

NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents and carers,



Assemblies

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

King of Kings - This Celebration of the Word assembly, the last of the Liturgical Year, celebrates the feast of Christ the King. Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the good thief knew this and his faith saved him. Through the gift of faith, one day we too can be with Jesus in paradise.

Prepare In Hope - Advent is an exciting time of getting ready for Jesus' birthday at Christmas. We also prepare and wait with expectant hope for when Jesus will come again!

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

school)
3/12/25 - Creative Write
(In school)
9/12/25 - Reception – Stay and Play Session
(with parents) 9-10am
10/12/25 - Christmas Lunch
11/12/25 - Gardeners and Seeds (Rec & Y6)
Visit to the crib at Church (PM)
15/12/25 - PTA Christmas Raffle
16/12/25 - Termly Poetry Performances–
Sharing in Key Stages(In school)
17/12/25 - Nativity – Parents – (9:30am &
1:45pm) Parents welcome
17/12/25 - KS2 Debate session
(Y3 & Y4) &(Y5 & Y6)(In school)
18/12/25 - Whole School Mass –(9.30am)– Y3
Lead - Y3 Parents welcome
18/12/25 - Party Day Lunch/ Party Afternoon
(In school)
19/12/25 – Break up for Christmas (1.30pm)
5/1/26 – Re-open for Spring term
Letters sent home
N/A

Punctuality/Attendance

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

Thank you for all the generous donations of chocolate, bottles and selection boxes over the last few weeks. Your donations will be used to create hampers for raffles and for prizes at Chocolate Bingo as part of our PTA fundrasing this term.

The last few weeks have been really busy in school – below are some of the wonderful activities the children have been part of.

On Monday to accelerate the children's learning and to raise awareness of anti-bullying week, the children had a visit from Rockidz. The children had a fun filled day of singing and dancing while learning about how to bring bullying down. The children shared their ideas of what bullying is and how it can make others feel. The children remembered the acronym S.T.O.P - Several, Times, On, Purpose and came to the shared understanding that bullying makes people feel upset and unwelcome. The special word was KINDNESS. The children learned that the word 'kindness' is the opposite of 'bullying' and it is only by showing kindness and making everyone feel welcome that we can stop bullying. The children had a wonderful day and I am sure they will remember the important messages shared.

Last week Year 4 had a visit from the artist, Belinda John, for their art super learning day. The children learned about the artist Henri Rousseau and used their sketching, painting and collage skills to create rainforest artwork in line with their current topic. The children really enjoyed this experience and created beautiful artwork. Well done Year 4.

Last week, Year 2 enjoyed their art super learning day with visit artist Belinda. They explored collage, soft pastels and paint to create beautiful Aurora Borealis artwork linked to their Explorers topic. The classroom was full of excitement, and the final pieces are beautiful. Well done Year 2.

Last week, children enjoyed an RE super learning day. Year 3 and 4 visited St John Fisher Church to see signs and symbols of our Catholic Faith. Year 5 and 6 children explored the Old Testament story of the anointing of King David through art and drama activities.

Children in KS2 classes shared the fantastic work they have been doing at home linked to Inter-Faith week. Children in KS1 had a visit from a person of a different faith background who shared some signs and symbols of a different faith.

Last week Year 5 took part in an RE retreat with Mary Farmer reflecting on the meaning of the Good Shepherd. They discussed the role of a shepherd, how King David was chosen by God to be king from his humble beginnings as a shepherd boy and how these qualities were shown in Jesus as the Shepherd King. The children completed several activities including a watercolour painting representation of what Jesus the shepherd means to them.

Well done to Year 1 for leading such a beautiful assembly last Wednesday with the important theme of 'Saying Yes to God.' This will be available on their class page on the school website for parents to see. Thank you Year 1.

Today the whole school have been getting into the Christmas spirit with our annual visiting Pantomime. The children all enjoyed 'Cinderella'. It was wonderful to see the children's joyful faces throughout as well as hearing their excitement.

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](https://twitter.com/st-johnfisher) 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.