

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents and carers,



## Assemblies

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

**Temple of the Holy Spirit** - Jesus likened His body to the holy Temple in Jerusalem to speak about His Resurrection. Children will discover that each one of us is a unique Temple of the Holy Spirit to whom Jesus promises the gift of resurrection.

**Brothers and Sisters** - This week's Celebration of the Word assembly asks the question, 'Who do we look to in times of trouble?' Through a real child's experience, children are encouraged to look to God and responsible adults for support. Also highlighted is the work of Aid to the Church in Need, who support persecuted Christians around the world today.

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

**17/11/25** - Mary Farmer RE Retreat – Year 5 (AM)  
(In school)  
**18/11/25** - Year 4 – Artist – Belinda John (In school)  
**19/11/25** - Year 2 – Artist – Belinda John (In school)  
**19/11/25** - Share and Shine Assembly – Year 1 @ 9.15am  
Y1 Parents welcome  
**21/11/25** - Own clothes in exchange for a donation of a selection box  
Chocolate Bingo (Selection Box) (5.30PM)  
**24/11/25** - Rockidz – Anti-Bullying Workshop (All classes)  
& shop on the playground after school (In school)  
**27/11/25** - Y6 Recycling Centre Trip  
**28/11/25** - Pantomime – Cinderella – Whole School – School Hall (AM) (In school)  
**1/12/25** - Y6 – First Aid Training – AM (In school)  
**3/12/25** - Creative Write (In school)  
Letters sent home  
N/A  
Punctuality/Attendance  
School doors open at 8.45am for the start of the school day.

**Well done to our wonderful Year 2 and 3 children who took part in cross country at St Gabriel's CE Primary School last week. It was a wet and muddy race and our children represented our school beautifully. Thank you to parents and carers for your support. Thank you Miss Barrow for supporting the team.**

**Well done to the Year 5 children who represented our school in the cross country race at Alkington Primary School on Wednesday. It was a wet and muddy race and all children completed it with a smile on their face. Thank you to parents and carers for your support.**

**Netball news** - Well done to our wonderful netball team who played their first match on Tuesday against Boarshaw Primary School. They won 5-2 and the girls showed great sportsmanship and represented our school beautifully.  
Thank you Miss Barrow for supporting the team.

**Last week the Football Team played their league match against St Gabriels' CE Primary School. They won 2-1 with a goals from Reggie and Arnie. Sports person of the Match was Reggie. Well done children for playing well as a team and displaying good sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Buckley for supporting the team.**

Over the last two weeks the artist Belinda John has visited school to work with both Year 3 and Year 5.

The children in Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic Art Day with Belinda. They continued to explore the life and work of the artist Andy Warhol; learned the names of different New York skyscrapers; and looked at pictures of the New York skyline. They also practised lots of different art skills.

Children sketched their own New York skyline in their art books and painted an acrylic backdrop in the style of Andy Warhol. They used a scoring technique to recreate their skyline design on a polystyrene tile which was used as a printing block (rolled in ink) on top of their acrylic backdrop.

This work links with our class text, James and the Giant Peach, when the character escapes to New York across the Atlantic on board a giant peach. The results were amazing!

Year 5 took part in an art workshop with artist Belinda John where they explored painting with different objects to create different effects and textures. They used pallet knives, toothbrushes and sponges to create a painting of Mount Vesuvius erupting in the style of Andy Warhol. The results were very effective.

**Year 6 had a great time with the fire service team when they visited school last Tuesday. They looked at the dangers of bonfire night and talked about what we can do to stay safe and how to avoid any problems. Mr Buckley showed us how to 'Stop-Drop-Roll' and Mrs Chapman modelled the latest in fire fighter outfits. We then had a look in the fire engine to see all of the amazing equipment that helps to save lives.**

**Year 6 RE Retreat** - On Monday Year 6 had a special visitor, Mary Farmer, who showed us how we can pray and meditate within class. We thought about the special women who we find in the bible and the important part that they played in God's plan. We used this reflective moment to create artwork based on the concept of faith and thought in more detail about what our own faith means to us.

Last week Year 1 really enjoyed their trip to Jodrell Bank. The children were fascinated by the awe-inspiring telescope. It was huge and the children had the benefit of seeing it rotate. The children were entertained by the films and hands on experience throughout the day. In the First Light Pavilion Dome, the children had a very informative presentation about the stars, planets and the galaxy! Year 1 also learnt about the black hole and how it works. Well done Year 1 you were excellent role models on the trip.

**Thank you all for your kind donations for the NICU – they will go to support families at Oldham Hospital. Each class have received a lovely thank you card this morning in assembly from the staff at Royal Oldham.**

Please keep informed of future events within school via our school website [www.st-johnfisher.rochdale.sch.uk](http://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.

Best wishes

Mrs N Hadfield

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