

Friday 24 October 2025

Dear parents and carers,



Assemblies

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

Keep Going -Through explorations of the parable of 'The Persistent Widow' and the fable of 'The Tortoise and the Hare', children will discover that not giving up on prayer leads to a deeper relationship with God. God invites us to talk and listen to Him, because He longs to answer our prayers.

Heavenly Cheerleaders - Jesus carefully positioned Himself to proclaim amazing truths about Heaven. The Solemnity of All Saints reminds us that we are called to be holy, following in the footsteps of those who were poor in spirit and relied totally on God.

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.
I thank you all in advance for your support in this matter.

Dates for Diary

3/11/25 – School re-opens for Autumn 2

4/11/25 – Year 5 – Artist – Belinda John
(In school)

5/11/25 – Year 5 – Artist – Belinda John
(In school)

5/11/25 – Phonic Screen Meeting for Y1
Parents@5pm

KS1 SATS Meeting for Y2
Parents@5.30pm – Parents welcome

6/11/24 – Whole School Mass –
Remembrance @11am – Y4 Lead
Y4 Parents welcome

6/11/25 – Y4 Multiplication Check
Meeting for Parents@5pm
KS2 SATS Meeting for Y6

Parents@5:30pm – Parents welcome
6/11/25 – EYFS/KS1 Disco (6-7:30pm)

7/11/25 – Oldham NICU – Items for
hampers for NICU (small hand creams, lip
balms, chocolate etc.)

7/11/25 – Outdoor Classroom Day –
Outdoor Learning (All classes)
(In school)

Letters sent home

N/A

Punctuality/Attendance

School doors open at 8.45am
for the start of the school day.

Thank you for attending parent's evening last night. It was great to see so many parents in school.

Last week the Football Team played their Clayton Cup match against St Michael's, Alkington. They lost 3-1. Sports person of the Match was Georgie and Reggie. Well done children for playing well as a team and displaying good sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Buckley for supporting the team.

Last week we had a visit from the artist Belinda John.

Year 6 have been inspired by our artist, Belinda, to make 3D art using recyclable materials (cardboard cereal boxes). Belinda has introduced us to the artist Darrell Wakelam, who uses cardboard, masking tape and coloured tissue paper to make amazing 3D art.

Reception looked at some art work by Edward Saidi Tingatinga. He lived in Africa and took his inspiration from birds, animals and the plants he could see. They then created their own Tinga Tinga style giraffe.

Year 1 have been creating art work in the style of Kandinsky this half term. We have used a wide range of mediums to create some abstract, vibrant and beautiful pieces of work. We had a special visit from Belinda where we produced paintings using oil pastels, sand and created a giant mural outside of our classroom using chalk.

Please look at the school Facebook page for some photographs of the amazing art produced.

On Thursday the children in Year 3 enjoyed their day of fun games, prayer and reflection at Schoenstatt Shrine. The shrine is one of the six designated churches in Salford during this Jubilee Year of Hope. The children reflected on the meaning of hope and how they can continue to spread hope to others. The children's behaviour on the trip was excellent. Well done Year 3.

PTA/School Fund - 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.

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.



We have raised £625 so far this year. Our target is £3,000.

The events for this year are:

Date	Event
6/11/25	EYFS/KS1 Disco (6-7:30pm)
13/11/25	KS2 Disco (6-7:30pm)
14/11/25	Own clothes in exchange for bottles (EYFS/KS1 Non Alcoholic KS2 Alcohol or chocolate)
21/11/25	Own clothes in exchange for a donation of a selection box Chocolate Bingo (Selection Box) (6PM)
15/12/25	PTA Christmas Raffle
12/2/26	EYFS/KS1 Disco (6-7:30pm)
26/2/26	KS2 Disco (6-7:30pm)
13/3/26	Own clothes in exchange for a donation of an Easter egg Chocolate Bingo (6pm)
30/3/26	PTA Easter Raffle (In school)
16/7/26	Y6 Leavers Disco (6:00-7:30pm)

Please remember that if you have any worries or concerns we are here to help. Please feel free to speak to a member of staff if you have a worry or a really good idea. Your child's class teacher is available at the start and end of the school day. We are an open school and the children benefit from the special partnership we have with parents and carers.

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 and Facebook page.

School breaks up for half term today at 3.15pm and re-opens on Monday 3 November.

Best wishes

Mrs N Hadfield

Our Mission Statement

Love Jesus, love learning,

Inspiring each other to be the best that we can be.