ST. JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love of God, love of self and love of others

Friday 13th November 2026
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What a wonderful week it has been at St John Fisher! One of the highlights for me was seeing the incredible respect and thoughtfulness shown by our children during the two-minute silence on Remembrance Day. It was a truly moving moment and a reminder of the values we hold dear as a school community.

We also had tremendous fun celebrating Children in Need through our Read, Rave and Raise event! It was fantastic to see the children enjoying themselves while raising money and awareness for those in need. This was a wonderful example of our Catholic Social Teaching in action, reminding us of the importance of compassion, solidarity and caring for others.

We hope to share photographs and videos from the day on our school website and social media very soon, so please keep an eye out for some lovely moments from the celebrations!
Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mr P Kenny
Head of School



Golden Book

mEvery 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	**Violet**
St Nicholas	**Chance**
St Bernadette	**Alexandra**
St Francis	**Seb**
St Teresa of Calcutta	**Olivia**
St Rose of Lima	**Harley**
St Josephine	**Marco**
St Carlo Acutis	**Melody**
St Oscar Romero	**Ffion**

House Point Winners:

St Patrick	**328**
St David	**259**
St George	**319**
St Andrew	**224**

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

Catholic Life



In this week's Gospel Assembly, we explored the parable of the ten bridesmaids who were waiting for the arrival of the bridegroom. Some were prepared with enough oil for their lamps, while others were not ready when he arrived. Through this story, Jesus reminds us of the importance of being prepared and keeping the light of faith alive in our hearts. We encouraged the children to think about how they can be ready to welcome Jesus each day by showing kindness, love, forgiveness and compassion towards others.

Learning Around School
School Council

Over the past week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils have been busy campaigning for a place on our School Council, sharing their ideas for making St John Fisher an even better place to learn, grow and enjoy school life.

The children have shown great enthusiasm and confidence, completing written applications before delivering speeches to their peers. It has been wonderful to see so many pupils eager to have a voice and make a positive difference to our school community.
With votes still being counted, we look forward to announcing our new School Councillors next week!
A huge well done to everyone who put themselves forward!

Year 3 Cinema Trip

Earlier this week, our Year 3 children enjoyed a wonderful trip to the cinema to watch *Lilo & Stitch*. It was a lovely opportunity to enjoy a film together outside the classroom and share a special experience with their friends.
The children had a fantastic afternoon and, as always, were exceptionally

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well behaved, representing St John Fisher beautifully. Well done, Year 3!

Online Safety

This week's Online Safety Guide explores the risks of online advertising aimed at children, including influencer marketing, misleading adverts and impulsive spending. It offers helpful advice for parents and carers on keeping children informed and safe online.

Year 6 Remembering Those Who Sacrificed So Much

Yesterday, our Year 6 children visited the Loughton War Memorial to lay their poppy wreath and pay their respects to those who gave their lives for our freedom.

As Year 6 explore their topic, *Peace in Our World*, this was a particularly meaningful experience and a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by others so that we can live in peace and freedom today.

It was a thoughtful moment of remembrance, encouraging the children to reflect on the importance of peace, gratitude and hope for a better world.

Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert

For parents of children in Years 3–6, we kindly ask you to confirm whether your child will be able to attend our Carol Concert at the church in December. This will help us with planning and preparations. Carol Concert Link

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.

November Reflections

On Wednesday, we held our second November Reflection for Remembrance with our Year 1 and 2 children. It was a beautiful and thoughtful time of prayer, wonderfully led by Mrs Turnbull and Mrs Hilario. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers joining us for this special moment of reflection.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming Year 3 and 4 families for their reflection. Due to the number of children, this will take place in the school hall. We hope to see many of you there!

Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2027

The primary school admission opened on 9 November 2026, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year starting September 2027.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The statutory national **closing date** for applications is **15 January 2027**.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

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

Wednesday 18th November – Year 1 + Year 5 WOW Day

Thursday 19th November – Year 5 Cinema Trip

Friday 20th November – **INSET Day**

Thursday 26th November – Reception Reading Café 8:40 am – 9:10 am

Thursday 3rd December – Year 6 Coffee Morning