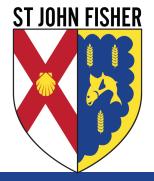
## Newsletter



#### Dear parents,

As part of our commitment to developing the whole child, our school provides Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) sessions from EYFS to Year 6. Relationships and Health Education became statutory in all primary schools in the Summer term of 2021, with schools being advised to an adopt an additional age-appropriate Sex Education programme. At St John Fisher, our RSHE curriculum is part of our Personal Development Curriculum which celebrates the uniqueness of the individual and develop the whole person into being responsible and respectable members of the community who positively contribute to public life as adults.

The programme selected to be used at St John Fisher is 'Life to the Full' by TenTen. This programme has been written by Catholic scholars and has been developed to address the statutory requirements outlined by the government as well as being sensitive to the Catholic context.

If your child is new to school e.g. Reception child or from another school especially but for all parents as your child is in a new academic year, we ask you to take a few minutes to look at the RSHE curriculum that we teach here at St John Fisher and have taught here for the 4 years since RSHE became statutory.

'Life to the Full' provide an online Parent Portal to support families in facilitating open, healthy discussions on the topics covered in this subject. The portal provides example activities to support parent-child discussions, suggested conversation topics and how to answer difficult questions. You can access these resources by clicking <a href="here">here</a> and using the login details below:

Username: st-john-fisher-le18

Password: loaves-fish

**Parent Portal** 

https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/

The Online Parent Portal provides a summary of each lesson, links to specific content and suggestions for further engagement at home.

Thank you, Mr Gallagher

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### <u>October</u>

**3**<sup>rd</sup> Tennis Club starting (as per DoJo message)

9<sup>th</sup> Boys Football

14<sup>th</sup> Harvest Mass

Parents Evening - appointment to be made via Arbor

15th OPEN AFTERNOON for 2026 Reception – 1.30 p.m. to 3.30

.pm.

16th Parents Evening

20th to 26th HALF TERM

29<sup>th</sup> Year 6 at Warning Zone

#### **November**

3rd School Individual Photos

7th OPEN MORNING for 2026 Reception – 9a.m to 11a.m.

8th Book Fair week starts

21<sup>st</sup> INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

#### **December**

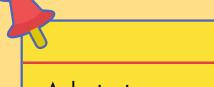
10th Immunisation

16th Pantomime

20th to 4th Jan - END OF TERM



## <u>ADMISSIONS</u> 2026-27



## Admissions applications for Autumn Term 2025

Children are admitted to the school in September of the year in which they have their fifth birthday. If there is anyone who wishes to apply for a place for September 2026 (d.o.b. 01.09.2021 – 31.08.2025) please obtain an 'Expression of Interest' form from the School Office. There is also a requirement to fill in an LA form before January 15th 2025. This form can be found at www.leics.gov.uk/admissions.



# Apply Now!

## Secondary school applications

Primary, Junior and Secondary headteachers are reminded to advise parents to apply for three schools and that for secondary admissions the national closing date is 31st October, and national offer date 1st March (or next working day). Catholic secondary schools will have supplementary forms too which must also be completed. The majority of Year 6 children at St John Fisher would go to St. Paul's, or English Martyrs. Local secondary schools such as the ones in Wigston and Oadby have their own admission policies and it would be well worth consulting those.



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#### **OPEN EVENTS**

Wednesday 15 October 1.30pm-3.30pm

Friday 7 November

9am-11am

You're welcome to join any session at your convenience. If you'd like to reserve your spot, please give us a call, send an email, or simply scan the QR code to access our online booking form.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

LOST ITEMS

## Label

## NAME :

Please can you ensure that all school uniform including:

- P.E kit
- water bottles
- lunch boxes
- Jackets/Coats
- Plimsols

are clearly <u>labelled</u> with your child's full name.

We know how expensive school uniform can be and every year the lost property box is full of nearly new uniform items that have no names on them. Thank you for your support with this.





Any uniform without a name that is found by the school staff will be placed in the Lost & Found Box which is placed outside of the main office for parents to go through.

All labelled uniform will be returned to the child and asked to place in their school bag.

## Reminders

Could I also ask that if your child accidently brings another child's piece of clothing home with them that it is returned as soon as possible to school and/or the parents.



## **Food Donations**

What can you donate?

## Items we can take:

- Tinned fish
- Tinned meat & pies
- Cooking sauces
- Tinned tomatoes & vegetables
- Tinned baked beans
- Dried & tinned pulsesCooking oil
- Rice, pasta & noodles

- Tinned soup
- Tea bags & instant coffee
- Tinned fruit & puddings
- Preserves
- Cereals
- Peanut butter
- UHT milk

## Items we cannot take:

- Alcohol
- Pet food
- Toiletries
  - Fresh fruit/veg
- Cleaning materials Chilled/frozen items

## Thank you for supporting FareShare Midlands!



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SJF's New Chaplaincy Team



A huge congratulations to our SJF Chaplains. I am sure they are going to be inspiring spiritual leaders who will enhance the Catholic Life of our school. A big thank you to all who applied this year.

Year 6: Sithara, Daisy, Jasiel, Nimi, Tiwi & Ella

Year 5: Matilda, Florence, Ayomi & Ashwika

Year 4: Michael, Oaledo, Anita & Molly

Year 3: Ifenna, Bllue, Lulu, Ireoluwa

## **TODAY SPORT NEWS**

#### YEAR 1 & 2 SPORTS FESTIVAL



In September, Year 1 & 2 had the exciting opportunity to attend a Sports Festival at St. Paul's School. The event, led by the school's leadership students, featured a fantastic carousel of activities that had everyone engaged and full of energy.

After an enthusiastic bus journey, the children were split into groups and rotated through a variety of fun-filled sports challenges. These included football, basketball, cheerleading, team-building activities, balloon passing, beanbag throwing, and relay racing. Every child actively participated in each activity, showing great enthusiasm and effort. They also had the chance to work with children from other schools, fostering teamwork and building new friendships along the way.

Their enthusiasm, collaboration, and sportsmanship made the day a memorable one for everyone involved!

## **CONTINUED....**

#### CROSS COUNTRY AT VICTORIA PARK







The Cross-Country season has also begun this half term. The first race, held at Victoria Park, is always a nervous time, particularly for those who have not competed before. Year 3 were the first to race. The nerves were put aside as the children raced very competitively and good results were achieved by all. The Year 4 team followed and showed much willpower to also gain some great results. The Year 5 boys and girls were next, also achieving some very good places. Last to race were the Year 6 boys and girl -Sithara - our most experienced children, who showed a lot of perseverance to attain excellent results. All the children showed incredible determination to finish the race and to give their very best on the day. It was lovely to see so many ex-SJF pupils at the event as hares and tortoises assisting all runners from the many schools that attend.

Overall, there were a number of top ten finishes, and many in the top twenty, however special mention must go to Ava (1st) and Quinn (3rd) in Year 4, Clara (1st) in Year 5, and Ivy (3rd) in Year 3. Another special well done to the Year 3 team on their first race and to Alfie in Year 6 who finished 75th in his last race but finished 25th this time – amazing progress!

Many congratulations to all the children who competed on the day, and to our staff team – Mr Gallagher, Mrs Jones and Mrs Astill.

Team: Arlo, Ivy, Orestis, Ariya, Finlay, Amelie, Henry, Bllue, Lorenzo, Darcie, Josiah, Daisy, Ava, Quinn, Vanessa, Elodie, Molly, Tofunmi, Kaito, Jeremiah, Theo, Emilio, Franky, Clara, Niamh, Aisling, Annie, Eleni, Tanisha, Evelyn, Matilda, Jasiel, Eoin, William, Alfie, Sithara.



Both the boys' and girls' school football teams have made solid starts to their league campaigns with lovely free flowing evident in the boys' matches and strong defence coming to the fore in the girls' matches, we wish them well in their next round of matches.

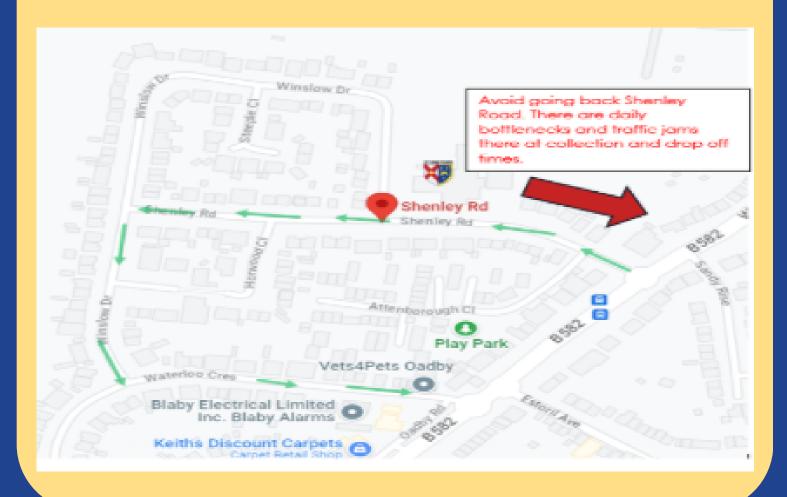


Year 4 & 5 lessons have started and well done to all for the progress shown and their patience and resilience shown walking there and back to Parklands. Thank you to parents for having all their kit ready, named and the children well prepared.

#### **Parking & driving**

Please park with due care and attention for all of our children and our neighbours. The Governors are concerned about parents parking across driveways and on the corner of Winslow Drive and will be monitoring very closely. Please do not walk through the Staff car park before or after school. For those new to the school and indeed those who need a reminder, below is the route to school at our rush hour times (8.20 - 8.40 & 2.55 - 3.15)

Thank you for your consideration.



St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's, 27 OT Year C

Saturday, 4th October

10am-3pm St. John Bosco Hall Craft Fayre

5:30pm St. John Bosco Confession

6pm St. John Bosco Solemn Mass James Donnelly RIP

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am St. Edward's Solemn Mass Heather Ortega RIP

11am St. Mary's Solemn Mass Ellen Hickey RIP

5:30pm St. Mary's Confession

6pm St. Mary's Solemn Mass (no incense) Laurence Toner RIP

Monday 6th

6:15pm St. Mary's Choir Practice

Tuesday 7th

3:20pm Holy Cross School First Holy Communion Preparation

Wednesday 8th

10am St. Edward's Mass & Benediction Robbie Herron and Hannah McCay RIP Anniversary

7:30pm St. Mary's Hall Confirmation Preparation Meeting

Thursday 9th Feast of St. John Henry Newman

10am St. John Bosco Mass Carlos H. Martinez RIP

6pm St. John Bosco Hall First Holy Communion Preparation

6pm St. Mary's Confession

6:30pm St. Mary's Latin Mass All Parishioners

7:15pm St. Mary's, Journey of Faith (RCIA) Join Anytime

Friday 10th St. Paulinus & Anglo-Saxon Saints

10am St. Mary's Mass Margo Cassidy RIP

1-3pm St. Edward's Hall Chat and Craft Group. All Welcome

6:40pm St. Mary's Confession

7:10pm St. Mary's Adoration and Benediction (Come and light a candle

for your baby this Baby Loss Awareness Week)

7:45pm St. Mary's Hall Teaching of the Church Discussion - Liturgy

Saturday 11th

5:30pm St John Bosco Confession

6pm St. John Bosco Solemn Mass Paul Mooney RIP

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am St. Edward's Solemn Mass of St. Edward Brigid Hearn RIP

10:30am St. Edward's Baptism Brian Ukachukwu

dried and tinned food eg: rice, tea bags, pasta etc. to take to the Food Bank in South Wigston. A box will be available in the church porch for donations.

The Rosary Challenge. Pray the Rosary with Archbishop John Wilson and The Mark 10 Mission this October. The Rosary Challenge invites you to pray a decade of the Rosary each weekday in October. The Mark 10 Mission has created beautiful online videos for each mystery of the Holy Rosary, led by Archbishop John. To watch the videos and learn more, please visit www.themark10mission.co.uk or The Mark 10 Mission YouTube channel @themark10mission.

#### Baby Loss Awareness Week (9th - 15th October)

Baby Loss Awareness Week is a national initiative of remembrance taking place between the 9th and 15th October. It is an opportunity to pause and acknowledge the deep sorrow suffered by parents who have experienced the loss of a baby, especially through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, or stillbirth and infant loss. Each of these losses involves the death of a small child and the parents need our compassion and support through their bereavement. It is an opportunity for prayer.

Many women and parents carry this painful loss silently. It is difficult to talk about, and the Church has also found this difficult. We invite parents to mark baby loss in meaningful ways: through prayer, memorials or liturgical remembrance and mass. These acts help affirm the dignity and innocence of the child and support you in your journey of grief and healing. We encourage parishes to invite parents to pray in front of the Most Blessed Sacrament or light a candle for their children at any time. "You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb" (Psalm 139). The psalmist sings of the divine origin of every human life starting from conception. During this "Baby loss week", let us remember all babies who have died before birth or in infancy and the families who mourn them. Let us encourage parents to seek strength in the motherly gaze of the Blessed Virgin Mary who watched her beloved Son die on the cross and who now beholds Him in eternal glory. May they find comfort in the hope of eternal life and in the tender mercy of God, who knows each child by name and holds them in His embrace.

Statement by Archbishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, and Bishop Bosco MacDonald, Lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life

11am St. Mary's Solemn Mass Bill Kerr RIP

5:30pm St. Mary's Confession

6pm St. Mary's Solemn Mass (no incense) John Joe Maughan RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Teresita and Roseline.

During October the Rosary will be said before each Mass at St. Edward's and St. Mary's. If anyone wishes to lead, please let Julie or

Please pray for those who are to be baptised:

Sat. 1st Nov. 1pm St. Edward's Luca Ciurusniuc

Sat. 8th Nov. 11:30am St. Mary's Poppy and Rosie Ackerman.

Sun. 14th Dec. 2pm St. Mary's Clodagh McLaughlin.

Mass for the Dead Envelopes will be available in all churches during October. Please place names of those you wish remembered during November inside and return them as soon as possible.

St Edward the Confessor's Feast Day will be celebrated on Sunday 12th October. Bacon Butties will follow the 9am Mass. Please can people with dietary requirements let Julie know asap.

International Food Day: Saturday 1st November St. Edward's Hall. Taste foods from around the world. Time to be confirmed.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) are seeking volunteers to join the SVP. Just a couple of hours a week can make a meaningful impact to someone's life. No prior experience is required, only a willing heart. Joe Gasan from the SVP is holding a further Information Evening on Tuesday 21st Oct at 7pm at St Mary's parish hall. For more information, please contact: joeg@svp.org.uk or 07570 428110.

<u>CAFOD Fast Day envelopes</u> are available in all church porches.

Churches Together South Wigston: Churches Together in South Wigston are holding a quiz night on Saturday 11th October at 7.00pm in the Methodist Church. Do make up a team and go along to uphold the honour of St Mary's Church! It is free! There will be a shared table supper and a raffle. Various drinks will be available to buy.

With thanks for 120 years of the Catholic Church in South Wigston, we are asking if, during the month of October, you could bring donations of

Statement on Marriage: Marriage is a lifelong vocation of a man and a woman to a community of life and love open to children, and, between the baptised, it is a Sacrament. Aware of the many pressures today which can endanger family life, the Church is constantly concerned to make sure that those of you planning to marry are prepared as well as possible. We would like to remind those who wish to marry of the following:

- 1. It is important that a couple go to see their priest in good time before their wedding. Normally, at least six months' notice should be given.
- 2. Marriage preparation is carried out by the priest, often assisted by a group from the parish. Courses arranged on a Deanery basis are recommended.
- 3. Catholics are reminded of their obligation to preserve their faith and to do all they can within the unity of their partnership to have all their children baptised and brought up in the faith and practice of the Catholic Church.
- 4. Non-Catholic partners will be informed of this promise, but they are not asked to make this or any similar promise.
- 5. Dispensation for a marriage between a Catholic and a non-Catholic to take place in a non-Catholic church can only be granted for a serious reason. Couples who wish to marry in a non-Catholic church should discuss the matter with their priest in good time before their wedding day to see whether a dispensation could be granted.

All couples marrying these days need the support of the local Church. In this way they will be strengthened in their preparation for marriage, in celebrating their marriage, and in living out their covenant with one another. We wish to thank all those married people who show such constancy and fidelity to their vocation of marriage. May their example inspire those planning to marry in the Church.

Right Reverend Patrick McKinney. Bishop of Nottingham

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Newsletter: newslettermje@gmail.com

Easy Fundraising: Shop online and help the parish, with no cost to you. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-marys-and-st-john-boscorcp/?utm campaign=raise-more&utm medium=email&utm content=rm-en-nl

#### Donations to your Parish via Bank Transfer

Acc: St Mary and St J B S Wigston RCP, SC: 30-15-97, AN: 00346385 Acc: St Edward Conf Leicester RCP, SC: 30-15-97, AN: 00554352



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## Wigston Neighbourhood Mental Health Café

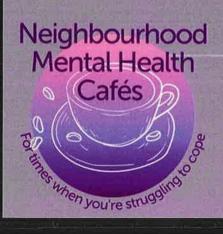
Drop in support for when you're struggling to cope

Provided by Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland

Fridays 1pm - 4pm
The Menphys Hub, Bassett Street,
South Wigston, Leicestershire, LE18 4PE

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Phone: 07734 960 243 www.ageukleics.org.uk







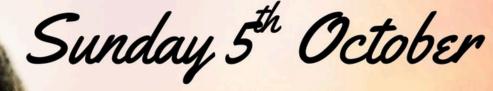
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

## CARLO ACUTIS

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LACY INVITES ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS TO JOIN THEM FOR
THE PARISH MASS CELEBRATION AT

ST MARY'S CHURCH, SOUTH WIGSTON



9.30 AM

JOIN US IN THE HALL AND LEARN ABOUT CARLO
ACUTIS, THE YOUNG MAN WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF
15 YEARS AND IS BEING CANONIZED.

GET INVOLVED IN THE MINISTRIES OF THE MASS
THINKING ABOUT CARLO'S PASSION TO SHARE GOD'S
LOVE FOR US ALL IN OUR MODERN WORLD

**11 AM** 

**CELEBRATION OF MASS** 

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

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Mr Clive Wright, Principal

# The Impact Oadby & Wigston Great Santa Fun Run

Start 11:00am, Sunday 30th November, Brocks Hill Country Park, Washbrook Lane, Oadby, LE25JJ

 2km or 4km Early bird offer: register by 31st October

WALK, JOG &

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