



# St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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

## NEWSLETTER 28th February 2025

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Year 2 preparing for our Wizard of Oz themed World Book Day



# World Book Day (6<sup>th</sup> March)

19<sup>th</sup> March - MandM production performing *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*

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 **Theme: Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Imagination** 

A magical day where children step into the world of *The Wizard of Oz*, celebrating reading and writing through immersive activities.

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## Dress-Up Ideas

**Any imaginative costume is welcome.**

**However, if you want to get into the Wizard of Oz mood, here are some ideas**

**Dorothy Gale** – Blue dress, red shoes, pigtails, basket with a stuffed dog.

**Scarecrow** – Plaid shirt, straw (or yellow paper) sticking out, floppy hat.

**Tin Man** – Silver/grey clothes, funnel hat, heart cutout.

**Cowardly Lion** – Brown clothes, DIY mane, tail, whiskers.

**Glinda the Good Witch** – Pink dress, sparkly crown, wand.

**Wicked Witch of the West (Elphaba)** – Black dress, pointy hat, green face paint.

**The Wizard of Oz** – Green or black suit, bow tie, top hat.

**Toto** – Grey or black clothes, dog ears (DIY with a headband).

**Flying Monkey** – Brown or grey hoodie, cardboard wings.

**Munchkin** – Bright, mismatched clothes, knee-high socks, oversized bow tie.

**The Lollipop Guild** – Striped shirt, suspenders, big lollipop (paper cutout).

**The Wicked Witch's Guards ("Oh-ee-oh" guys)** – Black outfit, red belt, tall black hat (paper cone).

**Emerald City Citizen** – All green clothes, sunglasses, and fancy hat.

**A Rainbow** - Colourful clothes or DIY a rainbow cape.

**A Tornado** - Grey outfit with cotton or fabric swirls attached, representing the storm that takes Dorothy to Oz.


On the day, children will take part in:

 **Best Costume:**

- Most Imaginative
  - Best Homemade Costume
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 **Writing Competitions**


1. "If I Met the Wizard..."      KS1 - Write their wish to the Wizard  
KS2 - write a letter persuading the Wizard to grant them a wish

 **Prizes** - Book token & golden certificates, a "Yellow Brick Road Writer" trophy.

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 **Games & Activities**


1. Follow the Yellow Brick Road Treasure Hunt

 Children collect letters to form a book-themed word. First to finish wins a prize!

2. Escape from the Wicked Witch's Castle (Escape Room Challenge)
3. Book Character Parade
4. Dorothy's Red Shoe Relay (weather dependent)
5. Wizard of Oz Reading Buddies

Older pupils read Oz-inspired stories to younger children.

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 **Live Storytelling** - Teachers welcome you into their classrooms at 2.45pm to share story time and memories of the day.



Please note that from April 1st the price of a school meal is increasing to £3.00 per meal.

A colorful poster for World Book Day 2025. The background is a collage of various colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) with stars and book covers. At the top, 'WORLD BOOK DAY' is written in large, bold, white letters with a blue outline. Below it, '8TH MARCH 2025' is written in white on a yellow banner. A red question mark is on the left. The menu is divided into three sections: 'MAINS', 'SIDES', and 'DESSERT'. Each section lists food items with their dietary options. Book covers for 'Mantana' by Roald Dahl, 'The Worst Thing About My Sister' by Jacqueline Wilson, and 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo are featured. The 'dolce' logo is at the bottom center.

**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
8TH MARCH 2025

**MAINS**

- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs & Pasta
- Katsu-in-the-Hat Quorn Dippers & Rice (V)
- Wheres Wally's Wrap bar (V)
- Jaqueline Wilson Jacket Potatoes (V) (VG) (GF)

**SIDES**

- Walliams Super Sleuth Slaw
- Golden Snitch Sweetcorn
- Snozzcumber Salad Bar

**DESSERT**

- Mr Messy's Ice Cream & Sprinkles (V)
- Queen of Hearts Jam Tart (VG)
- Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)

**dolce**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

**Every day in school counts...**



**and every minute counts...**



**Attendance Ladder**



Our Attendance Target



**Year Group weekly Attendance**

24 Feb 2025 - 28 Feb 2025

Year Group	Attendance	
Year R	87.2%	
Year Y1	84.4%	
Year Y2	91.6%	
Year Y3	96.0%	2nd
Year Y4	92.0%	
Year Y5	91.0%	
Year Y6	98.0%	1st

# Year 2 PE



Year 2 have explored balancing during their PE lesson.



We have looked at patch balancing - using our tummies or backs and point balancing - using hands and feet.



# LENT

## Bags of Hope

As we try to be Pilgrims of Hope during Lent we are making "Bags of Hope".

Each class will be making their own bag to donate to the local Salvation Army. Essentials such as socks, deodorant, soap, toothpaste etc.



We will also be holding other events such as "The Big Lent Walk" and Toast at break on Fridays during Lent. More details to follow.



We are very excited to introduce our new friend at St. John Fisher.

Tomsk, the St. John Fisher Womble is coming to help us to look after our community and recycle. He will be spending a half term in each class. Look out for his adventures on our Instagram page and in our newsletter.



# 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)**



**Our phonics superstars are Iris and Salvador from Year 1.**

# Extra club hours are changing

**We will be extending our hours  
after half term as follows**

**Monday until 6pm**

**Tuesday until 6pm**

**Wednesday until 6pm**

**Thursday until 6pm**

**Friday until 5.30pm**

**In order to staff this properly we would ask that  
you let us know in advance if you intend for your  
child to stay past 5.30pm if they are booked onto  
the later session.**



Please log back into the School Spider App.



## MARCH

**Year 4 Swimming will start again on Tuesday 4th March**

- Week commencing 3rd March—Book Fair—After school in the hall all week.
- 5th March—Chemistry with Cabbage
- 6th March—World Book Day
- 14th March—Family Fast Day Cake sale
- 18th March—Choir at The Brindley
- 19th March—Choir at P&P.
- 19th March—The Wizard of Oz performance (children in school uniform for this)
- Week commencing 24th March—Year 6 Bikeability
- 27th March—Year 5 Shakespeare -Norton Priory
- 28th March—Dress down and donate for the Easter Bingo
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## APRIL

- 3rd April—Big Lent Walk and Disco
- 3rd April—Easter Bingo

**School Closes 1.30pm on Friday 4th April and reopens on Tuesday 22nd April**



**St John Fisher— on Instagram  
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**St John Fisher—Live on X  
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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/holiday-booklet?pid=MTA101634&v=167.5>

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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.