



St John Fisher

Catholic Nursery & Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: 2nd February 2024

Learning Power of the Week: **Empathy & listening**

- Listen closely to understand what people are really saying
- Acknowledge the emotions and opinions of others
- Put yourself in other people's shoes
- Offer kindness
- Get to know one another better



Listen contains the same letters as silent

There is a difference between listening and waiting for your turn to talk

Learning Power Winners:

Nursery: TBC

Reception: Hunter

Year 1: Patrick

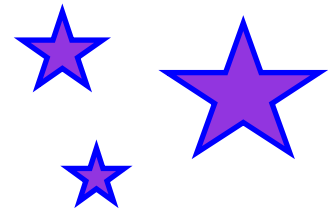
Year 2: Pippa

Year 3: Jaxon

Year 4: Ania

Year 5: Lennon

Year 6: Florence



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

Prayer/Scripture of the Week

God,
Please forgive me for all
my imperfections,
For all the wrongs I have done.
Give me the grace to forgive those that
have hurt me.
Amen.

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	94%	0
Year 1	93%	0
Year 2	95%	0
Year 3	93%	0
Year 4	100%	3 
Year 5	98%	2 
Year 6	97%	1 

Unfortunately no classes have achieved a class star this week!

You have to be in to win!

97% - 1 star 

98-99% - 

100% - 

Plus 5 minutes extra play on a Monday!



Save the Date!

Mental Health Week - Week beginning 6th 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 - 6th February 2024

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

World Book Day - 7th 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 - 15th 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.



Mental Health Week



It is Children's Mental Health Week 2024 next week and the theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. During Children's Mental Health Week we want all children to be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters".

Throughout the week, our lessons will be focused on mental health using child- friendly resources from the Place2Be charity. On Friday 9th February we will be joining in with Place2Be's 'Express Yourself' Day. Children can come into school wearing an accessory or item of clothing in their favourite colour or a unique outfit to express how they're feeling, it can be as simple or elaborate as you like! Dress to Express is an opportunity for self- expression and celebrating a diverse range of emotions. The day also provides a great opportunity to be open about mental health and start conversations within our community. For information click here: [Place2Be information](#)





Phonics



At St. John Fisher, we have adopted a scheme called 'Read Write Inc.' which is being successfully used by schools across the country. Currently, the scheme is being used by children from Reception to Year 2.

What is Read Write Inc?

Read Write Inc (RWI) is a consistent, rigorous and dynamic literacy programme which teaches EVERY child following it to read as early in their school careers as possible. Using synthetic phonics, children learn to quickly blend letter sounds together by following a fun and effective programme. The aim is to get children through the programme quickly ensuring that they become fluent and confident readers.

Why have we chosen RWI?

The RWI has been proven to be a very successful method in other schools throughout the country. Since we are passionate about reading at St John Fisher, we endeavour to help our children become the best readers that they can as early as possible. Since we have used the scheme, our phonic outcomes have improved over time and continue to do so.

Who will be following the programme?

All the children from Reception to Year 2 have been assessed by our RWI Lead (Miss Rutherford) and have been placed in groups at the appropriate level for them. Children will be assessed at the end of each half term and placed into new groups if this is necessary. This is to ensure that all children are working at the level which suits their personal needs.

How often will my child read with a teacher?

Children will read their RWI books every morning with a fully trained member of staff. This could be a class teacher (not necessarily their own!), or a teaching assistant. These books are kept in school. Your child will still bring home a reading book and it is still extremely important that you listen to your child read every day.

