

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Catholic Mission



The Feast of St Thomas Aquinas

On Tuesday 30th January, we celebrated our Trust's Feast Day of St Thomas Aquinas. This year, the focus will be "Ordinary People called to be Saints."

On Tuesday, Year 5 and Year 6 chaplains will be joined with others from across the trust at English Martyrs Secondary School in Leicester to celebrate Mass. The Mass was streamed across all 23 Trust schools to watch.

Calling Catholic Teachers

Do you know somebody who is a practising Catholic and who is a teacher or senior leader working in a school outside of the Catholic sector? The Diocese of Nottingham along with the Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts is leading a virtual information session about working in a Catholic school on Monday 4 March from 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

For further information, please contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service (julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk).

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening will be held on 13th and 15th February 2023. As of the 31st January, 20% of slots have been booked. You will receive a monitoring sheet with your child's attainment and progress beforehand.

Sports Reports

Football

Last Thursday, the boys kicked off their campaign in Division 1. They had three matches versus Marriot, St Thomas More and Caldecote. We began with a convincing 4-0 win against Marriot which was immediately followed by a 2-0 win against St Thomas More. Our third match against a strong Caldcote team which we won 1-0 which could have gone either way.

The matches were definitely harder but thanks to some good attacking performances, a solid defence and good goalkeeping we had a successful evening.

Thank you Mr McVea and Mrs Astill for managing the team.

Team: Evan, Josh, Kiedis, Jack P, Daniel, Raj, Jack O, Stanley, Dylan

Cross country

We had a team of 9 children who took part in the Ratcliffe cross country event on January 27th. This invite only event is one of the tougher events on the calendar with longer distances to run in quite exposed conditions. Needless to say, the team ran brilliantly with top individual performances peppered with top tens and a top 3 medal.

Well done team!

Team: Clara, Franky, Florence, Eoin, William, Jack, Eireanna, Jamie



Attendance

We take pride in our attendance at SJF and want to share this with you. Our winning classes this month were:

Week beginning 22 Jan: Year 2

Week beginning 15 Jan: Year 4

Week beginning 8 Jan: Reception

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups were 95.8% Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements. Here is some [advice](#) on whether you should send your child to school when they are ill.

Babies & Tots

Babies & Tots takes place every Wednesday in the school hall. 8.50am to 10.30am. Check out the Babies & Tots Facebook page for more information. There will be no Babies & Tots on February 14th due to the Ash Wednesday Mass.

Prayers

We pray for Helen Oliver, who was in the administrative team, at St Paul's secondary school who passed after a short illness. Helen was lovely lady who helped out St John Fisher CVA, many primary schools and hundreds of children and families over the years with transition and induction to St Paul's as part of her role on the admissions team.

May she rest in peace.

God bless,



Mr Gallagher



Dates For the Diary

30th St Thomas Aquinas Feastday celebration

February

1st Girls' football team – Division 1 fixtures

8th Cross country qualifiers at Victoria Park

13th Parents' evening

14th 9 a.m. Ash Wednesday service

15th 9 a.m. Year 1 class liturgy (Hall)

Parents' evening

16th Teaching training day – School closed

HALF TERM Feb 19th – 23rd

26th Back at school

Lent II clubs begin

Balanceability begins for Reception children

29th 9 a.m. Year 2 class liturgy (Hall)

3:10 pm Year 1 Phonics Parents Information session (Learning lounge)

Boys' football – Division 1 Fixtures

March

7th World Book Day – 'Bedtime stories'

Children can come dressed in pyjamas, bedtime clothing, nightwear

8th Year 6 trip to Leicester Racecourse 'Racing to School'

12th Cricket engagement day

19th 9 a.m. Stations of the Cross service led by Year 4

21st 9 a.m. Year R class liturgy

22nd Last day of term – normal closing time