

Friday 23 January 2026

Dear parents and carers,



Assemblies

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

True Identity - In this week's Gospel, John the Baptist understands Jesus' true identity. With the help of the Holy Spirit we too can recognise Jesus as God and be witnesses for Him in the world.

Born to Fish, Called to Follow - The first disciples were born into families of fishermen. Jesus called them and they gave up everything to follow Him. In this Celebration of the Word assembly, children will hear that God has a deeper purpose for us all. God invites us to hear His call and respond to the amazing plans He has for us.

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

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30/1/26 - Star books KS2 (2.30PM)
Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents welcome
4/2/26 - Share and Shine Assembly - Year 4 @9.15am Y4 Parents welcome
6/2/26 - Charity Day - Year 2 (In school)
9/2/26-13/2/26 - Children's Mental health Week
9/2/26 - Druhm Workshop (All classes) (In school)
10/2/26 - Safer Internet Day (In school)
10/2/26 - Reception - Stay and Play Session (with parents) 9-10am
12/2/26 - EYFS/KS1 Disco (6-7:30pm)

Letters sent home

N/A

Punctuality/Attendance

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

Last week Year 6 enjoyed a visit and a talk from our retired magistrate friends. We talked about the role of a magistrate and how important they are in ensuring the safety and harmony of our communities. We talked about what kind of person could become a magistrate and the kind of decisions that they have to make when assessing each of the cases put before them. Did you know they don't even get paid? Well done Year 6 we received a lovely email from our visitors who commented about your wonderful behaviour and engagement throughout their visit.

Well done to Year 5 who led a beautiful Share and Shine Assembly in school last week on the theme of missionaries. This is available to see on their class page on the school website. Thank you Year 5.

Thank you to the parents who came into school for the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Maths workshops. It was lovely to have so many parents in school talking about Maths. Thank you to the class teachers and Maths Leader, Mr Buckley for leading these sessions.

This week, Year 6 enjoyed their residential trip to Robin Wood. The children loved the three days they spent there, taking part in many different activities such as archery, canoeing and rock climbing, to name but a few! Not only did the children come away having overcome many physical challenges but they also developed their team working skills, leadership qualities and ability to problem solve. Well done Year 6! Thank you to the staff who took the children on the residential.

Many children in the UK are entitled to free schools meals but often parents are not aware that they are eligible or they choose not to claim their entitlement. The school can claim Pupil Premium funding for every child receiving their free school meal entitlement. This additional funding helps us provide a wider range of opportunities and learning experiences for your child. For more information about free school meals please visit the RMBC webpage: <http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School Uniform - We have a school uniform because it looks smart, wears well and contributes to a sense of belonging to St John Fisher RC Primary School. Please ensure that the school policy is kept with regard to school uniform. Black shoes/trainers (no other colours) must be worn in school and nail varnish must not be worn to school. Please support school in ensuring that all children come to school looking smart. The basic uniform can be purchased from most retail outlets, except for the school sweatshirt which must be purchased from Broadbent's Outfitters on Long Street, Middleton or Monkhouse (online).

Laudato Si - 'St John Fisher RC Primary School Uniform Swap' has now been established - this is where good condition donated school uniform can be swapped or can be purchased for a small donation to school funds. The aim is to save parents money and also ensure that school uniform that is still in good condition does not go to waste. If you would like to swap or purchase any uniform please call at the school office.

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.

Best wishes
Mrs N Hadfield

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