

Friday 27 February 2026

Dear parents and carers,



Assemblies

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

GLORY: We say 'Yes!' - In the Transfiguration, Jesus chose to reveal His glory to those who were closest to Him. Children are invited to be Jesus' closest friends and see His glory too. This Lent, we can say 'Yes!' to glorifying Jesus for who He is and the amazing love He has for us.

LOVE: We say 'Yes!' - In the Gospel, the Samaritan woman experienced that Jesus' love is for everyone. In this prayer time, children will have an opportunity to accept the love Jesus offers and shares this love with others. This Lent, we can say 'Yes!' to Jesus' transforming love in our lives

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

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9/2/26-13/2/26 - Children's Mental Health
2/3/26-6/3/26 - Enterprise Week (In school)
2/3/26 - Photographer – Groups and Leavers
5/3/26 - Super Learning Day –D&T (Making things for Enterprise sales on Friday) (In school)
5/3/26 - World Book Day – Dress as an Occupation/Career Related Learning
6/3/26 - Career Related Learning visitors (AM)
6/3/26 - Enterprise Sales (In school)
9/3/26-13/3/26 - Science Week
9/3/26 - Mary Farmer RE Retreat – Year 3 (AM)
11/3/26 - Share and Shine Assembly – Year 3 @9.15am (Y3 parents welcome)
13/3/26 - Own clothes in exchange for a donation of an Easter egg
13/3/26 - Chocolate Bingo (5.30pm)

Letters sent home

N/A

Punctuality/Attendance

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

St Joseph's Penny – This week the children all brought home a small collection box which children and their families are encouraged to fill with loose change during the season of Lent as almsgiving to help others. School then collates all the donations and sends this to Caritas. This charity supports all communities across the Diocese of Salford to support and transform lives. Thank you all in advance for generous donations to this important charity.

Well done to our wonderful Year 4 Children who completed a bounce-athon to raise money for The Salford Royal Hospital. The children had a fun morning and worked hard to keep those basket balls bouncing! Thank you for sponsoring the children and supporting school to raise money for such a worthy cause.

Later today the children will have an assembly to learn more about Fair Trade. The children will learn about the meaning behind the FairTrade logo and the difference that can be made when buying Fair Trade products. The children will be given the opportunity to buy Fair Trade products with their own money.

The football team played their league match against Alkington Primary before the half term break. The children had their best performance so far, but sadly lost 2:1. Patrick gave an outstanding performance as goalkeeper. The team played again yesterday playing Elmwood Primary School. They lost 1-0. Again, Patrick gave a great performance. Well done to the whole team and thank you to Mr Buckley for supporting the team.

Before the half term break as part of their topic on WW1 Year 6 took part in a workshop. They discovered information about some local heroes and what they did to earn the Victoria Cross. They talked about the impact of the war and created our own St Mary's tins and filled them with keepsakes from home.

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 facility please contact the school office and we will send you a registration form.



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.

Health and Safety - Please be respectful when parking your car near to school. Please ensure that your car does not block neighbouring properties or is parked blocking the school driveway. We have recently had several complaints regarding this issue. Please also be careful when parking near to school we have had several near misses where adults have nearly been hit by cars. Thank you for supporting school with this matter.

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.*