

21st November 2025

Newsletter



Dear parents/carers,

We hope you are having a good week. St John Fisher experienced a busy week with an OFSTED inspection conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday. This inspection took place under the new national inspection framework, placing us among the early schools to participate in this process.

We express our gratitude to all parents for your valuable participation, both through the inspection survey and through direct conversations with the inspection team. We will share the official report with you once it has been formally released.

👉 Community Outreach and Admissions

We are requesting your support in raising awareness about our school and its admissions among prospective families in the local area. Please help us dispel the myth that faith-based schools are restricted to one denomination. Our school is an inclusive environment for all faiths and none (e.g., Catholic, Muslim, Sikh, Hindu, Jewish, or no faith), welcoming any family willing to uphold our school's core values and traditions.

Many prospective parents who visit our school do so based on personal recommendation. Thank you for being such positive ambassadors for our school; your word-of-mouth endorsement is vital.

God bless,
Mr Gallagher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

November

21st INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

26th Development Event (SPORTS) at Sir Jonathan North

December

4th Cross Country at Victoria Park

5th Menphys Rehearsal at De Montfort Hall (Year 6)

Catholic Schools Carol Concert - tickets now available. Please see Dojo message.

9th Reception Play - 1.30p.m & 5.30p.m

10th Immunisation - NHS contacting parents directly for consent.

11th Year 1 & 2 Play - 1.30p.m & 6p.m

12th PTFA Christmas Disco - 6p.m. to 8p.m. Tickets will be available to purchase on School Shop- Arbor.

16th Pantomime - please see Dojo Message.

17th Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Class Parties (products available on school shop to purchase).

19th Last day of term : finish time at 2p.m. After school club finishes at 4.15p.m

20th to 4th Jan – END OF TERM

January

5th Return to School.

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>

ADMISSIONS

2026-27



Admissions applications for Autumn Term 2026

Apply
Now!

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2026, 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 15 January 2026. You can view our admission policy on the website [here](#).

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Healthy Together Newsletter ISSUE



Welcome to your latest Healthy Together newsletter

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of your newsletter for parents/carers and school staff from Healthy Together, and the first of the 2025/26 academic year.

In this update, you can find advice around flu, tips for keeping your family well this winter in our winter hub and a new animation aimed at children to raise awareness of the support a school nurse can offer.

Introducing your school nurse (for primary school children)

To help primary school children be more aware of who a school nurse is and the support that is available to them, we have created a short animation that we'd encourage you to share with your child.



 [Click here to watch our animation with your child](#)

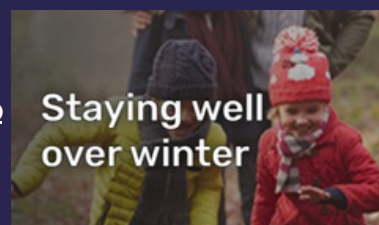
Staying well over winter hub is back

Launched for the first time last year, our winter hub is back to provide you with support, advice and information to help you and your family stay well over the winter months.

The hub is packed with advice around flu, local vaccination clinics, general winter health advice and a brand-new 'Stay Well Guide' with guidance on when and where to seek medical help for certain ailments.



[Click here to access our winter hub](#)

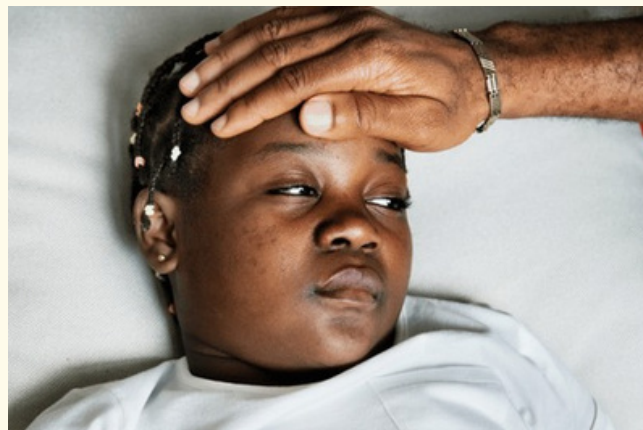


Staying well
over winter

In the Spotlight

Flu: What you need to know

With the flu vaccination programme in primary schools in full swing, take a look at our 'what you need to know' information around flu to identify some of the most common symptoms and to discover why consenting for your child to have their nasal flu vaccination in school is so important.



 [Click here to view our advice around flu](#)

Contact a school nurse by text message

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust runs a dedicated, confidential and secure text messaging service called ChatHealth for parents/carers of children aged 0-11 in Leicestershire and Rutland, which enables you to get professional health advice and support.

TextaPublicHealthNurse(SchoolNurse) on:

07520 615 382



ChatHealth

Contact a health professional via the Healthy Together Helpline

You can also call to speak to the Helpline's qualified health and administrative professionals who offer easy to access, safe and free advice, support and signposting.



Call 0300 300 3001

Calls are answered from 9am – 4.30pm on weekdays, excluding bank holidays.

Support for parents from the school nursing service

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's school nursing service is available to support parents/carers with any concern's you might have about your child's health and wellbeing.

From their growth and development to toileting worries or concerns about what they are eating, the team are here for you.

[Click here to find out more about the school nursing service](#)

[Click here to leave feedback about school nursing service](#)

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Join Our Girls-Only TennisDevelopment Sessions!



📍📍 Knighton Tennis Centre (Indoor)
Sir Jonathan North College, Knighton Ln E, Leicester LE2 6FU

🕒🕒 Every Saturday | 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

👩👩👩👩👩 Led by: Lois Elson – LTA Qualified Coach & County Coach
for 8U + a team of enthusiastic female assistant coaches

💷💷💷 Cost: Just £5 per session

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For Girls Aged 6–7

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