



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of this academic year, it is with great pride that I can look back at the many achievements of the children. They have worked so hard and with such joy and optimism. We are so proud of them. Everything we do as a school centers on the children their education, their happiness and providing as many opportunities and experiences for them as possible in their time at St John Fisher.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work this year. Their goodwill, agility and a determination to provide the best education for your children is inspiring and I am proud to have colleagues like these on the SJF team.

I would also like to thank all parents and carers for their support this year. What we do, the successes we have and challenges we conquer in school cannot be achieved without you and your co-operation and backing.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped and supported throughout the year. Our reading volunteers who come at least once a week to hear readers and help change books are invaluable and we are truly grateful for their time and patience.

Our wonderful PTFA, led so magnificently by Mrs Shefford-Thomas, Mrs Kapadia with the financial expertise of Mrs Smith-Lester - we are grateful for the support and time they give to enable our children have further opportunities and experiences. I know the PTFA are always looking for volunteers to help out and support. Without this, organisations cannot survive so if you can spare a moment or can offer a skill, seek out members of the PTFA or email [sjf.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:sjf.ptfa@gmail.com)

To everyone who has ran clubs, donated books, garden equipment/resources and expertise, we are truly grateful.

Many thanks and we look forward to working more with you again from August.

Enjoy your break and have the chance to recharge your batteries.

## **Our Catholic Mission**

### **Celebration**

Celebration was the theme this week and a more appropriate theme there could not have been as we celebrated our children's successes big and small throughout the year.



Year 5 Liturgy on Stewardship

## **Leavers' Mass**

We had a Leavers' Mass on Wednesday which Fr Michael celebrated and it was a fitting farewell to a great cohort. Thanks to all the parents for organising this special occasion.

## **Leavers**

I would like to wish all children who are leaving us at the end of this academic year all the very best and every blessing on their journey. I know that they have all had a great start here at St John Fisher and know that they will go on to achieve great things in the future.

We bid a fond farewell to families whose children's primary education is now complete at St John Fisher. Thank you for your support and you are welcome back anytime for whole school occasions.



## New academic year

- Keep PE kits on PE days. We will continue with this for the upcoming year. We do remind everyone to keep to the uniform policy. In short, white polo shirts, navy shorts, or navy tracksuits. No branded items or colourful PE kits. We will let you know PE days on our return.
- Please ensure you have class dojo notifications on and regularly check your email. Please refrain from messaging staff on Class Dojo during the summer holidays.
- School is open for all from Year 1 to Year 6 on Thursday 29th August.
- Our new Reception class  
First days of school  
29th August 8.45 – 1 p.m. ( surnames A – L) 30th August 8.45 – 1 p.m. ( surnames M – Z)  
2<sup>nd</sup> September – All Reception class 8.40 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> September – All Reception in 8.30a.m - 3.p.m.
- Year 1 to Year 6 to finish at 3.05 p.m. Reception to finish at 3 p.m.
- Breakfast club resumes as normal on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024.
- Afterschool club resumes on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024.
- End of Year reports have been available on Arbor since last Friday. You will find these under Report Cards.

## SATS

We are delighted with the KS2 SATS results which came out on Tuesday. We are so proud of our year 6s and how well they have done. We believe this is testament to the great teaching and learning the children have received from day 1, our close and supportive parent relationships, our excellent remote provision offer ( at the end of Year 2 and Year 3 ) and our tailored curriculum when the children returned from lockdown. Congratulations everyone for the amazing results!

In 2022 the results for **St John Fisher CVA** are that 72% of pupils reached the expected national standard in reading, writing and maths. The percentage reaching the expected standard in individual subjects was 91% in reading, 88% in mathematics, 79% in the teacher assessment for writing. The average test scaled scores were 110 in reading, 106 in grammar, punctuation and spelling and 109 in mathematics.

National data for 2024 showed that 61% of pupils reached the expected national standard in reading, writing and maths. The percentage reaching the expected standard in individual subjects was 74% in reading, 73% in mathematics and 72% in the teacher assessment for writing.



## **Pupil outcomes**

### **Year 1 Phonics**

Our phonics pass rate in Year 1 this was a very high 93%. Well done to all! Your journey from learning to read to reading to learn is very positive and on track.

### **Year 4 MTC**

The mean average score for the Year 4 cohort this year was 22.52 out of 25. A very high standard and one of the highest we have ever had at the school. Well done all!

We understand that sometimes students may not reach their targets. To address this, we'll be implementing targeted support strategies for these students. This ensures they continue to make progress and reach their full potential. We're here to help every child succeed!

## **School Sports Mark Gold Award**

We are proud to announce that we have achieved the Gold School Games Mark 2023-24(6th year in a row) having demonstrated ongoing commitment, drive and dedication towards PE, school sport and physical activity.

Thank you to Mr Wheatley, Mr McVea and Mrs Astill for their amazing work earning this well deserved honour. Well done to all the children who have competed the school in many games, events and competitions with skill, fairness and enthusiasm.

## **Places in school**

We have some places in classes for the next academic year in the following class: Year Reception and Year 3. Every other year group is full and many have long waiting lists. If you know of any interested families or friends, let them know. They can contact the school [office@stjohnfisher-wigston.leic.sch.uk](mailto:office@stjohnfisher-wigston.leic.sch.uk) or 0116 2882203.

## **Summer Reading Challenge 2024**

[Summer Reading Challenge](#) [ Click here]

Any child who receives a certificate should bring this in with them on their return in August and this will be counted on their merit certificate chart.

## **Polite Reminder**

A polite reminder to all parents that any outstanding debts for Breakfast Club, Afterschool club and school dinners must be paid before the end of the year. Parent accounts should be in credit before places are booked for Breakfast Club, After School Club or orders are placed for school dinners next half term.



## Uniform

There is a lot of unclaimed lost uniform. If your child is missing a PE top, jumper etc., please contact the office. Remember to name and re-name regularly all uniform.

## Summer Work

Children still have home access to our online subscriptions - times tables rockstars, Education City, and Reading Eggs over the summer. In your Maths No Problem workbooks too, there may be sections missed as we focused on the essential lessons within the topics – feel free to complete. Doing 'little and often' is ideal in preparation for the next academic year.

Remember to read, read and read!

Have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August!

God bless,

Mr Gallagher

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| Aug 27 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> | School INSET DAYS – Staff only  |
| Aug 29 <sup>th</sup>                   | Year 1-6 children return to school (Reception children as per above (Surnames A – L)) |
| August 30 <sup>th</sup>                | Reception children 8.45 - 1 p.m. (Surnames M-Z)                                       |
| September 2 <sup>nd</sup>              | All children return to school<br>Year 6 Bikeability                                   |
| Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>                  | School swimming resumes Year 4 &5 (some of Year 6)                                    |