

St John Fisher Newsletter



February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Jubilee year is upon us and as a school we have fully embraced the theme, Pilgrims of Hope. School has been a very busy place this half term with lots of events and partnerships up and running already.



FRIENDS OF ST JOHN FISHER SOCIAL NIGHT
After the huge success of our first social night, the Friends of St John Fisher are running another, and this time ABBA will be the stars of the show. The event takes place on Saturday March 8th, tickets are on sale from the office but be quick as we expect a sellout.

Kickstart

Our Kickstart programme for our Y3 and Y4 children run by 180 finished this half term and was a huge success with the children gaining new skills and a heightened confidence from the sessions.



TURNING LIVES
AROUND



INSTAGRAM

Although I am grey, old and out of touch, Ms McCarthy is not. We are aware that people under the age of 35 use Instagram, so we have set up a school account to share positive stories and events at the school. It can be found at:

<https://www.instagram.com/st.johnfisherprimary>

» Catholic Virtues

**Our virtues this term are:
Grateful and Generous**

CATHOLIC LIFE

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Catholic Life has taken centre stage this half term as we have started our journey as 'Pilgrims of Hope'



**PILGRIMS
OF HOPE
2025**



St Therese were the first class to journey to an Oxford Church, with Fr Ziggy hosting them at Blessed Dominic Barberi. Next month St Francis will walk to Our Lady's on their Pilgrimage.

We also invited Bishop Richard Walker into school this half term for a beautiful Prayer Service. It was wonderful to show off our school community, and welcome him as the new Bishop for our area.

PFMAC JUBILEE MASS

Working closely with our colleagues at Our Lady's Cowley, we hosted representatives from all 12 schools of the Pope Francis MAC at Blessed Dominic Barberi Church. This was a great opportunity to come together in prayer and show our unity as a group of schools working together in Christ.



SISTERS OF THE SPIRITUAL FAMILY OF THE WORK

Sr Anna and Sr Caroline from St John Henry Newman college visited KS2 this term to share their vocation and information about the life of our local Saint. It was wonderful to have them in school sharing with the children.



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SPORTS NEWS

The cold has not been a deterrent for our continued sporting successes, recently our Y5/6 girls competed at the Oxford Indoor Athletics Finals coming second and our Boys coming out victorious.

We have also seen our boys compete in the Oxfordshire County ESFA finals, coming third, and reaching the semi-finals of The Manor Cup Excitedly, our Y3 and Y4 girls have started playing matches, with a recent visit to Our Lady's a huge success, with the girls learning to work together and play as a team. We then hosted John Henry Newman in Y3 and 4 matches this week.



MATHS WORKSHOPS

Mrs Woodhams is running two workshops over the next few weeks which will inform parents about how maths is taught at the school. The workshops are funded by OCC and are to promote their Multiply programme, where adults can access GCSE maths tutoring for free. A £30 voucher will be given to families who attend both sessions

PARKING

I know that the roadworks are hard for people to cope with, but please refrain from parking across people's driveways and over their gardens. It is not fair to the people of Broadfields. Can I also ask that we treat people with the respect that we would expect from our children. We have had reports of parents verbally abusing elderly residents whose gardens they were parked on. You would not like it if this was your house. We have tried to mediate, but next time the residents will call the police, and we will help them identify anyone who has been abusive. It is embarrassing for the school and a few parents are giving us all a bad name. Park in the bowls club, or even better, walk.

» ATTENDANCE

We have seen an improvement in attendance as a school, thank you so much for this. Please continue to send in your children. A cold, or a sore leg is not a reason to be off school, a fever or infectious illness is.



NURSERY & RECEPTION 2025

Our Nursery is now oversubscribed and will be using our admissions criteria at Easter to ensure that places are allocated fairly. This is a huge credit to our EYFS staff and is also testament to our families who have spread the word of all of the good work at St John Fisher.

» Diary Dates

14.02.2025	Year 1 Assembly
14.02.2025	Break up for half term – 3.15
24.02.2025	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
27.02.2025	Year 4 Mansfield College Trip
27.02.2025	Year 5/6 Girls Football at SS Mary and John
27.02.2025	Year 5/6 Boys Home Match v Windmill
28.02.2025	Inflatable Brain in School – Workshops from The JR
05.03.2025	Ash Wednesday Service
06.03.2025	Y6 Boys Football – Regional Finals – Woking
06.03.2025	WORLD BOOK DAY
07.03.2025	Y1/2 Football Festival at TOA
07.03.2025	Year 2 Charity Sale
10.03.2025	PARENTS EVENING
11.03.2025	KS2 Cinema Trip
12.03.2025	Year 2 Pilgrimage to Greyfriars Church
13.03.2025	KS1 Cinema Trip

» Parish News

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February 2025

For Vocations

“Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel called to live Jesus’s mission in life: either through the priestly life, or religious life.”

Sacred Heart Church <https://sacredheartoxford.com/>

Blessed Dominic Barberi Church <https://www.bldominicbarberioxford.org.uk/>

Our Lady Help of Christians <https://olhoccowley.co.uk/>

God Bless,

Mr Higgins and the SJF Team

