



St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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

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Welcome back, we hope you all enjoyed the break .
We want to wish our children and families a
happy and blessed 2025.

As we head into 2025 there are lots of exciting
school events and trips to look forward to.

2025 will be an educational and fun filled
learning experience for our children.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

At St John Fisher Primary we believe that attending school regularly is one of the foundations of successful learning helping to prepare children for the world of education, work and adult life.

Government targets are for all children to achieve **AT LEAST 96%** attendance every year.

A big **THANK YOU** to all our families who take attendance at school seriously. All children can arrive at school from 8.40am when the gates open, the bell rings at 8.45am and learning begins as soon as they enter the classroom. The official register is closed at 8.50am and all children must be in their classroom to get a mark in the register. Children who arrive after this time will be marked as late and must be signed in at the office. If your child arrives after 9:15am it will be recorded as unauthorised absence for the whole morning session.

Holidays in Term time

Holidays are strictly not allowed in term time.

It is parents responsibility to not take holidays during term time as **these will be unauthorised** and a penalty notice may be issued in line with Government policy ***Working together to improve school attendance 2024***.

Request for Leave of Absence forms are no longer available from the school office and have to be requested directly from the Head Teacher, Mrs Dickinson.

We really need the help of parents to improve attendance.

Our target for the whole school attendance is **97%**. Being late also impacts on children's learning and well-being.

When children **miss school** they **miss out**. Not only on their learning but also on what is going on with their friends and special events going on in school.

We want our school to have the best attendance, so that our children can experience as much as they possibly can.

This is achieved by working together.

Attendance Ladder



Our Attendance Target



Year 4

MAKING SLIME AS PARTS OF
OUR STATES OF MATTER
SCIENCE TOPIC.



Year 5

This week Year Five have celebrated the feast of the Epiphany. They have reflected on our brothers and sisters around the world and researched traditions in other countries.



Congratulations to the following children

SMILE AWARDS



DOJO AWARDS



SUPERSTAR AWARDS



reading plus[®]

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 6
Well done to them.**

**Our pupil competition winner is Layla from Year 6.
Our Phonics star pupil is Noah from Year 1.**

Year of Prayer

Every 25 years, the Catholic Church celebrates a Holy Year of Jubilee. The Jubilee year will begin in 2025, but in preparation for this, Pope Francis wants us to undertake a year of prayer with a particular emphasis on the Lord's Prayer. He asks us all to join in a great "symphony" of prayer, "to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him."

"Prayer unites us; it makes us brothers and sisters. It is in prayer that our hearts find the strength not to be cold and insensitive in the face of injustice. In prayer, God keeps calling us, opening our hearts to charity." Pope Francis

The Year of Prayer started on the first Sunday of Advent, 2023.

The Our Father is the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray. We will focus on this prayer in school over the next year and hope that you can spend some time as a family praying it together too.

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"TEACH US TO PRAY"

Living the Year of Prayer
in Preparation for Jubilee 2025

JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

PIC•COLLAGE

Dates
for your



JANUARY

- Tuesday 14th –Fire Service visit Year 5
- Monday 27th–Poetry Buzz
- Wednesday 29th–Dental Nurse

FEBRUARY

- Wednesday 5th–Poetry Buzz
- Tuesday 11th/Wednesday 12th–Parents Evening.

**School Closes normal time on Friday
14th February and opens again on
Monday 24th February.**



Please check book bags next week for the guide on how to log back into School Spider.



**St John Fisher— on Instagram
stjohnfisherwidnescps**

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

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.



<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/baptism?pid=MTA101634&v=159.3>

**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.