

St John Fisher

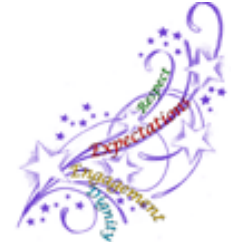
Catholic Nursery & Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: 13th January 2023

Learning Power of the Week Awards

Learning Power Winners

Perseverance



Nursery:

Reception: Aoife

Year 1: Ashton

Year 2: Ruby

Year 3: Taylor

Year 4: Freya

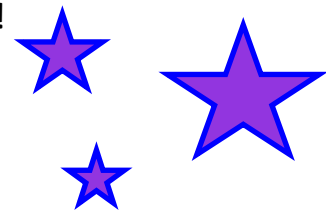
Year 5: Bella

Year 6: Amelia

- Never give up when it is difficult
- Feed off frustration and encourage yourself
- Understand learning is a slow and uncertain process
- Take risks and be committed
- Explore every possibility

*I might not be there yet, but I'm closer than I was yesterday
If at first you don't succeed...try, try again*

Well done children, you have shown how you SHINE this term!



Happy New Year

We would like to wish all of our families a Happy New Year. May 2023 bring you, love, peace and happiness.

Reminder—Reception School Places for September 2023

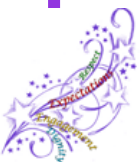
If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, now is the time to apply for reception class place in school for September 2023. There is no automatic transfer from nursery – everyone must apply between 12 September 2022 and 15 January 2023 by completing the application form of the Local Authority in which you live. **Closing date: 15 January 2023.** Knowsley residents should apply by accessing the online application portal via the Knowsley website www.knowsley.gov.uk.

School Blogs

We are introducing the use of School Blogs to share all of the wonderful things our children do and achieve in school. You can access these by going onto the main page of our school website and scrolling down to the list of the different blogs as shown below.



Blogs can be found at the bottom of the main home page as shown below.





Attendance



Our attendance target for each class in school is 98%+ each week. Here is the attendance for the whole term for each class

Year	Percentage	Number of stars awarded
Nursery	97%	1 ★
Reception	92%	0
Year 1	97%	0
Year 2	97%	0
Year 3	95%	0
Year 4	86%	0
Year 5	91%	0
Year 6	92%	0

Our attendance champions this term are Year 6 with 98%. Well done!

You have to be in to win!

97% - 1 star ★
 98-99% - ★ ★
 100% - ★ ★ ★

Year 6 SATS tests

The 2023 Key Stage 2 SATs will take place in the week commencing 8th May 2023. The 8th May is now a bank holiday so the tests will take place over four days starting on Tuesday, 9th May 2023. Children in Year 6 must be in school on time for these tests.

Phone Lines

You will be aware that we have experienced some issues with the phone lines. We have been informed that this is due to some issues with cabling in the area. Should this happen again, please be advised that the school can be contacted in an emergency using the email address on the school website.

Half Term

Please be aware that we break up from school for half term on 17th February 2023. This does appear to differ from other schools in the area. These holidays were organised before I started and I am unable to change them. In future and wherever possible, all school holidays will be in line with those allocated by Knowsley Local Authority.

Sickness

We will be talking to our children about the importance of hygiene to prevent the spread of germs. I am sure you are aware that there are many bugs and flus going round at the moment. In order to prevent the spread of such sickness we will be wiping class surfaces within the classroom throughout the day and ensuring that all children have access to anti bacterial hand gel.



Use of Playground

I just wanted to give an update on parents being able to access the school playground at the end of the day. After consultation with staff and Governors, I was informed that the use of the playground was not taken away as a result of Covid safety measures but as a result of the staggered times at the end of the day. It was felt to be a safety issue as some KS2 outdoor lessons were still being taught whilst parents were accessing the playground. We are currently working on ways to prevent this and rearrange timetables to accommodate. We hope to introduce a trial of allowing parents on to the playground shortly and trust that all parents will support us with this transition by following the rules we will be putting in place.

Mass Times:

Fr Michael would love to see you all in Church to celebrate mass:

Wednesday : 9:15—Year 5 to go

Saturday: 5.30PM—St John Fisher Church

Sunday: 11AM—St Columba's Church

