

Friday 13 March 2026

Dear parents and carers,



Assemblies

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

JOY: We say 'Yes!' - Jesus healed the blind man and he received the joy of sight and faith! Children are invited to celebrate the joy we have in following Jesus, so they can see with eyes of faith who He really is. This Lent, we can say 'Yes!' to the joy that Jesus offers us.

FAITH: We say 'Yes!' - In the Gospel, we hear that Martha was invited to say 'Yes!' to faith in Jesus. Through a reflection on the Creed, children are invited to think about their own beliefs. This Lent, we can say 'Yes!' to faith in Jesus and His promise of eternal life.

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.

On Monday Year 3 enjoyed their retreat day with Mrs Farmer. Year 3 took time to reflect and focus on the theme of the Eucharist. They explored the events at the Last Supper and Jesus' sacrifice. Children participated in a meditation and shared biscuits and juice as bread and wine, broken and shared as Jesus did. This helped many of our children prepare for their First Holy Communion later this year. Well done Year 3.

On Wednesday, children in Year 3 led a Share and Shine Assembly about Jesus, the Bread to nourish us and the Living Water flowing through us. Children shared how they can 'Let their love flow' during the season of Lent. It is available for parents to see on the school website on the Year 3 class page. Thank you Year 3.

Enterprise Sales - Each class made and sold a product as part of Enterprise Week. The money raised by the sales will be split between the Lighthouse Project and Dr Kershaw's Hospice. So far, we have raised £203. Thank you for supporting school with this event.

Last week we celebrated World Book Day/ Enterprise/Career Related Learning Week – The children focused on their aspirations for the future. Several events took place as part of this week:

The children had the opportunity to dress as an occupation that they aspire to have when they are adults. The children enjoyed dressing up and had a fun filled day - Please take a look at the school Facebook page where you can see some of the children's fantastic outfits. Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting this event.

Reception

Reception class visited Little Play Town in Heywood on Tuesday to learn about people who help us. The children had the opportunity to talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society through the topic 'People who help us'. Children were given the chance to explore the different areas like the Police station/vets/post office/supermarket/café/race track etc. Children wore costumes to act out the different roles. This trip has helped children to make the connection between themselves and the outside

Dates for Diary

20/3/26 - Termly Poetry Performances- Sharing in Key Stages (In school)
20/3/26 - Y5 & Y6 - Climate change workshops (in School)
20/3/26 - Y3 & Y4 Lenten reflection (In school)
23/3/26-27/3/26 - Book Fair
23/3/26 - Year 3 & Year 4 Music Concert for parents @2:15pm
Y3 & Y4 Parents welcome
24/3/26 - Reception – Stay and Play Session (with parents) 9-10am
24/3/26 - EHCP – Parent Meeting (2.45pm)
25/3/26 - Creative Write (In school)
26/3/26 - Gardeners and Seeds (Rec & Y6) – In Reception Provision (In school)
26/3/26 Parents Evening (3:30-6:30pm)
27/3/26 - St Margaret Clitherow – Feast Day: 26 March Own Clothes & Treat
27/3/26 – EYFS & KS1 Lenten reflection (In school)
27/3/26 - KS2 Debate session (Y3 & Y4) & (Y5 & Y6) (In school)
30/3/26 - Whole School Mass – Holy Week/Lent@9.30am – Y1 Lead - Y1 Parents welcome
30/3/26 - PTA Easter Raffle (In school)
30/3/26 - Y5 Leading Stations of the Cross for all classes (AM) (In school)
30/3/26 – Y5 & Y6 – Lego Workshop (in School)
31/3/26 - Y3& Y4 – Lego Workshop (in School)
1/4/26 - Easter Assembly/Reflection (AM) (In school)
1/4/26 – School closes for Easter (1.30pm)

Letters sent home

N/A

Punctuality/Attendance

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



world. It has introduced the children to different professions. It has introduced the children to new vocabulary and enhanced their language skills. Reception children behaved well on their trip – well done Reception we are proud of you!

Year 1

Year 1 had a very special visit from a nurse from Manchester Children's Hospital. Nurse Fouziah shared lots of interesting information about her job and explained how she helps children in hospital. The children had the chance to explore some of the equipment she uses in her role and were fascinated to learn how it works. They also asked lots of thoughtful questions about Nurse Fouziah's career and what inspired her to become a nurse. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about healthcare and the important work nurses do. Thank you, Nurse Fouziah, for such an engaging and informative visit!

Year 2

Year 2 had a very exciting and informative visit from the police. The children learned all about the different roles within the police force, including response officers, CID, CSI and firearms officers. They asked lots of thoughtful questions and were very curious about what it is like to work in the police. The police showed the children some of the equipment used to do the job safely, including a body camera that helps record evidence, a baton used for protection and handcuffs. The children even had the chance to try on some of the police equipment themselves. One of the highlights of the visit was going outside to see a real police van. The children were able to sit inside the van and listen to the police siren, which they absolutely loved! It was a fantastic experience for the children and a great opportunity to learn more about the important work the police do in our community. A big thank you to the police for such an amazing and memorable visit.

Year 3

Year 3 had a very interesting visit from a Police Officer and a Police Inspector. The children had the opportunity to ask lots of questions to ask about the subjects the professionals were interested in at school and who inspired them to take their career path. Mr Currie (Mrs Hunt's little brother) said that he was inspired by both his dad and his older sister (Mrs Hunt) who at the time worked as part time Police Officers. The children loved this experience and many were inspired to become Police Officers.

Year 4

Year 4 had an amazing Career Related Learning experience with Katie Lockwood – A Construction Site Manager at Emanuel Whittaker and Mr May- The Head of Innovation at The St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust. The children asked Katie and Mr May lots of interesting questions to find out what qualifications and interpersonal skills are needed to do these jobs and also found out about what these jobs look like on a day to day basis. The children were inspired by Katies' and Mr May's achievements and learned that with a good attitude and determination you can achieve your dreams.

Year 5

As part of Career Related Learning, Year 5 were visited by a former pupil who is now a Doctor. The children had the opportunity to ask questions about Helen's career, what skills and qualifications are essential to her job, and why she loves the work she does. The children learned all about what her role as a doctor involves and if they try hard, stay curious and have a positive attitude, they can achieve anything!

Year 6

Year 6 have spent time this week thinking about future careers and aspirations. They have looked at different work sectors, such as Health & Social Care and Construction, and discussed the many roles and career options within them. From this they have created a skills development poster to help them understand the skills that will help them in life and their future careers. As part of their Enterprise Sales, they have created and sold cup and ball games based on the recycled art of Michelle Reader. To finish the week, they have met with a policeman and a doctor so that they could ask them questions about what they do and what they had to do to reach their positions.

Well done to the Year 5 and 6 children who took part in the cross country race at Elm Wood Primary School on Monday. The children represented our school beautifully and completed the race with a smile on their faces. Thank you to parents and carers for your support. Thank you to Miss Barrow for supporting the team.

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.*