

Friday 17 April 2026

Dear parents and carers,



Assemblies

Over the next few weeks the children will be exploring the following theme:

Believe and Receive - Thomas struggled to believe in Jesus' Resurrection until he saw for himself. As 'those who have not seen', this first Eastertide assembly invites children to trust in Jesus and receive His blessings as they use their eyes of faith to believe.

New Eyes - In the Gospel, Jesus opened the eyes of two disciples as He broke bread with them. Through exploring visual illusions, children learn that we sometimes need help to recognise things as they really are – Jesus gives us new eyes to see Him!

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

This week Reception Class took part in Bikeability sessions using balance bikes. Well done to the Reception children - the coaches praised them all for their excellent listening skills and for trying very hard!

The parent questionnaire was sent out to parents this week. Please can the completed questionnaire be returned by Monday 20 April .

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.

Dates for Diary

22/4/26 - Maths Morning (In school)
23/4/26 - Super Learning Morning –History (In school)
1/5/26 - Charity Day – Year 5 (In school)
1/5/26 - Bring a bedding plant to school day – Laudato Si Garden
5/5/26 - Reception – Stay and Play Session (with parents) 9-10am
6/5/26 - Stay and Pray – The Rosary (All classes) 8.45-9.15am - Parents welcome
8/5/26 - Foodbank Friday – Donations for Foodbank
11/5/26-14/5/26 - Y6 SATS Week
14/5/26 - Whole School Mass –Ascension 1.30pm– Share the lead (Children only)
15/5/26 - Charity Day – Year 6 (In school)
18/5/26 - Mary Farmer RE Retreat – Year 2 (AM) (In school)
19/5/26 - EHCP – Parent Meeting (2.45pm)
20/5/26 - Share and Shine Assembly – Reception @9.15am - Reception Parents welcome
20/5/26 - New Intake Meeting (5pm) Parents welcome
21/5/26 - Gardeners and Seeds (Rec & Y6) – Whole School provision (PM) (In school)
22/5/26 - Foodbank Friday – Donations for Foodbank

Letters sent home

N/A

Punctuality/Attendance

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



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.*