ST. JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love of God, love of self and love of others

Friday 6th November 2026
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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back as we begin one of the busiest and most exciting times of the school year, leading us towards Advent and Christmas.
We have so much to look forward to, including WOW Days, cinema trips, sporting events and Advent celebrations. Please take a moment to read the half-termly newsletters sent earlier this week and check our school website for key dates and events.
With the colder weather now upon us, a reminder that children should be wearing their winter uniform and bringing a warm coat each day, as we will continue to encourage outdoor play and fresh air at breaktimes.
As always, we are here to help and support you, so please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any questions or concerns.
We look forward to a wonderful half term together.

Mr P Kenny
Head of School

Golden Book



Every Friday we have a Golden Assembly where one child from each class is recorded in the golden book in recognition of their excellent learning. Congratulations to the Pupils who were in the Golden Book this week. They are:

St Mary	Eadie
St Nicholas	Georgios
St Bernadette	Izaiah
St Francis	Anitsi
St Teresa of Calcutta	Conor
St Oscar Romero	Sophia
St Rose of Lima	Frankie
St Carlo Acutis	Dylan
St Josephine	Agota

House Point Winners:

St Patrick	**182**
St David	**158**
St George	**146**
St Andrew	**189**

Congratulations to **St. Andrew** our winners this week**.**

Catholic Life

In this week's Gospel Assembly, we focused on the Beatitudes – Jesus' teachings on how we should live our lives. We explored the importance of being kind, showing mercy, making peace and caring for others. The children were encouraged to think about how they can put these teachings into practice each day, helping to make our school a loving and caring community.



Learning Around School November Reflections

On Wednesday, we held our first November Reflection with our Nursery and Reception children. It was a lovely moment of prayer and reflection, and we thank all the parents and carers who joined us.

Next Wednesday, we warmly invite Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers to join us in our prayer room for their November Reflection. We look forward to sharing this special time of prayer together.

Year 5 and Year 6 Trust Football Event

Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils attended a football event in Harlow this week. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet new people, enjoy playing football and take part in some friendly competition. The children had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon, showing great enthusiasm and teamwork. Well done to everyone who took part!

Children In Need Read, Rave and Raise Event

Next Friday, we will be supporting Children in Need with our exciting **Read, Rave and Raise** event! This will be a wonderful opportunity for the

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children to have fun while raising awareness and supporting a fantastic cause. Please make sure you read the letter sent home on Thursday, which contains further details about the day. Thank you for your continued support!



Netball Team Show Great League Determination!

Well done to our netball team, who played their second league match this week against Hereward. Despite the cold weather and fading light, the team showed fantastic determination and teamwork in a hard-fought match, narrowly losing 7–3.
The team continues to improve, and that first league win is getting closer! With a short autumn break before the league resumes in January, we look forward to seeing them back in action. Well done, everyone!

St John Fisher Facebook Page

As well as keeping up to date with school life through our website, we will also be promoting our school **Facebook page.** This will be another great way to catch up on what has been happening across St John Fisher and to celebrate the many wonderful things our children are doing. We look forward to sharing more with you over the coming term.

Online Safety

This week's guide focuses on mobile phone safety for children and young people. It explores the potential risks of mobile phone use, new school restrictions and proposals around social media access. The guide also offers practical advice to help parents and carers keep their children safe online. We encourage all families to take a few moments to read this valuable guidance.

Christmas Key Dates



After School Provision

Following our virtual meeting last half term regarding our after-school provision, I would like to invite parents and carers to share any further thoughts or suggestions through our **Microsoft Form.**
We value your feedback, and all comments will be carefully considered as we look at future developments to our provision.

Catholic Life and Mission

The Catholic life and mission of our school is something we are very proud of, and the views of our families play an important part in helping us continue to grow and develop.
Our **Catholic Life Survey**, shared during parent consultations, remains open for further feedback. We warmly encourage all parents and carers to share their thoughts and suggestions.

PTA News

🎄 **Elfridge's Christmas Shop** - Save the Date!
Friday 11th December
Our popular Christmas Shop returns, giving children the chance to buy a special gift for a loved one. More details coming soon!

🙋 **Volunteers Needed**
We're looking for volunteers to help with both the AM and PM sessions. If you can spare some time, please get in touch with the PTA.
Committeesjfpta@gmail.com

🎅 Santa's Grotto Donations
Do you own a business and would like to support our Santa's Grotto? We're seeking donations towards children's gifts. Please contact the PTA if you can help.
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Thank you for your support! ✨

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 11th November – Year 1 + Year 2 Reflection 9:00 am

Wednesday 11th November – Year 3 Cinema Trip

Friday 13th November – Children In Need

Wednesday 18th November – Year 3 + Year 4 Reflection 9:00 am

Wednesday 18th November – Year 1 + Year 5 WOW Day
Thursday 19th November – Year 4 + Year 5 Cinema Trip

Friday 20th November – INSET DAY

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