



St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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

## NEWSLETTER 29th November 2024

### COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN FISHER



Advent began on Sunday and with it opened our annual 'Countdown to Christmas' in school. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus, it's a time, whoever we are and whatever our background, to think of others and a time to be light shining in the darkness.

Our first way to think of others is by supporting our local food bank with our reverse Advent Calendar.

Each class will have a box/basket to fill with every child donating where they can. Class lists will display which day your child is to donate if you are in a position to do so.

Class lists can be found in classroom window/attached document.

Our Reverse Advent Calendar starts on Sunday 1st December and will run until Wednesday 18th December. We are looking for store cupboard, non-perishable items to donate to our local foodbank.

Please donate if you are able.

## Travelling Nativity



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Christmas is a time to welcome the Holy Family into our homes. This year during Advent Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have a Travelling Nativity. Each class will take turns to bring the Nativity home to their family, we welcome you to use the resources as part of your preparation for Christmas.

**Congratulations to the following  
Children who won our Junior Safety  
Officer colouring competition.**



# Congratulations to the following children

## SMILE AWARDS



## DOJO AWARDS



## SUPERSTAR AWARDS

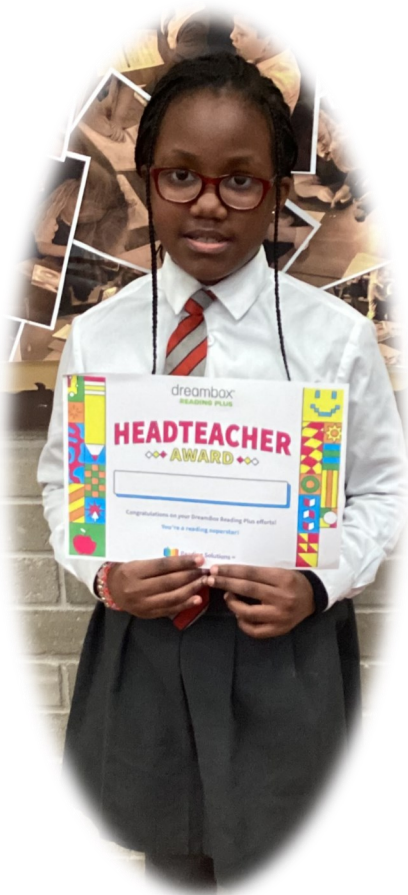


# reading plus<sup>®</sup>

Thank you for those children completing their 5 reading lessons a week. We can really see the progress you are making and the pleasure you are taking from it. Please do try to ensure your child is completing their weekly lessons. Reading Plus is such a good tool to teach important reading and vocabulary skills in a fun, personalised way.

**Reading Plus WORKS and we have the evidence to prove it.  
Keep up the good work everyone.**

**KS2 children should be accessing Reading Plus from home for at least 30 mins a week (15 mins x 2 is fine)**



**This week our class winners are Year 5  
Well done to them.**

**Our pupil competition winner is Benita from Year 5.  
Our Phonics star pupil is Charlotte from Year 1.**

Our school Intragram is very busy—it highlights what we are doing in school. Give us a follow!

**St John Fisher— on Instagram**  
**stjohnfisherwidnescps**



Thank you to everyone who helped build our cash pot to £452

## **SCHOOL GATES**

The school gates open at set times. Please do not follow other people in to the school grounds if the gates are opened when someone buzzes to come in early.

Please do not try to force the gates open if they are shutting as the mechanism is getting damaged. It is becoming very costly to get them repaired on such a regular basis.



# DECEMBER



**Tuesday 3rd December**—Year 5 and 6 Advent Mass 12pm in Church—all welcome to attend,



**Thursday 5th December**—Christmas Bingo. Doors open at 5.30pm for eyes down at 6pm.

**Friday 6th December**—Reception, Year 1 and Year 2—Panto at Upton Community Centre.



**Tuesday 10th December**—Year 2 and 3 Nativity.

**Wednesday 11th December**—Reception and Year 1 Nativity.

**Thursday 12th December**—Years 4/5/6— Nativity at Church 6pm.



**Tuesday 17th December**— School Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day.

**Thursday 19th December**—Advent Mass Year 3 and 4.

**Friday 20th December**—School Closes for Christmas at 1.30pm



We now have a school Instagram account— if you have said no to Twitter (X) on the permission form then we will not show pictures of your child on our Instagram. If you have agreed to Twitter (X) but do not want them on Instagram please let the Office know.

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**St John Fisher—Live on X**  
Follow us @SJF\_Widnes.

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### 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.

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<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/advent?pid=MTA101634&v=156.3>

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### **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.