



St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

"Growing through God, we learn, laugh and love"

Newsletter 3rd October 2025

Harvest Festival



We are celebrating our Harvest Festival on Friday. Reception parents are invited in to school after drop off to watch the children perform.

We are also asking for food donations which we will pass on to Widnes Foodbank. Items below are very much appreciated and we will accept donations any day this week.

- ♦ Tinned meat/fish
- ♦ Tinned veg/fruit
- ♦ Fruit juice (1 litre)
 - ♦ Coffee/Tea
 - ♦ Long life milk
 - ♦ Cereal
 - ♦ Jam
 - ♦ Toiletries

Year 4 Prayer and Liturgy

"Growing in goodness and being open".



A big thank you to Father Mark for our KS2 Welcome Mass. Father Mark commented on how well behaved the children were.

Year 1 Phonics Presentation

Monday 13th October 2025

Year 1 parents are invited on at 9am-930am for a phonics presentation in the hall.



Our Book Fair raised over £200 for us to spend on new books to add to our collection of graphic novels—thank you to everyone who came along to support it.



It is very important that we keep your information up to date.

If there are any changes to telephone numbers, emails or contact details and those authorised to pick up please advise us as soon as possible.

After School Clubs

New Homework Club (Y5-Y6) - WEDNESDAY

From next **WEDNESDAY**, Mrs Heywood will run a weekly Homework Club for Year 5 and Year 6.

- **Day/Time:** WEDNESDAY, after school until **4:00pm**

Purpose: A quiet space with support to complete set homework

This is **in addition** to our **Reading Plus Club on Mondays**. Together, these clubs are designed to support pupils and families.

Homework is expected to be completed each week.

Monday until 4pm

Reading Plus Year 4/5/6. Please complete the permission form on School Spider if you want your child to attend.

Wednesday

Choir until 4pm Year 3/4/5/6 with Mrs. McElroy

Please complete the permission form on School Spider if you want your child to attend.

Year 2 Rugby Club until 4.15pm (There are limited numbers and a small charge for this - please make a payment via School Spider to secure your place.)

Thursday

Year 5 Rugby Club until 4.15pm (There are limited numbers and a small charge for this - please make a payment via School Spider to secure your place.)

Year 3/4/6 Fun Fitness until 4pm. **FULL**

Friday until 4.15pm

Year 3/4 Dance. This has a charge and will be paid directly to the Dance Teacher.

Extra Club will run as normal.

Admissions 2026

It is that time of year again when Year 6 can apply for High School and we open our doors to 2026 Reception applications. Our Reception Open Evening is on Thursday 9th October 3.30pm to 5.30pm drop in.

Please spread the word to anyone you know who might want to apply to our lovely little school.

www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Admission to Primary School September 2026

If your child was born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022 they are eligible to start Reception class in September 2026, and you can apply NOW:

- You must complete a preference form **online** at [School admissions website](http://Schooladmissions website), where you will be given a receipt
- A paper copy of the preference form can also be requested from schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk
- All **online** applicants will receive their offer of a school place electronically on the 16th April 2026
- Offer letters will be posted on the 16th April 2026 to applicants who submitted a paper preference form
- **Don't leave it too late** – you are likely to miss out on the school place you want if you apply late. **Deadline is 15th Jan 2026**



Closing date for Primary School Applications:
15th January 2026



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Admission to Secondary School September 2026

If your child is in Year 6 they are eligible to apply for Year 7 class in September 2026, and you can apply NOW:

- You must complete a preference form online at [School admissions website](http://Schooladmissions website), where you will be given a receipt
- A paper copy of the preference form can also be requested from schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk or at any Halton Direct Link Office
- All **online** applicants will receive their offer of a school place electronically on the 2nd March 2026
- Offer letters will be posted on 2nd March 2026 to applicants who submitted a paper preference form
- **Don't leave it too late** – you are likely to miss out on the school place you want if you apply late. **Deadline is 31st October 2025**



Closing date for Secondary School Applications:
31st October 2025



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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2025
3:30PM – 5:30PM

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL
— IN SEPTEMBER 2026?
WE WARMLY INVITE YOU TO COME
AND TAKE A LOOK AT OUR
SCHOOL.

"WHERE CHILDREN HAVE AN
OUTSTANDING SENSE OF
BELONGING AND ARE PROUD
OF THEIR SCHOOL" OFSTED
2023

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, EDWARD STREET, WIDNES, WAB 08W

**Congratulations to the following
Children who have been awarded our
Smile, Dojo and Superstar awards
this week.**





OCTOBER

9TH—NEW RECEPTION 2026 OPEN EVENING

10TH HARVEST FESTIVAL

15TH/16TH—PARENTS EVENING

20TH— RECEPTION AND Y6 HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

22ND— HALLOWEEN DISCO

**SCHOOL CLOSURES ON WEDNESDAY 22ND AND REOPENS ON
MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER**

NOVEMBER

3RD—YEAR 2 SAFETY CENTRAL

6TH—YEAR 5 SAFETY CENTRAL

20TH— FLU VACCINATIONS FOR YEAR 6 AND MOP UP

24TH— YEAR 6 CHEMISTRY WITH CABBAGE

28TH—SKIP2BFIT

DECEMBER

4TH—CHRISTMAS BINGO

9TH—YEAR 2 AND 3 NATIVITY

10TH— KS2 CAROLS AT CHURCH 6PM

11TH—RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 NATIVITY

12TH—SANTA DASH

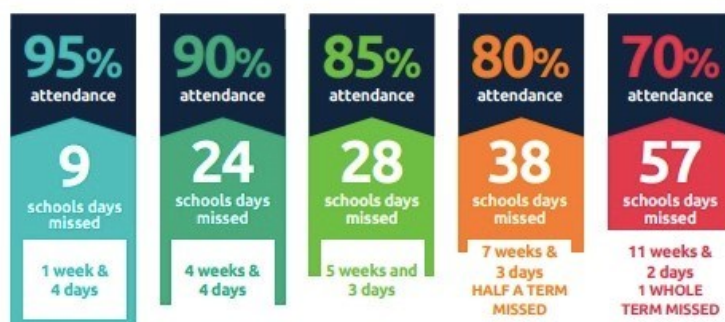
16TH YEAR 6 FLU MOP UP

16TH—BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**SCHOOL CLOSURES ON FRIDAY 19TH AT 1.30PM AND REOPENS ON
MONDAY 5TH JANUARY**

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Every day in school counts...



and every minute counts...



St. John Fisher Primary - Attendance 29 Sept 2025 - 03 Oct 2025

Year Group	Present Marks	Late Marks	Weekly Rank-ing
Year R	93.2%	2	2nd
Year Y1	93.1%	4	3rd
Year Y2	90.0%	5	
Year Y3	96.0%	2	1st
Year Y4	88.9%	4	
Year Y5	87.4%	4	
Year Y6	91.3%	8	

HOW TO CONTACT US

We have an open door policy at our school and you can talk to anyone about any issues you have but we want to ensure that you speak to the right person to resolve the issues at first contact.

For issues relating to your child's learning or welfare please contact your class teacher first. Face to Face at the end of the day is best but we understand that this isn't always possible or that you may have issues that you don't want to discuss in front of the children or other parents.

You can email them with your concerns or ask them to call you or arrange a convenient time to come in.

CLASS	TEACHER	EMAIL
Reception	Mr McCulloch	Senco.stjohnfisher@haltonlearning.net
Year 1	Miss Whitley	Emily.whitley@SJFPRIMARY.CO.UK
Year 2	Mrs Case	case@SJFPRIMARY.CO.UK
Year 3	Mr Redmond	redmond@SJFPRIMARY.CO.UK
Year 4	Miss Sweeney	sweeney@SJFPRIMARY.CO.UK
Year 5	Mrs Highcock	highcock@SJFPRIMARY.CO.UK
Year 6	Mrs Callender	callender@SJFPRIMARY.CO.UK

For Pastoral or Safeguarding concerns please contact Mrs. Smith via the school office number or by email.

Pastoral.stjohnfisher@haltonlearning.net

For all general enquiries, payments, trips, medicines and to advise of early pickups for appointments etc please contact the Office as normal on 0151 424 7794.

As always Mrs. Dickinson and Mrs. Harrison are always available.

We hope this process will make it easier for you.



St John Fisher— on Instagram
stjohnfisherwidnescps

St John Fisher—Live on X
Follow us @SJF_Widnes.



<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

8.40am Gates Open

KS1 use the Reception wooden gate and KS2 use the large green gate.

8.45am Bell rings and children line up.

8.50am School day starts, anyone in after this will get a late mark.

3.05pm GATES OPEN

3.15pm School day ends

ALLERGIES

Our kitchen is nut free—we would ask that you do not send products containing nuts in to school in lunch boxes or snacks. Thank you for the support with this as it will limit the risk for our children with nut allergies.

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL AT DROP OFF AND COLLECTION

Can we please ask that you do not park or manoeuvre outside the gates when dropping off/collecting. As you can appreciate the school is situated in a side road which makes parking difficult so we would ask that you park elsewhere rather than risk manoeuvring on Edward Street. We understand that you are all busy and have places to go of a morning and evening but please lets not wait for a child to be hurt.