

6th March 2026

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to March's newsletter.

It was wonderful to see engagement in World Book Day this year. Once again, it was lovely to see the love of reading shining through on this day. It was also wonderful to hear their excited chatter about their favourite characters and favourite books. We had different world book lessons in each class, paired readers – older children with children, teacher swap story time, book swap and parent reading sessions in R and KS1. Mr Hill, also launched our Key Stage 2 bingo card, which the children can start using from today. Thank you Year 5 for being in the pilot project.

Thank you to everyone for entering into the fun of World Book Day.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

March

- 5th World Book Day - Costume is Book Characters
10th Reception Class - Mothering Sunday Liturgy - Parents Welcome
11th Multi-skills Festival - Selected Year 3&4
19th Mass - All Welcome
23rd Group Photo & Class Photos
Reception class - Balance Bikes
24th Stations of the Cross led by Year 6- All Welcome
26th Easter Menu - more information to follow
27th Non-school Uniform for Big Lent Walk - CAFOD

30th to 12th April - End of Term

April

- 13th Back to School
17th Year 4&5 Swimming Starts

May

- 4th Bank Holiday - School Closed**
7th Year 3 Sports Festival at St Pauls
11th to 14th - Year 6 SAT's - Free Breakfast Club available to all Year 6 students during SAT's
18th Walk to School Week - more information to follow.
19th May Assembly - 9a.m - Led by Year 1- All Welcome
Year 4 Sports Festival at St Pauls
20th Lesson 10 of Branch 5 - Led by Year 3

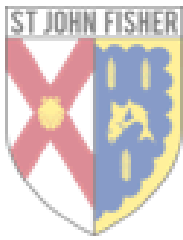
23rd to 31st - Half Term

June

- 1st Back to School
3rd Lesson 10 of Branch 5 -9a.m - Led by Year 5
4th Lesson 10 of Branch 5 - 9a.m - Led by Year 2
9th Year 5 Sports Festival at St Pauls
11th Year 6 Sports Festival at St Pauls
Year 1 Trip - Beaumanor Hall
15th Year 6 CRICH Trip - 15th to 17th
16th Armadramarama Club Performance

July

- 3rd Sports Day - more information to follow
10th End of Academic Year - School finishes at 2p.m. After school club is available until 4.15p.m



St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy



Headteacher: Mr A Gallagher

Dear Parent and Carers,

We would like to make you aware of some recent social media posts initially circulating across several London boroughs, but has now reached the Midlands area, referring to "school wars." This is a new TikTok trend which lists groups of schools and asks children from the 2 opposing teams (blue and red) to fight each other, film and post these fights to get "points".

Please be reassured that the school, local authority and the police are fully aware of this online activity. We are working closely in partnership with our local Safer Neighbourhood Teams, and there is a **zero tolerance approach to any form of disorder.**

At this time, we have no indication of any specific risk to our pupils, and this communication is intended purely as a precaution.

How you can help: |

- Please speak with your child about staying safe, avoiding online rumours, and not engaging with any social media challenges connected to this trend.
- We would also encourage parents to ensure that pupils are not bringing items to school that could be associated with rival identifiers (for example, coloured bandanas)
- If you or your child **become** aware of any information that may be helpful, please report it directly to the police via 101, or 999 in an emergency. Please also keep us informed.

What is being done:

- We are closely monitoring the situation and liaising with local agencies and partners should anything arise in the local area.
- We will continue to maintain a vigilant and visible presence at the start and end of the day to help monitor and deter any inappropriate behaviour.

A reminder of our expectations:

- We have a zero-tolerance approach to anti-social behaviour both in and out of the school, and online. It is important that students feel safe both in school and in the community.
- We will always take the most rigorous steps to sanction any student who becomes involved in this type of activity, either as an individual or as part of a group. This includes sharing and encouraging online.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us maintain a safe and calm environment for all our pupils, staff and community.

Yours sincerely,

A Gallagher



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LEICESTER WAR

YEAR 7-11

ROUND 1: MARCH 5TH

ROUND 2 MARCH 12TH

VS

RED SIDE (RST)

- MILLGATE
- LANCASTER ACADEMY
- CASTLE MEAD
- NEW COLLEGE
- SOAR VALLEY
- ORCHARD MEAD
- BEAUMONT LEYS
- AVANTI
- LEICESTER PARTNERSHIP

BLUE SIDE (BST)

- BROOKMEAD
- WIGSTON
- CROWN HILLS
- SAMWORTH
- FULHURST
- MOAT
- BABINGTON
- RUSHEY MEAD
- WIGSTON ACADEMY



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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to let you know about an important update to **Operation Encompass**, the national scheme that helps schools provide timely support for children who may have been affected by domestic abuse.

From 23 February 2026, our school will receive an automatic notification from Leicestershire Police if they attend a domestic incident where a child on our school roll is present.

The purpose of this notification is to allow our staff to provide appropriate care and support for any child who may need it the next day, such as check-ins, pastoral support, or wellbeing monitoring.

Why this matters

Operation Encompass is designed to ensure schools can act quickly and sensitively when a child may have experienced something upsetting or frightening at home. It does not involve sharing information with other parents, pupils, or staff who are not directly responsible for safeguarding your child.

What this means for you

You do not need to take any action. This process will happen automatically and securely between Leicestershire Police and the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

If you have any worries about how your information is used, or if you would like support around domestic abuse, please contact the school's safeguarding team or visit local support services such as UAVA (0808 80 200 28) for confidential help.

If you feel your child needs extra support for any reason, including experiencing domestic abuse, please continue to reach out to your school's safeguarding team.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to keep all children safe.

Kind regards,

A Gallagher



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CATHOLIC LIFE

LENT AT ST JOHN FISHER

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you are looking forward to this term which leads up to the most important Christian celebration: Easter.

Lent is the season of preparation for Easter Sunday, and it began with Ash Wednesday on 18th February, during the half term break. It is a time to grow closer to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

This letter outlines what we will be doing in our school for Lent. Each week, as a school community and within our classes, we will look at a different theme linked to the Church's Liturgical year. These themes are: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, Sacrifice and Journey. Through these themes we will try to understand what the season of Lent is truly about as we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

Prayer

The Year 6 Chaplaincy team will be leading prayer time in the chapel at lunchtimes. This will be an opportunity for the children to spend some quiet time in prayer and reflection and to make a Lenten promise if they wish to.



CAFOD's Big Lent Walk

This Lent, CAFOD are asking us to walk anytime, anywhere for 40 days to raise funds for life-saving water for some of the poorest countries in the world. The aim is to walk 200km wherever you like, and with whomever you like!

As a school, we will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk on Friday 27th March. Children will be able to come to school in sportswear and walk for CAFOD around the school field.

We will be asking for a donation of £1 for this fantastic cause which can be paid on Arbor - School shop.

LENT



Stations of the Cross – 24th March 9am – Parents are very welcome

During our final week in school, we will be thinking about Jesus' final hours, his passion and death. This will be remembered through the Stations of the Cross, detailing fourteen different moments on the day Jesus died. This is a powerful way to grow closer to Jesus and help the Christian faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ. Year 6 will be leading Stations of the Cross this year.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish you all a happy and prayerful Lenten season.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Beaumont and Mrs Johnson



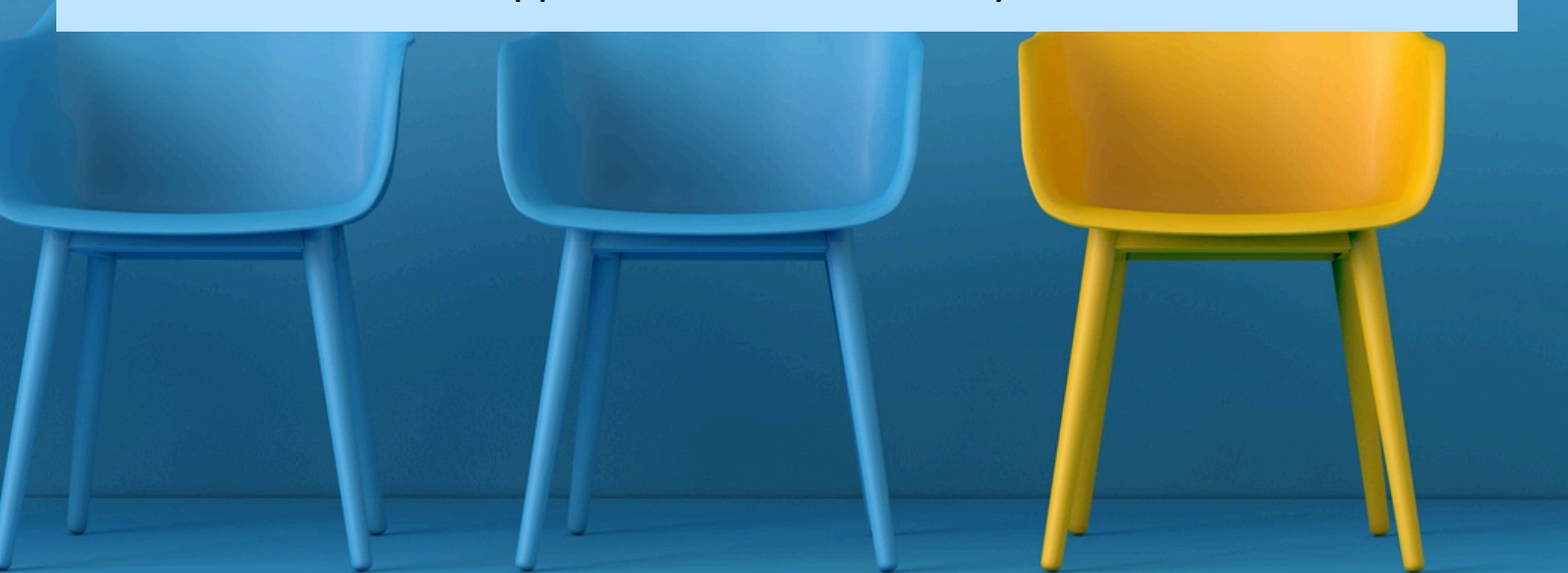
FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

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!

You can contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs. Helen Ladkin, for more details/information about this vital role - helen.ladkin@stjohnfisher-wigston.leics.sch.uk

You can also visit the [Nottingham diocese](#) for more information and application forms – thank you.



A few reminders...



Attendance

Thank you to everyone for the increasing attendance figures which have improved since Christmas. We are currently at 95.5% attendance, 1.5 per cent off our 97% objective

No Nuts in School/ Water in Water Bottles

A polite reminder that there should only be water in water bottles and no nuts including chocolate spread with nuts, or anything containing this e.g., prepacked pancakes with chocolate spread and hazelnuts. If sending sweets with children to give as birthday treats, ensure that they have no nuts as well e.g., snickers.

Thank you.

Road Safety Visit

Last week, SJF hosted Leicestershire's Road Safety team for a series of workshops with Reception, Year 2, and Year 5. A highlight of the visit was Year 2 learning a new tune all about the best ways to stay safe when crossing the road and then showing the whole school in celebration assembly on Friday.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CONTRACT REMINDER

- Children attending After School Club to 5.15pm must be collected promptly. Failure to collect your child by this time will result in a £10.00 penalty. A further £10 will be charged for each additional 15 minutes. Children who are regularly collected late will have their places withdrawn.
- Payment is required in advance for all booked sessions even if the child does not attend.
- Payment can be made on Arbor.
- If a child is to be collected by someone other than their parent it is imperative that you inform us of this in advance.
- St John Fisher CVA reserves the right to refuse to let that person collect if we consider that that person is not to be fit and proper to do so.

- If a child's behaviour becomes such that it affects the care or safety of other children that we have care of, we will request that you visit school to discuss the matter.

* CANCELLATION: If you need to cancel the club, please provide 48 hours notice. **Cancellations which are made on the day of the booking will still be charged.** Of course if your child is unwell, there will be no charge.

* NO SHOW: No shows will also be charged. Please note that the school is required to make arrangement for sufficient staff to cover the number of children booked to the club.

By enrolling your child to the After School Club you confirm that you have read and agree to the terms of our after school provision. The full contract can be found under Clubs - After School Club Booking.

CONTACT NO FOR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: 07751714377



WORLD BOOK DAY!



TODAY SPORT NEWS



BOYS & GIRLS FOOTBALL



Both the boys' and girls' team have been in action recently as always representing the school with distinction. The boys I am delighted to say they have made the play offs after really tough and high quality competition in Division 2: For the girls, the opposition was stronger in Division 1 but they put up sterling performances with total commitment. Well done to both teams.

Competition: Aylestone Division 1 Boys

League 1									
#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caldecote Community Primary School	15	9	5	1	23	4	19	32
2	St Thomas More Catholic School	15	7	5	3	11	8	3	26
3	St John Fisher CVA	15	7	3	5	20	15	5	24
4	Overdale Junior School	15	6	5	4	16	9	7	
5	Granby Primary School	15		8	7	3	17	-14	
6	Hazel Community Primary School	15		6	9		20	-20	



GIRLS FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Selected Year 4/5 girls attended a multi-school coaching session at Goals this week, focusing on passing, movement, and shooting. After an afternoon of drills, they put their skills to the test in a friendly match against St Thomas More, coming away with a superb 4-0 win. Congratulations to all who took part!



GIRLS FOOTBALL

The girls football match yesterday ended on a high. Their first match was against Caldecote ended a 0-0 draw thanks to some great goalkeeping from Ayomi. Even better was their 2nd match against Granby, in which we were the stronger team finishing 3-0 thanks to strong play by Annie, Clara, Aisling & Niamh. The next 2 matches against St John the Baptist and Montrose also both finished 0-0. Strong defending by Nimi, Tiwi, Phoebe & Monri and goalkeeping kept us in both games. The last match was against strong Overdale with a 2-0 to Overdale. A fantastic team effort with all the girls working very hard.

Swimming Gala



On Thursday 26th February, 8 boys and girls from Years 5 and 6 represented St John Fisher in the Leicester City Swimming Gala at Wigston Pool. Each child was able to swim in both the Medley Relay and the Freestyle Relay, together with two individual stroke races. After a quick warm up, the schools were split into different heats for the races, so the excitement built during the day as all heats were timed and points awarded accordingly. The children swam brilliantly during the day, always trying their best and always supporting each other. At the end of the Gala, St John Fisher came a fantastic 4th out of the 9 schools who took part. Congratulations to Charlie H, Jenson, Eleni, Clara, Florence, Martha, Brett and Emilio.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all children who competed in the Cross-Country event on Saturday 28th February at Rutland Water. Every child represented Leicester City/ Inspire Together and their school superbly! We were very proud! The conditions on the day were tough, however the resilience, determination, and team spirit from the children (and parents) was fantastic! I'm sure there were lots of muddy cars on the way home!

Also another huge congratulations to Clara (Yr5) who have been selected to represent Leicestershire in the National Finals on Saturday 21st March.

A huge congratulations to the Y4 Girls, Y5 Girls and Y5 Boys Leicester City A Teams (Red T-shirts) who finished 3rd overall as a team. SJF had at least one member in each of those teams - .Ava, Quinn, Clara and Theo.

SJF representatives on the Leicester City team: Ivy, Bllue, Aliona, Amelie, Marlowe, Henry, Finley, Ava, Quinn, Sofia, Clara, Eleni, Theo, William and Eoin



