

NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents and carers,



Over the next few weeks the children will be exploring the following themes:

Gathered in His Name – “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” Matthew 18:20 Jesus said that where two or three are gathered in His name, He is with them. In this Celebration of the Word Assembly children consider how working together makes us stronger and more effective. They will discover how prayer can strengthen and unite us together in faith.

Forgive — Reset— Repeat – ‘Peter came up and said to Jesus, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?”’ Matthew 18:21 In this week’s Gospel, Jesus teaches about the importance of forgiveness. In this assembly, children will recognise what it means to forgive others, how important it is, and how forgiving others allows us to do as Jesus teaches: to ‘love one another’.

Please take the opportunity to discuss with your child at home.

Safeguarding - Please can you support school by ensuring that if your child is ill and absent from school that you phone the school office by 9.15am. To ensure that we are compliant with Safeguarding Policies if we are not notified and we are unable to contact you with the contact numbers you have provided to school then staff may need to undertake a home visit. Please support us by informing us of absence. Following up absences and carrying out unnecessary home visits are taking staff away from other tasks unnecessarily.

Dates for Diary

21/9/26-25/9/26 - Fair Trade Week
21/9/26 - Fair Trade Workshop (PM)
22/9/26 - Super Learning Morning – Geography (AM)
22/9/26 - Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Whole School (PM)
23/9/26 - RWI Meeting for Reception parents (5pm)
25/9/26 - Sponsored Event (AM)
30/9/26 - Year 6 – Crucial Crew (AM)
1/10/26 - National Poetry Day
Assembly for Parents KS2 -9.15am
Assembly for Parents EYFS/KS1 - 2.30pm
1/10/26 - RSE Meeting for parents (5pm)
2/10/26 - Stay and Pray – The Rosary (EYFS & KS1) 9:00-9:15am
EYFS & KS1 Parents welcome
2/10/26 - Stay and Pray – The Rosary (KS2) 2:55-3:10pm
KS2 Parents welcome
2/10/26 - Whole School CAFOD Charity Day
Assembly (1:30pm) – Pupils only

Welcome back to a new academic year. It is wonderful to have our school family back together. We welcome our new children to Reception and their parents to our school community.

We will be holding an information event about the Relationship and Sex Education programme we use in school for all parents on Thursday 1 October at 5pm. A copy of the powerpoint used in the meeting will be put on each class page on the school website for those parents who are unable to attend. This is the same scheme that we used last year.

A reminder - Birthday celebrations – In order to ensure that we celebrate your child’s birthday in school, your child will be able to wear their own clothes on their birthday in school. If your child’s birthday falls on a day at the weekend then they can wear their own clothes the following Monday. If your child’s birthday falls during a holiday period then they may wear their own clothes on the last day in school before the holiday.

We have planned events for the full academic year – dates for diary are also being emailed out to you today.

PTA - As always, we are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support of school and the generous monetary contributions you make to school. We understand that it is a difficult financial time, however this is why it is more important than ever to raise funds for our wonderful school.

As such, we hope to provide a varied calendar of fundraising events this academic year. However, this cannot be done without your help. We hope that many of you will be able to join us in running and helping to deliver these events. If you are interested in hearing about/volunteering for any of these fundraising efforts, without obligation, please register your interest by emailing the school office@stjohnfisher.stoccat.org.uk

The PTFA have set themselves a target of £3,000 to raise to buy resources for the children to play with at playtime and lunchtime.

Please support PTFA events.

Event	Date
Sponsored Event	25/9/26

Breakfast Club runs from 7.50am to 8:45am each school day. The cost each day is £2.50 payable at the beginning of each session. If your child would like to eat breakfast then they must be at breakfast club by 8.15am. If you would like to access the breakfast club please book this via Abor.

The holiday pattern for 2026-2027 is attached for your reference. All holiday patterns are also published on the school website.

Dates for your diary are also attached to this newsletter.

Please keep informed of future events within school via our school website www.st-johnfisher.rochdale.sch.uk as this has the most up to date information. We will continue to share our in- school activities via Twitter [@st-johnfisher.co.uk](https://twitter.com/st-johnfisher.co.uk) and Facebook page.

Best wishes
Mrs N Hadfield
(Headteacher)

Our Mission Statement
Love Jesus, love learning,
Inspiring each other to be the best that we can be.