

Friday 1 May 2026

Dear parents and carers,



Assemblies

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

“I’m Here” - In this week’s Gospel, the disciples were looking for God the Father. Little did they realise that God was standing right in front of them in human form, through the person of Jesus. This assembly helps children to relate to God on a personal level through the person of Jesus Christ **Through Him, With Him, In Him** - In the Gospel, Jesus reveals His deep and close connection with God the Father. Children learn that through Jesus, we too can have a close relationship with God. When we live in God’s way, God fills our hearts and lives within us. God longs for us to follow Him and to fill our hearts with His love.
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

Dates for Diary
 4/5/26 – Bank Holiday Monday (School closed)
 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.

Well done to our wonderful netball team who played two matches against Bowlee and St Michael's at Bowlee on Monday. We lost both matches but the children worked hard as a team and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout. Well done girls! Thank you Miss Barrow for supporting the team.

The football team played their league match against St Thomas More last week. They lost 6-0. Sportsperson of the Match was Jan. Well done children for playing well as a team and displaying good sportsmanship during the match. Thank you to Mr Buckley for supporting the team.

Thank you to those parents who completed the Parent Questionnaire (the analysis is attached to this newsletter). The information gathered from this will be used by school to address and move forward. The information below is what school has in place with regard the following questions:

Question	What school has in place
Q the school supports my child’s wider personal development	School uses the scheme Life to the Full Plus to support the delivery of the RSE/PHSE Education in all classes. The details of this is on the Curriculum Overview for each year group – this can be found on each class page and the curriculum page on the school website. We also have a wide range of visitors to school and trips outside of school to support both curriculum development and personal development. This year these have included: Crucial Crew for Year 6 pupils, Drumh workshop (mental health) workshops, PANTS workshops, Dance Workshops, HMRC Workshop, RE Retreats held in school, Rockidz–Anti-Bullying Workshop, visiting artist, Year 6 First Aid training, Enterprise visitors (Career related learning), Fair Trade assembly, Science workshop and many more
Q There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	The school is compliant with the National Curriculum which outlines what every school needs to teach primary aged children. We publish the curriculum on the school website. This can be located on each class page. It covers the subjects and what will be taught across the year.

<p>Q My Child has a good understanding of what it means to have a healthy relationship (RSE Curriculum)</p>	<p>This is covered as part of our RSE and PHSE curriculum. Information about our RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) is outlined on each class page on the school website. We also hold a parents information event every September to explain the RSE curriculum to parents.</p>
<p>Q My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school</p>	<p>We offer sports clubs every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on a rolling programme across Years 1 to Year 6 across the academic year. The focus of sports clubs are chosen by the school council. They liaise with the Headteacher about this in the Summer term to plan provision for the following academic year. On Mondays after school we offer choir with a qualified Music specialist to children in KS2. We are also involved with Netball and Football matches with schools in Middleton and Cross Country events. We attend as many of these events as we can as a one form entry school (unfortunately we cannot attend them all as we also have to hold staff meetings for teachers one night each week and also offer booster club for Year 6 pupils that is supported by teachers each week). We also hold 2 Discos per year for EYFS/KS1 and KS2 and two Chocolate Bingo nights for families. These events are run by staff at school.</p>
<p>Q. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year</p>	<p>On each class page on the school website there is curriculum information about what your child will be learning about throughout the academic year. There is a document called the 'Curriculum Overview' this gives some basic information about each subject and what is taught in this subject throughout the school year. There are also documents called 'Knowledge Organisers' which are used in school with the children in their lessons about what they are learning about each half term – we put them on the website for parents so you can talk about this with your child at home.</p>
<p>Q. The school lets me know how my child is doing</p>	<p>School holds two parents evening per year where you get the opportunity to look at your child's books and speak to their class teacher – teachers will then update you about your child's attainment and progress in class. School sends an annual school report home in July. The report outlines how your child is doing in school. If teachers have any concerns about how your child is doing at any point in the year they will contact parents.</p>

Mobile phones/Apple Watches/Electronic devices

Please note that mobile phones are only allowed for Year 6 pupils who are walking home on their own. They are kept in the school office during the school day. Apple watches and other electronic devices are not allowed to be brought into school.

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](https://twitter.com/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.*