

Friday 27 March 2026

Dear parents and carers,



Assemblies

Over the next week the children will be exploring the following theme:

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.

Dates for Diary

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)
13/4/26 – School opens for Summer 1 term

Letters sent home

N/A

Punctuality/Attendance

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

Congratulations to our children taking part in Sacramental Programme who made the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Wednesday. Please continue to keep the children in your prayers.

Thank you for your generous donations of Chocolate for Chocolate Bingo that was held last week. Thank you for your ongoing support of school events. Thank you to the staff for supporting this event – it is very much appreciated.

Well done to our wonderful Year 2 and Year 4 children who represented our school at Cross Country at Parkfield Primary School. The sun was shining and the children made a fantastic effort and showed great support to one another.

Last week Year 5 visited Quarry Bank Mill. The children explored the Mill and the Apprentice House. They explored the conditions the child apprentices would have endured. Children enjoyed learning about the life style of the rich and the poor during the Victorian Era. Year 5 displayed excellent behaviour during the day and lived out our School Mission by being the best they can be! Well done Year 5.

Last week, Year 5 and Year 6 were delighted to welcome a visitor from the M6 Theatre Company, who led an engaging session based on an independent film exploring the effects of climate change. Year 5 experienced a thoughtful discussion about the impact we have on our planet and the important steps we can take to protect it. It was a valuable opportunity for pupils to reflect on how we can all make positive changes for the future. Year 6 watched an interesting monologue drama that imagined how the world might change in the not-too-distant future if we don't do something now about climate change. We discussed the different themes that came up as we watched the drama and linked in our understanding of our topic work from the Autumn term. What can we do to help?

St Joseph's Penny – A few weeks ago all the children 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. Please send the boxes back into school by Friday 17 April.

Last week the children in KS2 continued to celebrate Science Week by taking part in a science workshop. The children learned about the different forces in the air such as gravity, air resistance and friction. The work of the famous scientist Isaac Newton and Galileo was referred to and the children took part in scientific experiments. The children showed their love for learning



by being engaged and amazed throughout the workshop. They behaved beautifully as always and some children said they are going to try some of the experiments at 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.

Thank you to those parents who attended Parents Evening last night – it was lovely to see you all in school.

Information about Mass times over the Easter period are below:

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross - 10.30am at Our Lady of the Assumption, Langley

Passion and death of Our Lord - 3pm at Our Lady of the Assumption, Langley

Holy Saturday

5pm at Our Lady of the Assumption, Langley

Easter Sunday

9.15am at St John Fisher RC Church, Boarshaw

10.30am at Our Lady of the Assumption, Langley

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.

School breaks up for the Easter holiday on Wednesday 1 April at 1.30pm and re-opens for Summer Term at 8.50am on Monday 13 April.

Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Easter.



Best wishes

Mrs N Hadfield

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