

Friday 15 May 2026

Dear parents and carers,



### Assemblies

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

**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.

**Lift Up Our Eyes** - On the night of Jesus' arrest, He lifted His eyes in prayer, fully focussed on God the Father's will. In this final Eastertide assembly, a game about distractions demonstrates that it is not always easy to stay focussed. Children are invited to lift up their eyes and turn to God in prayer, just as Jesus did, to help them to stay focussed on God's way.

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

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  
22/5/26 – Break up for half term at 3.15pm  
8/6/26 – School re-opens for Summer term 2.

#### Letters sent home

N/A

#### Punctuality/Attendance

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

Please think of our Year 3 children this weekend as they celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. Many congratulations to our Year 3 children. Thank you to Mrs Dakin, Mrs Worsley and Mrs Hunt for preparing the children.

Well done to our children in Year 6 who completed their Key Stage 2 assessments (SATS) this week. We are very proud of the way that you approached these assessments and worked very hard in the lead up to them. The children will celebrate the end of the assessments with some treats and an ice-cream van visit today.

The football team played their league match against Middleton Parish last week. They won 8-1. Sports person of the Match was Amme. 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.

Last week Year One had an amazing trip to Lytham, St Annes as part of their seaside topic. They had a fantastic time on the beach, finding shells and building sandcastles. They even got to have a ride on the miniature railway and enjoyed an ice cream in the sunshine! They behaved beautifully and were a credit to our school. Well done Year One!

#### 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](http://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.**

We break for the half term holiday on Friday 22 May at 3:15pm. School re-opens on Monday 8 June 2026.

Best wishes

*Mrs N Hadfield*

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