



St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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

Newsletter 10th October 2025

# Year 4 Gymnastics





This week we celebrated World Teacher Day to show our Teachers how much we appreciate them.  
Not forgetting Mrs. Harrison who didn't get a picture as she was too busy taking care of everyone else.



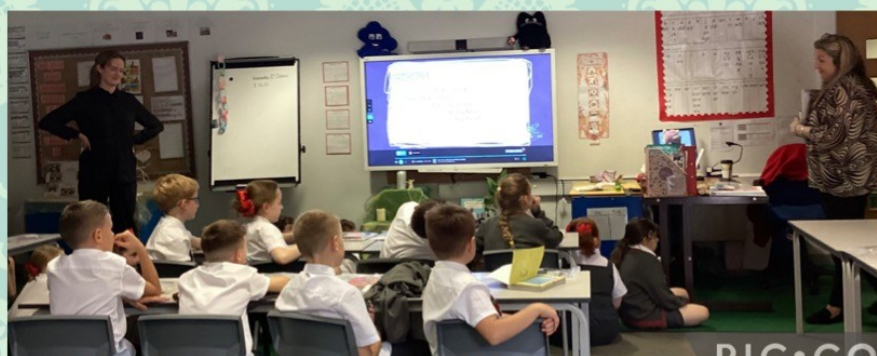


# Year 4 Prayer and Liturgy— Belonging



## Respond to the Word

- Quiet time with God.
- Questions about belonging:
  - How does God show us His love?
  - How does God's love make us feel like we belong?
  - How can we share that love with others this week?





**Our Mini Vinnies enjoyed learning  
about the Holy Rosary in the month of  
October.**



## Attendance Alert!

Our school has always taken pride in maintaining attendance levels above or around the national average. Unfortunately, this year we have fallen below that standard — a concerning drop that we must address. A key reason is the rise in unauthorised holidays during term time. These absences not only impact our attendance figures but, more importantly, disrupt children's learning and progress. Term-time holidays will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, and unauthorised holidays may result in a Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority for the non-attendance of your child. We ask all families to prioritise attendance and work with us to ensure every child has the best chance to succeed.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



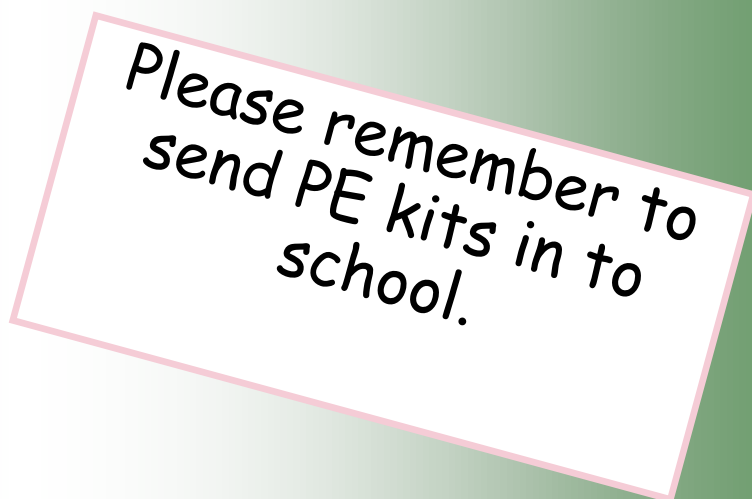
### St. John Fisher Primary - Attendance 6 Oct 2025 - 10 Oct 2025

| Year Group | Present Marks | Late Marks | Weekly Ranking |
|------------|---------------|------------|----------------|
| Year R     | 97.5%         | 1          | 2              |
| Year Y1    | 94.1%         | 2          |                |
| Year Y2    | 98.2%         | 4          | 1              |
| Year Y3    | 92.0%         | 1          |                |
| Year Y4    | 94.6%         | 6          | 3              |
| Year Y5    | 90.9%         | 1          |                |
| Year Y6    | 93.3%         | 6          |                |

# Harvest Festival

We hope our Reception parents enjoyed our Harvest Festival celebration as much as the children enjoyed it.

Thank you for all your donations—Widnes Food bank will be very grateful for your support.



**Please book your child's lunch on school grid—it is important that you do this before the start of the school day. You can book right up to the end of October.**



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.**



# Daresbury Laboratory Family Science Day

## Tuesday 28 October 2025

9:00am – 2:30pm | 12:30pm – 5:30pm

Science Fair
Family Show

Workshop
Tour



**Limited tickets – Book at your local Family Hub now!**

£5 per family, includes sandwich lunch and local coach transfer

Please note – with the exception of blue badge holders,  
there will be no parking or drop off on site



Science and  
Technology  
Facilities Council

<https://tinyurl.com/437k5xwf>




## Admissions 2026

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](https://schooladmissions.halton.gov.uk), where you will be given a receipt
- A paper copy of the preference form can also be requested from [schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk)
- All online applicants will receive their offer of a school place electronically on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- Offer letters will be posted on the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026**



Closing date for Primary School Applications:  
15<sup>th</sup> January 2026



**It is that time of year  
again when Year 6 can apply  
for High School and we open  
our doors to 2026 Recep-  
tion applications.**

**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 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](https://schooladmissions.halton.gov.uk), where you will be given a receipt
- A paper copy of the preference form can also be requested from [schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026
- Offer letters will be posted on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**



Closing date for Secondary School Applications:  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2025





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





## **OCTOBER**

15TH/16TH—PARENTS EVENING (Y3 14TH/15TH)

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

5TH— REC/1/2 HEARTS PANTO TRIP

8TH— Y3 AND 4—PLANET ICE PANTO

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**



# 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.