

# St John Fisher

## Catholic Nursery & Primary School

*"Believe in the light so that you will be children of the light."*

*John 12:36*

### Weekly Newsletter: 9th January 2026

#### Learning Power of the Week: **Perseverance**

- 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*

**Nursery:** Leo

**Reception:** Alba

**Year 1:** Myla Grace

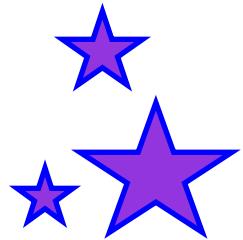
**Year 2:** Arabella

**Year 3:** Evie

**Year 4:** Olive

**Year 5:** Penelope

**Year 6:** Teddy



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

#### Welcome Back

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and relaxation. As we embark on this new term, we are excited about the opportunities and experiences that await our pupils.

We want to inform you that the new diary dates for the term will be released next week. We have a variety of exciting events planned, including:

**World Book Day:** We can't wait to see all of the children's favourite story characters come to life as they dress up.

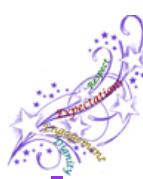
**Valentines Dancethon:** Children dance all day, to raise money for school fund.

**Red Nose Day:** Join us as we support this fantastic cause with laughter and creativity.

**Easter Celebrations:** We look forward to celebrating this special time with our school community.

Additionally, class curriculum overviews will be shared next week, giving you an insight into what your children will be learning this term.

We also encourage you to access our school blog on the website. It's a great way to stay updated on what your children are getting up to throughout the week, showcasing their achievements and activities.



## Attendance

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



Year	Percentage	Number of stars awarded
Nursery	95%	0
Reception	92%	0
Year 1	93%	0
Year 2	86%	0
Year 3	89%	0
Year 4	94%	0
Year 5	94%	0
Year 6	87%	0

**We do not have any winning classes this week!**

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

97% - 1 star



98-99% -

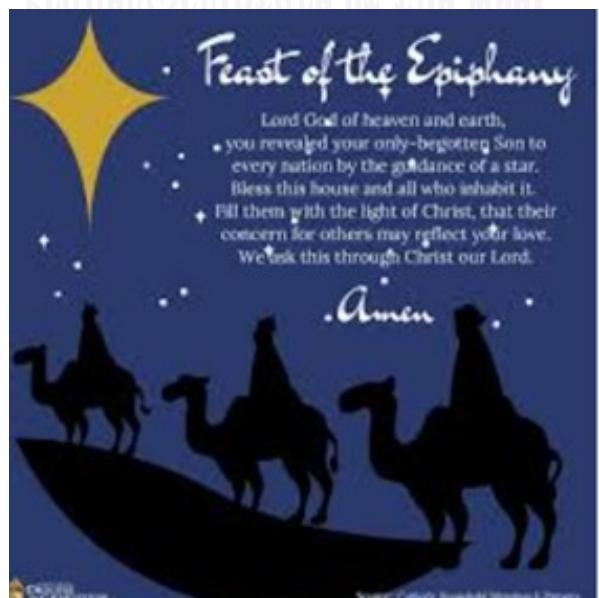


100% -



Plus 5 minutes extra play on a Monday!

## Prayer/Scripture of the Week



### 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



## Photographs

We encourage you to access our school blog on the website. It's a great way to stay updated on what your children are getting up to throughout the week, showcasing their achievements and activities.

We also love to celebrate your child's achievements outside of school! You can share photographs of their accomplishments by using our dedicated photo email. This is a wonderful way to highlight their successes and foster a sense of community. The school photograph email is, [photographs.sjf@stjohnfisherprimary.co.uk](mailto:photographs.sjf@stjohnfisherprimary.co.uk)



# Application Reminder

## Reception Admissions

# 2026 - 2027 Closing Date

### Admissions 2026 Primary School Places – Information to parents

The online application portal is now available via the Knowsley website for Knowsley resident parents to apply for entry to reception class and year 7 transfer [Portal Home \(knowsley.gov.uk\)](https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/PortalHome)

- The national application closing date for Reception applications is 15th January 2026.

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School will require a Supplementary Faith Form to be completed by parents wishing to provide faith information. Information can be found in the LA documentation and published on the council website in respect of this [Supplementary Information Forms | Knowsley Council](https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/SupplementaryInformationForms). Information is also within the schools Admissions Policy. [Supplementary Information Form](https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/SupplementaryInformationForm)

Knowsley web pages have been updated and can be found at

[School admissions | Knowsley Council](https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissions) Parents/Carers can find all information with regards to admissions process. Below are pdf copies of the following documents that may be a useful reference when completing the applications online.

### [Primary Prospectus 2025-26](https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/PrimaryProspectus)

### Nursery class admissions

- Application for a Nursery place is made directly to the school. Application forms and information are available on request.

Information in respect of nursery admission – including the oversubscription criteria for community schools and those academy schools who have adopted this policy and the relevant application form for parents to be used by community schools (other schools are also welcome to use this form if they wish) will also be available to parents via the Knowsley website [Nursery class admissions | Knowsley Council](https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/NurseryClassAdmissions)

If you have any queries regarding admissions please contact Knowsley Admissions Team at [schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk)