

7th February 2025

Newsletter



This week has been Children's Mental Health Week, and alongside our focus on academic learning, we're committed to supporting our children's wellbeing and resilience.

We want to equip them to navigate the ups and downs of life, and we've enjoyed a range of activities this week to highlight this important issue. These have included an assembly based on the film "Inside Out," a new lunchtime drawing club.

In the past couple of months, we have created a "chill out" zone for KS1 during break times, and a sensory space in the Reception classroom.

We're also delighted to announce that Mrs. Sneath is training to become our new Senior Mental Health Lead and will be working with children soon.

As always, our school counsellor, Mrs. Johnson, is available to support your child, and you are welcome to contact her if you wish to discuss



Parents Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 13th February. We will continue to use the online booking system on Arbor. Online bookings have gone live on Wednesday 28th January at 6:00pm and have closed on Wednesday 5th at 12:00pm.

FEBRUARY

- 6th Cross Country – Victoria Park
- 11th & 13th Parents Evening

17th to 23rd – HALF TERM

- 25th Drama Club Starts (KS2) – More info to follow
- Year 6 – Leicester Racecourse

MARCH

- 3rd Careers Week – please contact school office with your availability
- Lent II Clubs Start – more information will be provided nearer the time.
- 4th Pancake Day – The menu is the same but with pancakes.
- 6th World Book Day – Book Characters
- 17th Year 5 Bikeability Starts
- 31st Group Photos

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.



Parent Survey

Thank you very much to those who took part in the survey last year. It is always pleasing to read the mainly very positive feedback we receive about the school and your child's experience and education. We are always endeavouring to improve and progress and some suggestions are very helpful to that aim. We have collated some issues into areas and what we will do as a result.

Academic – more information for parents on how to help

Please find included links to our [curriculum subject pages](#). We will be sending out parent planners which outlines what your child will be learning in the coming term for summer.

In the October parents' evening, we will have books out for parents to look and browse.

Last year, we started and we will continue to send home test papers for children in Year 2-6 at the end of every term.

Homework is based on what your child has learned in the prior week. Online homework usually gives percentage scores and/or areas to work on.

We have parents' meetings for new entrants, Year 1 phonics, Year 4 Multiplication Times check and Year 6 SATS.

There are regular Reception parent afternoons about what your child is learning and how it is taught at school.

We will review other year groups and curriculum areas and lay out a schedule of presentations if required.

Academically, St John Fisher CVA is a high performing primary school consistently outperforming county and national standards. [Click here for more info](#). Thank you for your support in our high aspirations for your children.

Thank you

I'd also like to thank you on behalf of the staff for the 'shout-outs' that were given to individual staff which I have sent on to them. They were thrilled and humbled by your thoughtfulness.

Parish Newsletter

We are a Catholic school in the parish of St Mary's & St John Bosco. Fr John is our parish priest. We are in dialogue with the parish about Masses and our links. We send out parish newsletters every Friday and we will try to add as an attachment to our normal newsletter.

Communication

What you said:

There were some issues with the volume of communications across dojo and arbor, and the functionality of Class Dojo.

Response and what we are doing:

We will look at streamlining communications so messaging is controlled and regular. The newsletter will become a central hub of news and updates and should be read. We will try to avoid duplication where possible.

We would also ask parents to be alert to dates in the diaries and timings, and also to respond to deadlines.

We often have to send out reminders about consent for sporting events or trips up to and including the day of the event itself.

Class Dojo unfortunately does not have a pinned or search function. We have emailed them this suggestion.

Homework

This is a perennial issue. We had a parent survey last year and as a result, we changed our homework policy.

We will continue to refine e.g. after feedback, we will change Times Table Rockstars to fortnightly rather than weekly to match online homework. We have also disabled the chart function on TTRS so children can celebrate their own progress rather than compare.



CAREERS WEEK

Update: Disappointedly, we have had no 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.

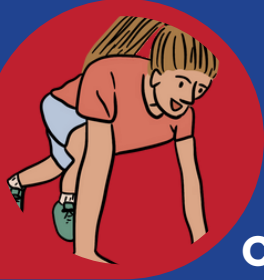
Each year group has been allocated a different sector for this week, we would like to invite a different volunteer into school to talk to the children about their job.

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.

SPORT NEWS



CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to the cross country team who ran very well on February 6th at Victoria Park. This was a qualifying event to compete for Leicester City at the County Championships on February 22nd at Mallory Park. We have an amazing 17 SJF representatives on the team - well done and good luck to these children.

Shout-outs to medalists:

Eireanna (1st year 6 girls)
Ava (1st year 3 girls)
William (2nd Year 5 boys)
Clara (2nd Year 4 girls)
Zayne (3rd year 5 boys)



Well done to Niamh, Eleni, Emilio on continual progress over their three races and to Ashwika for improving a whopping 34 places on her last race.

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who came to support and encourage.

Thank you to Mr Gallagher and Mrs Jones for their coaching at lunchtimes over the past academic year and to Mrs Astill for organising, coaching and making sure all the children are ready for their races. Thank you to Mrs Sneath and Mr Broderick for all their support on the day.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

On Thursday, it was the turn of the girls to kick off their Division 1 campaign. The girls had 5 matches, the first of which was against St John the Baptist. It was a tight match which ended up 0-0. The next match was against Holy Cross, which too was close, also ending up 0-0. Third up was Caldecote. This time, although there wasn't much in it, the girls managed to win, thanks to a goal from Ganga and some great goalkeeping from Shai. In the fourth match, the girls once again played St John the Baptist. This time, however, following a change in positions, the girls secured a 1-0 win, with Savannah scoring with a fine assist from Eireanna. Lastly, the girls played Overdale which they won again with a fine solo goal from Ganga. Our defence was excellent throughout the night and keeping other team's attacks at bay for 5 consecutive clean sheets.

Overall some fantastic performances from all eight girls with confidence growing throughout the evening. It was a big step up in standards from Autumn and the girls rose to the challenge putting themselves in a good position from promotion to finals day.

Team: Shai, Lilah, Celia, Monri, Savannah, Eireanna, Ayomi, Ganga



OTHER TOPICS

Message from PTFA



There will be an online PTFA meeting at 8pm on Monday 24th February. This meeting is to introduce the new secretary and treasurer, together with a new way of working. To enable this a new constitution is being proposed and will be voted on. We will also decide if there will be any events in the remainder of this school year. If you would like to attend, please email sjf.ptfa@gmail.com to receive the meeting link.

Thank you for your support.

SJF PTFA

Book Case



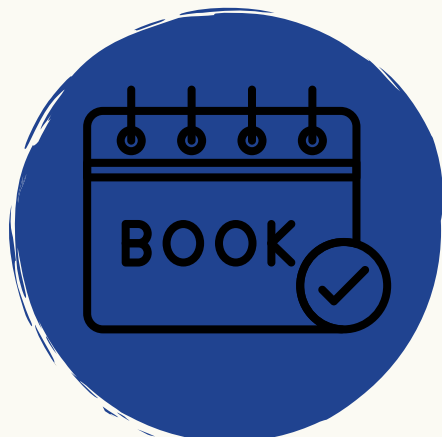
Please contact the school office if you would like this Book Case – Free or voluntary contribution.

Payments for Meals & Wraparound Care



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.

Booking for Breakfast Club & After school club



Please can you kindly book your child to the clubs via Arbor. For Breakfast club, you should be able to add your child to the club for the same morning up until 7.a.m. With regards to the after-school club, there is a cut of time of 12 hours. This is to enable the school to make sure that sufficient staff are available to cover the pupil numbers.

Parish Newsletter



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

Liturgies in our Churches

Saturday 8th February – Anticipation of the Fifth Sunday of the Year
6pm St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** All Parishioners

Sunday 9th February – Fifth Sunday of the Year

9am St. Edwards, **Holy Mass** Reigner Yap

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Mary and John Lee RIP and Patrick Lee RIP

Tuesday 11th February – World Day of Prayer for the Sick

7pm St. Mary's **Holy Mass with Anointing** Cecilia and Chris Hickey RIP
After Mass St. Mary's Hall Adult Faith Formation

Wednesday 12th February – Feria

10am St. Edward's **Extraordinary Service of the Eucharist**

Thursday 13th February – Feria (time change due to Deanery Meeting)

9:30am St. Mary's **Holy Mass**, Denis Foran RIP

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

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

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

Other Events in the Life of our Parish

Saturday 8th 9:30am HMP Fosse Way **Holy Mass** Prisoners' Intentions

Monday 10th 6:15pm St. Mary's, **Choir Practice**

Wednesday 12th 9am Gilroes Crematorium, **Funeral Service** James Donnelly RIP. View online at: <https://watch.obitus.com/login/h34tcw>
Username biwu3012 Password 593905

Wednesday 12th 7:30pm St. Mary's Hall, **Confirmation Programme**

Thursday 13th 11am Deanery Meeting

Friday 14th 1pm-4pm St. Edward's Hall, **Chat, Craft & Games**

St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Draw near to our Lord, thoroughly aware of you own nothingness and you may hope all things from His Goodness and Mercy. Never forget that Jesus Christ is no less generous in the Blessed Sacrament than He was during His mortal life on earth.

Healing Mass with Anointing Tuesday 11 February 7pm at St. Mary's

If your health is seriously impaired by sickness, old age or upcoming surgery, do utilise this opportunity to receive the anointing of the sick to seek healing of body and soul.

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Keith Moore, Annie McGloin

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

Curry Night: Only a couple of weeks away, **Saturday 22nd February at St. John Bosco Hall at 7:30pm.** One of our Goan community, who is a chef is very kindly facilitating this evening for us. However --- only a few people have so far committed to buying tickets, although many have expressed an interest. **The chefs obviously need to know numbers well in advance in order to cater accurately.** Please let the reps at each church know as soon as possible, if you are planning to come, even if you do not have the money with you. Payment can be made on the card machine if you do not have cash. **Tickets for children under 15 years of age are £10 each instead of £15.** Please make this evening a success.

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.

Teaching

Questions 144-146 of the Penny Catechism

144. Which is the best of all prayers?

The best of all prayers is the 'Our Father', or the Lord's Prayer.

145. Who made the Lord's Prayer?

Jesus Christ himself made the Lord's Prayer.

146. Say the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen on the Crucifix

No one can look at a crucifix and say that sin is not serious, nor can they ever say that it cannot be forgiven. By the way He suffered, He revealed the reality of sin; by the way He bore it, He shows His mercy toward the sinner.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen on the Holy Mass

What happened on calvary on that Good Friday 2000 years ago is happening now in every Mass, with one difference, on the cross the saviour was alone, in the Mass He is with us. The Holy Mass is the greatest event in the history of mankind for it is the only Holy Act which keeps the wrath of God from a sinful world, because it holds the cross between heaven and earth, renewing that decisive moment when our sad and tragic humanity journeyed suddenly forth to the fullness of supernatural life.

Pope St. John XXIII on Penance

Doing penance for one's sins is a first step towards obtaining forgiveness and winning eternal salvation. That is the clear and explicit teaching of Christ, and no one can fail to see how justified and how right the Catholic Church has always been in constantly insisting on this. She is the spokesman for her divine Redeemer. No individual Christian can grow in perfection, nor can Christianity gain in vigour, except it be on the basis of penance.

PPC Nomination forms will be available next week. Nominations must be received by the 2nd March.

The Building Group is in need of volunteers to assist with tasks around the Parish Estates. Costs are mounting up so we need help if we are not going to close one of our churches. If willing - please contact via the parish email.

St. Mary's Heating

The heating has now been fixed at St. Mary's. If you are able, please consider contributing towards the cost, which was £1,300. This can be done via Bank Transfer, the normal collection or using the card machine.

St. John Bosco Presbytery Rental

In order to let the property it is going to cost £4,950 to redecorate the Presbytery and that is before carpets are laid and the electricians are separated between house and Church. Please donate towards this necessary work. We have been told we can expect between £1,300 and £1,600 per month for the property if it comes up to standard so it will hopefully recoup the costs within a year or so of renting it. It cannot be let in its present state.

Repositories: Please look at the items in the Repositories at each church. St. Mary's and St. Edwards have a number of items, St. John Bosco only a few. All cards are £1.00 each. Donations can be made for other items if they are not priced. Let's use this as a way to bless others as well as ourselves.

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

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