

14th February 2025

Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy half term, I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you and your children a relaxing and enjoyable break. I hope you all have a chance to recharge and spend some quality time together.

A huge thank you to all the teachers for their hard work this week, especially during parents' evening. On Tuesday night, for example, most teachers didn't get home until after 8 p.m., many then going on to their own families. As a parent of four children at SJF and the headteacher, I see firsthand how much they care about our children and how dedicated they are to helping them succeed. They truly know your children well and have their best interests at heart.

I also want to extend my sincere gratitude to all our support staff and administrators. They work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our school running smoothly and create a positive learning environment for our students. Their contributions are invaluable. We all know that working in education is incredibly rewarding, but it's also become increasingly complex and demanding over the years, and their dedication is truly appreciated.

We look forward to welcoming the children back after the break, refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

God bless, Mr Gallagher

Social Media

Please follow, share and like our social media pages. These are updated weekly with different topics of the week that the children take part in. Please click on the icon below.



FEBRUARY

17th to 23rd - HALF TERM

- **25th** Drama Club Starts (KS2)
Registration via Arbor - few spaces available
- Year 6 - Leicester Racecourse
- PE Schedule changes - see next page
- **27th** Boys Football

MARCH

- **3rd** Careers Week - please contact school office with your availability
- Lent II Clubs Start - more information will be provided nearer the time.
- Reception class - Balance Bikes week
- **4th** Pancake Day - The menu is the same but with pancakes.
- **6th** World Book Day - Book Characters (see further info below)
- **17th** Year 5 Bikeability Starts
- **31st** Group Photos

APRIL

14th to 27th - END OF TERM

WORLD BOOK DAY

6th March 2025



Your Dear Parents,

6th March is World Book Day!

We invite all children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring the book with them (or another favourite book). Please ensure the book is clearly labelled with your child's name. This will be a fun-filled day celebrating the joy of reading, with activities such as story sharing, quizzes, and special reading time with teachers and parents.

There will be no P.E. lessons on this day, and your child's teacher will inform you of the rescheduled date.

Parents of children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 are warmly invited to join us from 2:40pm until home time to read with their child in class. Please enter through the gates as usual for pick-up, wait outside the classroom, and we will invite you in to join your child for reading.

We also ask that children wear sensible shoes as part of their costume, which can be changed into plimsoles as usual.

We look forward to celebrating the joy of reading together!

Thank you,
Mr Hill



VIRTUE AWARDS

Love

Be positive!
Smile.
Reassure others if they are sad.
Give someone a hug!
Be a good role-model.
Be a good friend!
Encourage others - 'You can do it!'
Say nice words!
Say 'Good morning' or 'Hello' to people!



Awards go to:

Love

Ivy (Year 2)

Love of learning

Working hard every day at school.
Ask and answer questions.
Be curious - do extra research.
Keep your books tidy - be proud of your work.
Pay attention.
Make links to previous learning.
Show SLANT. Give SHAPE answers.



Love of Learning

Florence (Year 4)

Gratitude

Taiya (Reception)

Gratitude

Thank people who have helped you.
Say 'Thank you' when someone gives you something.
Be happy for others - don't be jealous!
Give to give, not to receive.
Thank God for the blessings in your life.
Domino effect - if someone helps you, you can help someone else and they can help someone.



Holiness

Enoch (Year 1)

Holiness

Being reverent during prayerful times.
Leading and taking part in prayer and liturgy in class.
Taking time to pray.
Attending Masses and participating fully - sing!
Saying our school prayer.
Knowing prayers off by heart.
Read the Bible.



Pilgrim of Hope

David (Year 1)





CAREERS WEEK

Update: Disappointedly, we have had very little volunteers for this week so far. I know how much the children take from this experience and it would be great to have volunteers within the wider school community to talk about their career. Please consider if you or someone you know could help out with this. Thank you.

From the moment each pupil enters SJF we encourage a sense of aspiration and calling. We know that each child is called to take up a special place in the world and it is our job to ensure that every child has high personal aspirations. We achieve this through giving our children the opportunity to find out about a range of careers from different volunteers from the World of Work throughout their time at SJF.

Each year group has been allocated a different sector for this week, we would like to invite a different volunteer into school to talk to the children about their job.

Reception	Emergency services	Police, fire, ambulance
Year 1	Animals	Farmer, vet, veterinary nurse, Animal trainer or groomer
Year 2	Food and leisure	Chef, sports coach/personal trainer. Hairdresser/beauty therapist.
Year 3	Healthcare	Nurse, doctor, lab technician, physiotherapist, dentist
Year 4	Legal and financial services	Banker/accountant, solicitor/barrister
Year 5	Construction and manufacturing	Builder, mechanic, plumber, electrician, engineer
Year 6	Creative	Graphic designer, architect, publisher/journalist

If you would be willing to volunteer to come into school and speak to the children about your career or know of a willing volunteer, then please let your child's class teacher know or email the school office (office@stjohnfisher-wigston.leics.sch.uk) about your availability during this week.

Thank you for your support.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all our amazing volunteers! Your dedication, hard work, and generosity of spirit make a world of difference, and we truly appreciate everything you do. We're incredibly grateful for your support and commitment.

MRS REILLY

Mrs. Reilly has been a valued member of the St. John Fisher community for many years, making significant contributions to our school throughout her career. After deciding to retire, she has continued to dedicate her spare time to supporting our students. Mrs. Reilly now volunteers with the Year 1 class, offering her experience and kindness to help nurture and guide the children.



MRS HALL

In addition to her responsibilities as a teacher, Mrs. Hall generously dedicates her time to support our Year 1 students by listening to them read. Her commitment to helping these young learners improve their reading skills goes above and beyond, as she patiently listens, provides guidance, and encourages their progress.



MRS KARIA

Mrs. Karia has kindly volunteered her time listening to readers in Year 1 class. Additionally, every Friday, she helps with swimming sessions for both Year 4 and Year 5, offering her assistance to ensure the smooth running of these activities.



MRS KINALLY

Mrs Kinally dedicated many years of service to our school. She has kindly continued coming back twice a week to share her knowledge on phonics and reading to help our children.



MRS RAHMATI

Mrs. Rahmati generously volunteers her time as a reading helper with our Reception class, providing invaluable support to the children as they develop their reading skills. Each week, the young learners eagerly line up, excited for the opportunity to demonstrate their progress with Mrs. Rahmati.

MR BRODERICK

Mr. Broderick volunteers in our Year 3 class, where he has quickly become an invaluable presence. His dedication and enthusiasm in assisting the students have not only supported their learning but also made him a fantastic role model.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please kindly contact the school office if you would like to find out more information about volunteering.



SPORT NEWS

Please see below for
Football With Chris,
starting Wednesday 26th February.

GSD₁₅

Gowan Sports Development 2015

Year 5/6 After School Football Club

GSD is a football & multi skills sports development company that is based in the Leicester city school sports partnership.

Our After School football club will provide all the children who attend with further opportunities to develop a variety of skills & techniques, such as; fundamental movement skills, dribbling (unopposed & opposed), passing, shooting & a variety of adapted small sided games (linked to the session topic).

School Name: St John Fisher
Day/Time: Wednesday (3.05 – 4.05pm)
Dates: Wednesday 26th February – Wednesday 9th April 2025.
Cost: 7 weeks for £31.50p **Bank transfer or cash only** (payment window – All payments must be made in full by the date of the first session, in order for children to be allowed to attend)

To book your child a place & for bank details, please contact Chris on;
Chrisgdl5@yahoo.co.uk or [07793762984](tel:07793762984)

Please complete the consent form below prior to your child attending their first session.

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ST JOHN FISHER - Year 5/6 AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

Childs name:..... Class:..... Year:.....

Address:.....

.....Postcode:.....

Emergency contact number:..... D.O.B:.....

Medical conditions:.....

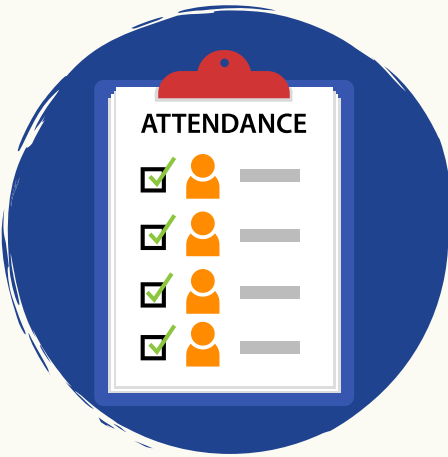
In the event of any injury I give my consent for any immediate treatment deemed necessary by a qualified First Aider.

SIGNED PARENT/CARER

Parents/carers will need to arrive 5 mins before the end of the session to sign their children out.

All children must wear shin pads and suitable footwear during the sessions. All sessions will be held outdoors so wet weather clothing will be beneficial for the children.

OTHER TOPICS



Attendance

The attendance reports for the end of this half-term will be sent out today through Arbor. These reports provide important information regarding your child's attendance throughout the term. Should you have any questions or need assistance in understanding the report, or if you would like to discuss your child's attendance in more detail, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. We are more than happy to assist you in any way we can.



Clubs

A new set of after-school clubs will begin during the week starting 3rd March. We will be sending out a message via Dojo with details about the available clubs and the opening date for bookings. Please note that there are only a limited number of spaces available for each club, and places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. We encourage you to act quickly once bookings are open to secure a spot for your child in the club of their choice. Keep an eye out for our Dojo message for further details!



Top-up Accounts on Arbor

Please can you kindly check your account balance and top-up any low balance. If your child is regularly having school meals and/or is in breakfast club or afterschool club, it may be beneficial to either top-up to cover up to the end of half-term. Wraparound care can be booked in advance as far as the end of the term. We are unable to take bookings for wraparound care if there is insufficient funds on the account.



PE Schedule

Reception - Mondays and Thursdays

Year 1 - Thursdays and Fridays

Year 2 - Mondays and Tuesdays

Year 3 - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Year 4 - Wednesdays and Fridays

Year 5 - Mondays and Wednesdays

Year 6 - Thursdays and Fridays

Parish Newsletter



St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's
Sixth Week of Ordinary Time 2025, Lectionary Year C
 Website: cathparishmje.co.uk Phone: 07354 832195
 Email: cathparishmje@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Liturgies in our Churches

Saturday 15th February – Anticipation of the Sixth Sunday of the Year
 6pm St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Brian Heaney RIP

Sunday 16th February – Sixth Sunday of the Year

9am St. Edwards, **Holy Mass** All Parishioners

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Rosemary Fallows RIP

Tuesday 18th February – Feria

10am St. John Bosco **Holy Mass** Andrew RIP

7:10pm St. Mary's **Eucharistic, Adoration and Benediction**

After Benediction St. Mary's Hall Adult Faith Formation

Wednesday 19th February – Feria

10am St. Edward's **Holy Mass** Fr. Michael O'Connor RIP, Texas

Thursday 20th February – Feria

10am St. Mary's **Holy Mass**, Elaine Clooney RIP

6:30pm St. Mary's, **Encountering Christ in His Church/RCIA**

Saturday 22nd February – Anticipation of the 7th Sunday of the Year

6pm St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** All Parishioners

Sunday 23rd February – Seventh Sunday of the Year

9am St. Edwards, **Holy Mass** Michael Bishop RIP

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Keith Bates RIP, 18 Ann.

Retiring Collection for Diocesan Quota on 23rd February.

Confessions 5:30pm on Saturdays at St. John Bosco & after all Masses

Other Events in the Life of our Parish

Monday 17th 6:15pm St. Mary's, **Choir Practice**

Tuesday 18th 12pm St John Bosco Hall, **Friendship Club**

Thursday 20th 7pm St. Mary's Orange Porch, **Social & Fundraising Group**

Friday 21st 1pm-4pm St. Edward's Hall, **Chat, Craft & Games**

Saturday 22nd 9:30am HMP Fosse Way **Holy Mass Prisoners' Intentions**

Saturday 22nd February 7:30pm St. John Bosco Hall, **Curry Night**

Stations of the Cross: See Table opposite, and Leaflet and Poster for info.

Repositories: Unless individually priced, Donations can be made for anything not priced. Let's use this as a blessing for others as well as ourselves.

Curry Night: Saturday 22nd February at St. John Bosco Hall at 7:30pm. There are still seats available. Please let Fr John, Hilari, Keith, Pat, Jo, Helen, Lynne, Ann or Grace know as soon as possible if you would like one of the seats. We have to let the chef know the numbers by Tuesday night. Hilari's phone number is: 07734690611. Don't miss out!!

Curry Night Menu: Tickets £15 each adult, £10 each person under 15

<u>Snacks</u>	<u>Salad Bar</u>
Goan Chutney Sandwich	3 Types of Salad
Veg Samosa	
Chicken Lollipop	
Gluten Free snacks will be available on request	
<u>Main Course</u>	<u>Desserts</u>
Chicken Tikka Masala (Gluten Free)	Crème Caramel
Peas Pulao (Veg)	Fruit Salad
Beef Curry (dairy free/Gluten free)	
Onion Bhaji (Veg)	
Chickpea Masala (Veg)	
Naan Bread	
Optional: Margareta Pizza for kids	

40 Days for Life: Launch event on Wednesday 19th February at 7.15pm for 7:30pm in St. Edwards Hall, Aylestone Road. All Welcome.

Sing the Mass: Saturday 15th March, Coalville. See Poster.

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill webinar on Thursday 3rd April at 6.30pm. Prior to the Third Reading on 25th April. Please register at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hard-cases-dont-make-good-law-assisted-suicide-webinar-tickets-1233106176769?aff=oddtcreator

Nottingham Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage: 14th – 18th July 2025. See Poster. **Young Adults (18-35)** who are interested in supporting the Pilgrims contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk or visit www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham-va/

Teaching

Questions 147-150 of the Penny Catechism

147. In the Lord's Prayer who is called 'our Father'?

In the Lord's prayer God is called 'our Father'.

148. Why is God called 'our Father'?

God is called 'our Father' because he is the Father of all Christians, whom he has made his children by Holy Baptism.

149. Is God also the Father of all mankind?

God is also the Father of all mankind because he made them all, and loves and preserves them all.

150. Why do we say, 'our' Father, and not 'my' Father?

We say 'our' Father, and not 'my' Father, because, being all brethren, we are to pray not for ourselves only, but also for all others.

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Laurence Toner RIP

Margaret Toner, Keith Moore, Annie McGloin, Peter Taylor

Sick and Housebound Parishioners: If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners who would desire a visit from someone from the Church, please do let us know so that they do not feel left out of parish life.

Notices

PPC: In view of the anticipated amalgamation of all three churches, the current Parish Pastoral Council will be dissolved at the next meeting in March. According to Diocesan guidelines, the new PPC should consist of 12 members. 6 are invited by the Priest, the other 6 are nominated and elected by parishioners. To nominate and to be nominated, an individual must be a regular worshipper at one of our churches. Any nominee must have a vision of how to support the spiritual growth and faith of the Churches. Please pray about, whether you, or someone you know, could fulfil the role. PPC Nomination forms will be available this week. Nominations must be received by the 2nd March.

The Social and Fundraising group will be meeting next Thursday, 20th February, in the Orange Street porch in St Mary's at 7.00pm. Anyone and everyone who feels they have ideas, or time to offer is warmly invited to join us. The main door of the church will be open from 6.50pm.

Friday 7 th March	St. Edwards	7pm	St. Mary's	7pm
Friday 14 th March	St. John Bosco	12 Noon	St. Mary's	7pm
Friday 21 st March	St. Edwards	7pm	St. Mary's	12 Noon followed by CAFOD Lunch
Friday 28 th March	St. John Bosco	12 Noon	St. Mary's	7pm
Wednesday 2 nd April	St. John Bosco with the Children of Holy Cross School	12 Noon		
Friday 4 th April	St. Edwards	7pm	St. Mary's	7pm
Friday 11 th April	St. John Bosco	12 Noon	St. Mary's	7pm

Card Machine: The card machine that is available at St. Mary's and St. John Bosco now has a number of options: Weekly Offerings, Social Events, Second Collections, Mass Intentions, Repository Items, Building and Maintenance.

Donations via Bank Transfer

Acc. Name: St Mary and St J B S Wigston RCP

Sort Code: 30-15-97, **Account Number:** 00346385

Acc. Name: St Edward Conf Leicester RCP

Sort Code: 30-15-97, **Account Number:** 00554352

With prayers and blessings, Fr. John

Priest: Fr. John Owens john.owens@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Parish Admin: Genny Hickey: 07354 832195

Catechesis and Safeguarding: Hilari Chetwood: 07734 690611

Newsletter: newslettermje@gmail.com

Facebook: [facebook.com/SMandSJB](https://www.facebook.com/SMandSJB)

Easy Fundraising: Shop online as normal but with a donation coming to the parish at no cost to you. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-marys-and-st-john-bosco-rccp/utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-nl

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Family Information Sheet

FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2025

As the February half term holiday approaches we wanted to send our usual information sheet out to you with some ideas to keep costs down

Discounted meals

There are lots of places offering free or very discounted meals for children. At Pizza Express, children can enjoy a free Piccolo meal when dining in one of their pizzerias from Monday to Sunday, between February 17 and March 2, 2025. This offer is valid for children dining in the restaurant only and requires the purchase of an adult main meal.

For more discounted ideas click on the envelopes!



Things to do

Click on the balloons to see low cost family friendly activities at the Leicester Museums and Galleries. Events include Puppets Playtime, The Cabinet of Curiosity and Frosty Fun Day.



More things to do

Which have produced a list of ideas for family friendly activities to ensure a fun February half term. Click on Cupid for some inspiration.



Going away?

There may be restaurants that we don't have in Leicestershire or Rutland whose discounts you can take advantage of if you are going on holiday or visiting friends and family in different parts of the country. i.e. Angus Steakhouse in London. Click on the bow for some inexpensive food inspiration!



Half term baking competition!

We would love to see you getting creative in the kitchen and baking this half term. The theme is 'Made with Love' in honour of Valentine's Day and we would love to see your creations made for someone you care about. How about a cake for someone in your family, or biscuits for a friend!

There is a prize for the winning primary pupil and one for secondary! Photos of the student with their bake should be sent via email to: kstuart-jones@aquinas-cmat.org and should state the pupil name and school name. Pupil photos should be emailed in by parent/carers and by entering you consent for your child to be featured on our social media pages. **Closing date is Monday 24th February 2025 at 9am.**

Junior Chef Competition



Junior Chef **OF THE YEAR** **COMPETITION** *2025*

Have you got what it takes?

**Design a menu for your
school's year 6 leavers lunch.**

Competition starts: **6th Jan 2025**

Deadline for entries: **17th Feb 2025**

Cooking Heats start: **March 2025**

Final: **TBA**

More Details to follow

Winners'
meal will be
produced at
their school

Other Information

Warning
ZONE...
LIFE SKILLS CENTRE

Teach children how to keep themselves safe
at our interactive life skills centre



WE NEED YOU

SCAN
ME



Flexible, fits in with the school day, term time only

Put your skills and experience to good use

Join our team of volunteers and really make a difference

Contact us to book a visit

and find out more

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