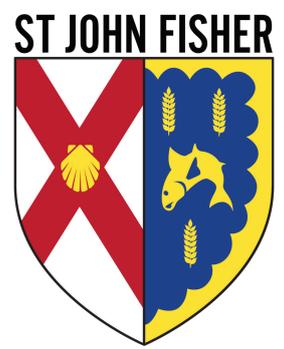


30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

# Newsletter



Dear Parents,

It's a busy fortnight here at school, with lots of news and updates to share! We're looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at your child's parent-teacher meeting.

As you know, our school recently received a very successful OFSTED report, and we couldn't be prouder of how our children represented our community. To celebrate this achievement, we are holding a special **Non-School Uniform Day on Friday, 13th February!**

It's going to be an afternoon full of fun and rewards to say a huge "well done" to the pupils for their hard work. Here is what the children can look forward to:

- \*Non-School Uniform: Come dressed in your favourite (sensible) clothes for the day!
- \*Afternoon Party Games: Each class will enjoy a variety of games to celebrate together.
- \*Whole-School "Golden Time": Following our celebration assembly, the entire school will enjoy an extra-special session of Golden Time.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school such a fantastic place to learn!

God bless

Mr Gallagher



# DATES FOR THE DIARY

## February

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reception class RE Parent Afternoon - 1.30 - 3.00p.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Cross Country Qualifiers
- 10<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening
- 12<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening  
Year 6 Trip to Leicester Racecourse- Walking  
Year 4 Class Liturgy - Celebration of the Word - All Welcome
- 13<sup>th</sup> Non-School Uniform  
**14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - End of Half Term**
- 26<sup>th</sup> Road Safety at School Visit  
Swimming Gala - Selected Year 5 & 6

## March

- 5<sup>th</sup> World Book Day - Costume is Book Characters
- 10<sup>th</sup> Reception Class - Mothering Sunday Liturgy - Parents Welcome
- 19<sup>th</sup> Mass - All Welcome
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Group Photo & Class Photos
- 24<sup>th</sup> Stations of the Cross - All Welcome
- 27<sup>th</sup> Non-school Uniform for Big Lent Walk - CAFOD  
**30<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April - End of Term**

## April

- 13<sup>th</sup> Back to School

# OUR CATHOLIC MISSION

## *The Feast of St Thomas Aquinas*

*Our Catholic Mission The Feast of St Thomas Aquinas This week, we celebrated the Feast Day of St Thomas Aquinas which brought all of the 23 schools in our Trust together! worked together in our school groups to think about how we can bring hope to others and continue the Jubilee legacy year at home, at school and in our communities. It was a wonderful occasion!*





# PARENTS EVENING

Parents' Evening will take place on  
**Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th  
February.**

We will continue to use the online  
booking system on Arbor. Online  
bookings went live on Monday 26th  
January at 7:00pm and will close on 4<sup>th</sup>  
February.



# School Council



Our school council have been working really hard and trying to come up with suggestions for some even better ideas for the school and the pupils present and future.

We have a School Council suggestion box and the theme for the last 2 weeks has been ' One thing that I love about my school is... '.

We wanted to share some of these suggestions with you as it is really lovely to see how much the children do enjoy coming to school and why.

*Good Friends*

*Learning New Things*

*Lovely School Field to play on*

*Kind Teachers*

*School Park*

*Everyone has fun in school*

*The Chapel to pray*

*Lovely Library*

*So many nice children and staff that are willing to help*

*Nice toys to play with*

*Use of Ipad to do research in lessons*

*Non-school uniform to raise money for charities*

# SPORT



The girls football team was back in action.

The 1<sup>st</sup> match was a very even match against Overdale which finished a 0-0 draw. Up next was Granby . This was another tight match, although Monri took advantage of a rare opportunity to score meaning a 1-0 win.

The next match was against a strong Montrose who put us under a lot of pressure. Unfortunately, a penalty was conceded which was converted . The final score was 1-0 to Montrose.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> match was against Caldecote. This too was another close match with our defence together with Ayomi in goal ensuring that no goals were conceded. To the delight of the team Annie scored. The final score was a 1-0 win.

Our last match was against St John The Baptist, in which , thanks to a fantastic goal from Annie, we took an early lead. Unfortunately, our opponents scored in the latter stages meaning a 1-1 draw.

Well done to all the girls for a fantastic team effort.

Our boys' football team showed incredible spirit and skill last week as they headed into their second round of Division 1 matches.

The night kicked off with a thrilling Catholic schools derby against St Thomas More. The boys were in top form, securing a convincing 2-0 win.

Next up, we faced the current league leaders, Caldecote. Despite a hard-fought battle, we lost 4-0. It was a great learning curve for the team.

The boys bounced back instantly against Hazel. Thanks to some clinical finishing from Huey and Theo, we secured a fantastic 3-0 victory. This was followed by a tough clash against Overdale. SJF took an early lead and looked in control, but a late equaliser from the opposition ended the game in a well-earned draw.

Finally, we faced Granby. It was a real "huff and puff" game where the boys gave it their absolute all, eventually digging deep to find the back of the net for a 1-0 win.

A huge well-done to our fantastic team for their strong defence, creative attack, and superb goals: Ethan, Huey, Charlie, Eoin, Theo, Zayne, Daniel, and William.



# Staff Updates



## A fond farewell to Mr Ritchie

We are writing to share that our Premises Officer, Mr. Ritchie, will be retiring on February 27th. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Kevin for his hard work and dedication to our school over the past three and a half years. Whether it was fixing a leak or keeping our grounds safe, his efforts have made a real difference to our school environment.

We wish him the very best of luck and a very happy retirement as he begins this exciting next chapter!



*Wonderful News!*

*We are absolutely delighted to share the news that Mrs. Barrow has welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world!*

*Bella was born on 8th January, and both mum and baby are doing well.*

*We send our warmest congratulations and best wishes to the whole family.*

## Holy Mass Bulletin - Fourth Week of Ordinary Time, Year A, 2026

### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Patronal Festival of St. John Bosco, priest

6pm - St. John Bosco's Thomas and Phyllis Connolly RIP

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am - St. Edward's All Parishioners

11am - St. Mary's Paul Hickey RIP

6pm - St. Mary's, Candlemas then the blessing of throats for St. Blaise Ann Welsh (Ints.)

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

7pm - St. Mary's, Confirmation Mass with Bishop Patrick McKinney Our Confirmandi

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February - St. Gilbert of Sempringham, religious

10am - St. Edward's All Parishioners

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February - St. Agatha, virgin and martyr

10:30am - St. John Bosco's, Funeral Service John Roche RIP

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Sts. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs of Japan

7pm - St. Mary's, Latin/English Mass All Parishioners

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February

6pm - St. John Bosco's, Michael & Theresa Tierney RIP + Mary & George Tierney RIP

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am - St. Edward's Brian Heaney RIP

11am - St. Mary's, Doreen and Hugh Dwyer RIP

6pm - St. Mary's, Lawrence Toner RIP

Confessions: Saturday 5:30pm - St. John Bosco's, Sunday 5:30pm - St. Mary's

Also after any Holy Mass or liturgy and by appointment

### FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

As we enter the week ahead in Ordinary Time, the Church reminds us that holiness is lived through faithful perseverance in daily life. I ask you to keep in prayer, and support by your presence, those preparing for Confirmation by the Bishop. To our confirmandi: this is not simply a ceremony, but a deepening of your baptismal faith and a strengthening by the Holy Spirit. Stay close to prayer, to the Eucharist, and to the life of the Church as you prepare. And to those already confirmed: this week is a reminder that Confirmation is not something we leave behind. The grace of the sacrament calls us, day by day, to live as witnesses to Christ — in our families, our workplaces, and our parish. Let us place the coming week in the Lord's hands, asking for the grace to remain faithful, generous, and attentive to the work of the Holy Spirit among us. Please keep one another in your prayers.

### NOTICES

- 40 Days for Life Launch at St Edwards Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.15pm.
- Fr. John's email has changed as the previous account was compromised, see below.
- No Mass on Thursday or Friday morning as we have Tuesday & Friday evening Masses.

### PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

- Donal Fitzpatrick RIP

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