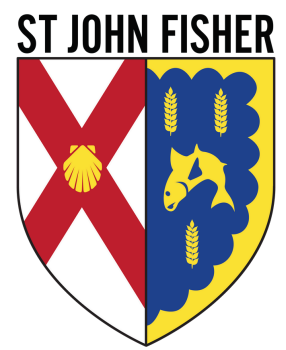


16th January 2026

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've had a wonderful start to the year—and since we are still in January, I'll take the opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

I'll keep this opening brief to ensure you have time to review the important update I shared on Class Dojo earlier this week. We were delighted to officially share the report from our recent Ofsted inspection with our school community. You can read the full report by [clicking here](#).

God bless,

Mr. Gallagher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

January

- 13th Year 4 Instrument Lesson Start
Year 6 Trip to St Pauls to watch Sister Act
Drama Club Starts for 5 weeks
- 14th Babies & Tots Start
- 22nd Boys Football at Aylestone Park
- 28th Year 6 Crich Parent Meeting at 6p.m
Year 5 & 6 Chaplaincy Team Feast Day Trip
- 29th Year 6 & Reception - Heights & Weight Programme

February

- 3rd Reception class RE Parent Afternoon - 1.30 - 3.00p.m.
- 5th Cross Country Qualifiers
- 10th Parents Evening - more information to follow.
- 12th Parents Evening - more information to follow.
Year 6 Trip to Leicester Racecourse- Walking
- 14th to 22nd Feb - End of Half Term**
- 26th Road Safety at School Visit

March

- 5th World Book Day - Costume is Book Characters
- 23rd Group Photo & Class Photos
- 27th Non-school Uniform for Big Lent Walk - CAFOD
- 30th to 12th April - End of Term**

A few reminders...

Our Catholic Mission The Feast of St Thomas Aquinas

On Wednesday 28th January, we will celebrate our Trust's Feast Day of St Thomas Aquinas.

On Wednesday, Year 5 and Year 6 chaplains will be joined with others from across the trust at English Martyrs Secondary School in Leicester to celebrate Mass. The Mass was streamed across all 23 Trust schools to watch.

Arrival Time



I would like to ask for your continued support in ensuring all children arrive on time for the start of the school day. Our Breakfast Club is available from 7:30 a.m., and our school gates open at 8:30 a.m.

We aim to have every child at their desk and ready to learn by 8:35 a.m. These first few minutes of the day are vital; whether the class is doing retrieval practice, handwriting, or reading for pleasure, these activities set a calm and purposeful tone for the rest of the day. Arriving on time also allows our staff to complete registers and meal orders efficiently. Thank you for helping your child start their day with success!



Winter Uniform

A reminder that the children should be wearing their winter uniform now or at the latest after half term. This includes a blue shirt and tie. Also, remember to bring a warm coat or jacket every day in the winter. The weather can be changeable as we all know. The children have been taking great pride in their appearance. We expect the very best from our children with regards to school uniform and appearance, and strongly believe that our high standards promote positive behaviour. Thank you for your support.



Reading Books

A request for all families to have a look at home for any SJF reading books and return these to school.

Thank you to those families that have returned outstanding books.

Thank you to some of our parents who donated new or nearly new books to our new school library and classrooms. They have been very well received.

Parents Evening

Parents' Evening – 10th and 12th February

We will be sending out a monitoring report beforehand which gives an indication of where your child is at academically at this point of the year after the Christmas assessment period. Details on how to book to in a visit will be released shortly.



PTFA

Thank you to the PTFA for all the activities we had before Christmas. Santa couldn't have delivered all those gifts to the children in school with the PTFA support. Also, all children in the school could go on a pantomime trip thanks to the PTFA. We are blessed to have such a wonderful association.



Forest School Donation Request



Our lovely Forest School is growing, and we are looking for a few metal items to help support our outdoor learning and play.

If you have any of the following that you no longer need, we would be incredibly grateful for your donations 

 Items we are looking for:

 Metal gardening trowels

 Mini metal gardening forks

 Large dessert-sized metal spoons

 Metal teapots

 Metal gravy boats

 Metal kitchen bowls

✨ All items must be metal, as they are more durable and last much longer in our forest environment.

Thank you so much for supporting our Forest School and helping us create magical outdoor learning experiences 



Winter Mini Reading Challenge ❄️

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are taking part in the Winter Mini Reading Challenge this year. In the summer, 58 children earned certificates — let's see if we can get even more for the winter challenge!

This is a great way to keep children reading over the winter months and helps build their confidence, vocabulary and enjoyment of books.

 Dates:

1 December 2025 – 20 February 2026

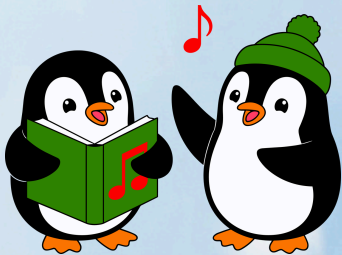
To take part, children need to:

Visit wintermini.org.uk

Read three books or more

Review the books on the website

Download and print their certificate



If children complete the challenge, they will receive:

5 house points

Progress towards their merit certificate chart

Their certificate shown in assembly

Children can read any books — from home, school, the library, e-books or audiobooks.

Thank you for supporting reading at home!

Mr Hill
Reading Lead



Holy Mass Bulletin - 2nd Week of Ordinary Time, Year A

Saturday 17th January - St. Antony, Abbot

6pm - St. John Bosco's All Parishioners

Confessions: 5:30pm - St. John Bosco's

Sunday 18th January - Second Sunday of the Year

9am - St. Edward's Margaret and Tony Gallagher RIP

11am - St. Mary's Doreen Dwyer RIP

6pm - St. Mary's Ramzan (healing)

Confessions: 5:30pm - St. Mary's

Tuesday 20th January - Feria

2:30pm Saffron Hill Cemetery Funeral Service Ivana Dabic RIP

Wednesday 21st January - St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

10am - St. Edward's Nancy Harrington RIP

Thursday 22nd January - St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

10am - St. Mary's Maureen Mullahy RIP

Friday 23rd January - Mass for the Unity of Christians

10am - St. John Bosco's Brian Teeling RIP

10am - Gilrose Cemetery, Funeral Service Christopher Flynn RIP

Saturday 24th January - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor

6pm - St. John Bosco's Paul Hickey RIP

Confessions: 5:30pm - St. John Bosco's

Sunday 25th January - Third Sunday of the Year

9am - St. Edward's All Parishioners

11am - St. Mary's Ray Eaton RIP

6pm - St. Mary's Anne Stout RIP

Confessions: 5:30pm - St. Mary's

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

In the Gospel, John the Baptist points us to Jesus and invites us to recognise him as the Lamb of God. Ordinary Time reminds us that the Lord meets us not only in great moments, but in the quiet faithfulness of everyday life. Through the Mass, prayer, and care for one another, we grow step by step as disciples of Christ. May this week be a time to listen more closely to the Lord and to follow him with trust and generosity, especially in the simple duties and relationships of our daily lives.

NOTICES

- Tickets are now available for the Blue Beacons performing Sat. 21st February at SJB Hall
- The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18-25 January.

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

- Mavis Hopewell RIP - Funeral Service Thursday 29th January at St. John Bosco at 11am
- Anne Stout RIP

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