	Year 4 trip to Headington school for Lion, Witch and Wardrobe performance. More information to follow
29.06.2023	Years 3,4 and 5 trip to the Hobbit 2 pm at Magdalen College School Oxford
30.06.2023	Year 6 residential trip
30.06.2023	Non-Uniform Day – Bring a tombola prize to take part
03.07.2023	International Week begins – More info to follow
10.07.2023	St John Fisher School Summer Bazaar 2pm – 4pm All welcome
12.07.2023	Rock Steady Performance to parents – 9am
12.07.2023	Danceathon pm – More details to follow
13.07.2023	Year 6 Play - Dress rehearsal to school
13.07.2023	Year 6 Play - 5 pm production for parents
14.07.2023	Sports day – more details to follow
17.07.2023	9.30 Leavers' Mass at SJF After school - Year 6 Leavers' party
20.07.2023	Leavers' assembly
20.07.2023	Term 6 finishes at 11:30 for Nursery and 1pm for all other class



» Parish News

Pope Francis Prayer Intention June 2023

In June, we pray with Pope Francis that the international community commits itself to the abolition of torture and guarantees support to victims and their families.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Penman (Principal)
Mr P Higgins (Deputy)
and the SJF Team

