



Dear Parents/carers,

I hope you and your families are all well and that you enjoyed the half term break.

## **Catholic Mission**

### **All Souls in November**

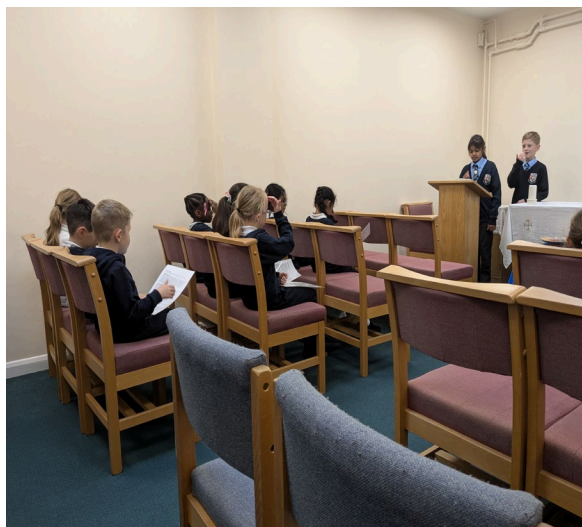
As November is the month of the Holy Souls, we are praying for people we know that have died. Please send into school the names of any family members or friends who you would like us to pray for during November.

## **Parish Links**

Tomorrow, we will mark the Feast of All Saints with Fr John celebrating Mass with us at 9 a.m. in school.

## **New Chapel**

We are thrilled to announce the opening of our beautiful new chapel space! This month, it has already been used for inspiring Rosary sessions, uplifting collective worships, and harmonious Mass rehearsals. We look forward to sharing this special place with parents and families in the near future.



## **Foundation Governors**

We are looking for practising Catholics who want to support Catholic education by becoming Foundation Governors at St John Fisher. This does not have to be a parent at the school - someone who has links with the school, a grandparent, a retiree or someone you think may be interested. Let them know! There is a shortage of foundation governors across the trust and it is important for Catholic education in Leicester and Leicestershire that there are vibrant governing bodies.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Foundation Governor, please complete the 'Self-Nomination' form link (<http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/education/directors-governors/appointment-foundation-governors>)

## **Sport**

### **Cross-Country**

Well done to SJF cross country runners who ran at Mallory Park in Leicester & Leicestershire primary cross country league last Saturday. It is a tough course but the children ran brilliantly. We are very proud of their efforts!

A special shout out to Ava in Year 3 who won her race – an outstanding achievement!

**Team:** Cody, Demmy, Ava, Franky, Tanisha, Florence, Clara, Eoin, William, Eireanna, & Jack



### 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.

### Primary School Applications

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2025, applications are now open. If you are applying to St John Fisher CVA, you have to apply directly to the school and complete your Local authority form online. The school form should be returned directly to the school by the closing date of Wednesday 15 January 2024. You can view our admission policy on the website [here](#).

We have an open evening at SJF on November 7<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. This event is aimed at any prospective parents for the academic year 2025-26. If you know anyone who is interested, let them know.

There will be refreshments on the evening, presentations at 5.15 p.m. and 6 p.m., and chance to have a tour around the school.

### Attendance

We have had high attendance throughout the half term which we are very pleased with. It gives the children more opportunities to thrive in education when they are at school. Attendance has dipped in October, however, with unauthorised absences. It is important that holidays are not taken in term time – they will be unauthorised and **will** result in a fine from the County Council.

Our attendance so far this year is 96.8%. Very close to our 97% target.

### Advent II clubs

A lot of our children at SJF have accessed an extracurricular club already this year. Our aim is for all of our children to find something to participate in that they love so they can develop their God-given talents and interests.

We will continue to run a wide range of clubs this term, including football, storytime, cross country, rosary, Music percussion, Musical theatre, CAFOD, gardening and choir club.

### Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone for attending parents' evening this week. We had an amazing turnout - a credit to all our families. Hopefully, you found it useful to speak to your child's teacher(s), find out more about your child's



education and how they have settled into to their new year group. The monitoring reports will be uploaded to Arbor shortly.

## **SEN**

Following our recent Parents' Evening, we are excited to offer additional support to invited families with specific SEN needs. In collaboration with our dedicated SENCO, Mr. Saxton, we will be reaching out to parents for personalised meetings on November 12th. These meetings will take place either by phone, video call, or in person, depending on your preference. The office staff will be in touch in due course.

God bless,

Mr Gallagher



## Dates for the diary

### **November**

4th	Individual Photos Leicester Tigers Tag Rugby Start – Year 3 & 4
6th	Sportshall Athletics – Year 5 & 6
7th	OPEN DAY for 2025 Reception – 5pm to 7p.m. Girls Football Book Fair
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Trip to Warning Zone
22 <sup>nd</sup>	OPEN DAY for 2025 Reception – 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
25th	Flu Vaccinations
28th	Boys Football
29th	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>

### **December**

4th	EYFS Nativity Play – 4p.m.
5th	Girls Football
6th	Year 6 Menphys Rehearsal at De Montfort Hall
11th	KS1 Nativity Play – 2p.m & 6p.m.
13th	Christmas Disco – 6p.m.
17th	Carol Service - 9 a.m - all welcome
18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner
19th	Pantomime – Snow White – whole school
20 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes for the Christmas Holiday 2 p.m. finish
23 <sup>rd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	– END OF TERM

### **January**

7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Instrument Lessons Start
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 St Paul's Musical