

# St John Fisher

Catholic Nursery & Primary School

**Weekly Newsletter: 19th January 2024**

## Learning Power of the Week: Revising

- ◇ Come up with different strategies
- ◇ Work as part of a team to improve
- ◇ Welcome change
- ◇ Try new angles to find the best way
- ◆ *Progress is impossible without change*
- ◆ *Take a chance, make a change*
- ◆ *If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you*

Learning Power Winners:

Nursery: Olivia

Reception: Caleb

Year 1: Szymon

Year 2: Millie

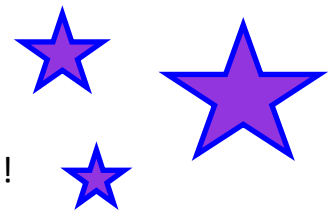
Year 3: Mariya

Year 4: Paul

Year 5: Brodie

Year 6: Ariella

Well done children, you have shown how you **SHINE** this week!



## Prayer/Scripture of the Week



ΠΙΣΤΙΣ, ΑΓΑΠΗ, ΕΛΠΙΣ

Bible Verse of the Week

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.'

Ephesians 4 verse 32

## Mass Times:

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

Wednesday : 9:15

Saturday: 5.30PM—St John Fisher Church

Sunday: 11AM—St Columba's Church





## Attendance

Our attendance target for each class in school is 97%+ each week.



Year	Percentage	Number of stars awarded
Nursery	95%	0
Reception	97%	1 ★
Year 1	97%	1 ★
Year 2	92%	0
Year 3	96%	0
Year 4	94%	0
Year 5	84%	0
Year 6	77%	0

Our attendance champions this week are Reception and Year 1 with 97%.

**You have to be in to win!**

97% - 1 star



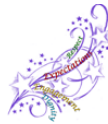
98-99% -



100% -



Plus 5 minutes extra play on a Monday!



## Class Attendance

Recently our class and whole school attendance has dropped significantly from our target of 97% to 95%. We have also dipped compared to other schools within Knowsley. We ask for your support this term to reach our target of at least 97%.

**Attendance Matters**



**Every Day Counts....**

## Save the Date!

NSPCC Number Day - 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

We will be joining schools and nurseries across the UK on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 for the NSPCC mega maths fundraising day. We will be taking part in Dress up for Digits and having a fun-filled day of maths activities and games, while raising money to support NSPCC services such as Speak out Stay safe and Childline. Children can come in dressed as anything to do with a number.

Mental Health Week - Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

As a school we will be completing various activities to support children during Children's Mental Health Week 2024. This year's theme is My Voice Matters. No preparation is needed for this.

Safer Internet Day - 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme Inspiring Change. No preparation is needed for this.

World Book Day - 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Children are invited to come into school dressed as a character from a book or as an inspirational leader to match our theme, "Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." There is a separate letter explaining our plans for this day which will be sent out soon.

Red Nose Day - 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

We will be raising money for Comic Relief and asking for a small donation of a minimum of 50p per child. Children can come into school wearing a red accessory, wearing a Comic Relief Red Nose/head piece or have a red nose face painted on. This will be worn with their school uniform.

### First Holy Communion

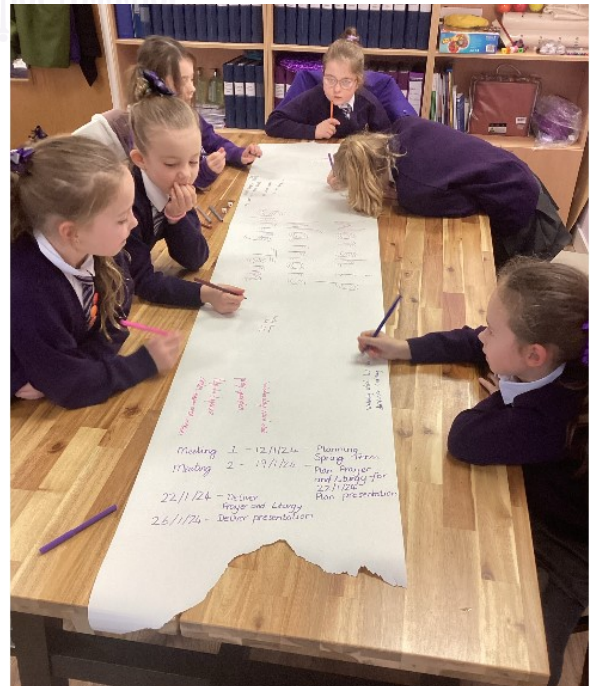
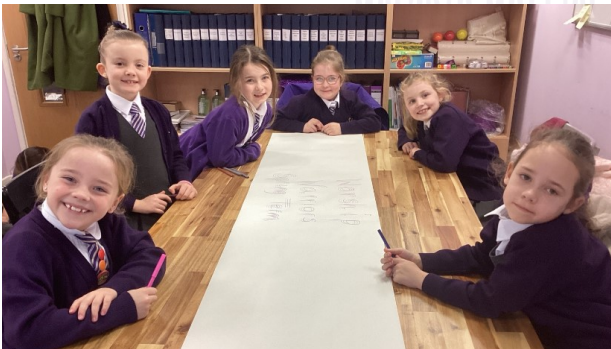
Please join us on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 4pm for a special service for the children from our school and Parish who will make their First Holy Communion this year.



## Worship Warriors

Each year, children who would like to become a Worship Warrior apply for the post. Once successful, they are introduced to the school community during an assembly. Our Worship Warriors are committed to upholding our School Mission and Gospel Values, and are ambassadors of Prayer and Liturgy in school. They meet regularly with Mrs Lewis to plan Prayer and Liturgy, school celebration events, and how to ensure our Catholic Ethos is central to our every day life. Our Worship Warriors reflect on our Gospel Values, and learn more about worship and prayer through Scripture. They contribute to our whole school assemblies and Prayer and Liturgy times. These responsibilities help to further develop their spiritual journey.

### Worship Warrior Planning Meeting



Meeting 1 - 12/1/24 - Planning Spring Term  
 Meeting 2 - 19/1/24 - Plan Prayer and Liturgy for 22/1/24  
 22/1/24 - Deliver Prayer and Liturgy  
 26/1/24 - Deliver presentation

Monday Word club  
 prayer  
 liturgy  
 prayer - after assembly  
 Wednesday 16th  
 afternoon 5.30  
 direct and visit







## Wednesday Word

Each week, all children and families have access to the Wednesday Word. These are added to the website page and the R.E. blog. This is a newsletter based on the Gospel in church that week. It is for families to share the Word of God together at home.

Some of the key aims of *The Wednesday Word* include:

- \* To serve the Catholic dioceses of England and Wales and further the mission of the Catholic Church's new evangelisation by enabling schools to spread the Word of God (Sunday's Gospel).
- \* To spread the Good News to primary school parents, carers and their families.
- \* To make real the Diocesan mission statement: "taking to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus, we will go into the world to proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation."
- \* To create a new form of lively weekly contact between the Church and parents which includes a weekly invitation to the celebration of the Eucharist whilst their child is connected to the life of the Catholic school.
- \* To help school parents and families to draw closer to Christ and his Church by educating them about scripture and Catholic faith through *The Wednesday Word* ensuring that all supporting material is overseen by Catholic scripture scholars.
- \* To strengthen the school's Catholic ethos and promote this new way of collaborative ministry which enhances the home, school and parish partnership and encourages Christian unity in mixed denominational school families through a shared reflection on the Gospel.
- \* To create a new weekly opportunity for Christ centred family conversation, evening prayer and relationships to be strengthened through *The Wednesday Word* a "Sunday Gospel Family Time" which is based on the Benedictine prayer custom of *Lectio Divina*.



*Please send photographs of you sharing the Wednesday Word at home to -*

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