



Headlines

St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Summer Term 2023/24
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Week Beginning – 13th May

Yr6 SATS—all week

Inclusion Meetings—all week

Monday 13th

Yr4-6 Borough Swimming Qualifiers

Thursday 16th

Special Caterlink Menu (see page 4)

Friday 17th

YrR trip to Hever Castle

Yt5/6 Borough Cricket Championship

Saturday 18th

May Mudder (see page 2)

It is lovely to start the weekend in a blaze of sunshine—let's hope it lasts. It was certainly a fantastic day for our Yr4 children to visit Hampton Court, more of which you can read about on Pg 5.

With the weather turning warmer a few reminders about keeping safe in the sun. Please ensure your child brings a sun hat and water to school every day and that you apply sun cream before they arrive at school.

I know that many of you enjoyed visiting the fantastic art exhibition earlier this afternoon and I am sure that many of the pictures will be taking pride of place in SJF homes this evening. Thank you to all staff who worked hard to meet the deadlines and to ensure that the exhibition was a success.

There is still time to purchase your child's artwork by sending the £8 (CASH ONLY) in an envelope to your child's class teacher by WEDNESDAY 15th May.

Enjoy a wonderful weekend everyone.

Letters Home

Being a Parent Workshop—Whole school

Summer Social Bingo Event—whole school

Jazz Concert Trip—Yr3 and Yr4

Zones of Regulation Workshop

Handouts—YrR-Yr2

PTFA AGM Minutes—Whole school

STEAM week—Whole school



Caterlink

The menu for each week can be found on the school website by using the link below and scrolling to the bottom of the page:

[Click HERE for menu](#)

****Special menu on Thursday—see Pg7****

Designated Safeguarding Leaders

Ms J Kenna
DSL

Mrs C Ellerker
Deputy DSL

Miss C Higgins
Deputy DSL



If you have any concerns about a child please contact school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk

ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL
PRESENTS THEIR

'SUMMER OF SPORT' SCHOOL FAIR

29TH JUNE 12-4PM

INFLATABLES, GAMES AND SPORTS SKILLS

RAFFLE, HAMPERS, STALLS & CRAFTS

BBQ, BAR & CAFE

CASH ONLY

ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL, GRAND DRIVE,
SW20 9NE

ORGANISED BY SJF PTFA - REGISTERED CHARITY NO:1105886

MUD

MAY MUDDER IS BACK!

Saturday 18th May 1.30-3.30pm

**PREPARE TO GET MUDDY ON AN OBSTACLE COURSE PACKED FULL OF FUN!
ONLY £5 PER CHILD**

- ~Get your tickets on Parent Pay by Thursday 16th May
- ~Please bring your own water, towel & dry clothes
- ~Staggered start times after 1.30pm
- ~Non-SJF pupils are very welcome to join in, so bring all your friends! (Parental supervision required)
- ~Hot & cold drinks & snacks for sale

BINGO SUMMER SOCIAL NIGHT

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE

Tickets £8pp available on ParentPay now!

Doors open 7.15pm
Bingo starts 7.45pm
(Kick-out time 11pm)

Ticket price includes Bingo and portion of chips!

Selection of alcoholic & soft drinks available on the night!

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 12th May 2024



Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, Keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you have given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

*Adapted from John 17:11-19
The 7th Sunday of Easter, Year B*

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.



Welcome to the newest members of Year 1!

What a magical experience we have all had being part of their arrival.

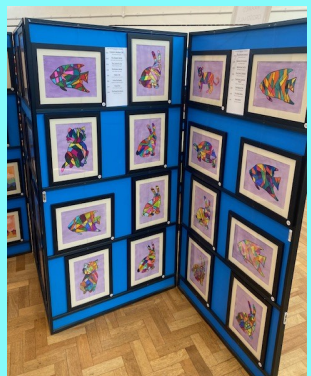


SJF Art Exhibition



The SJF Art exhibition took place today with artwork from pupils across the school on display.

Classes were able to visit the exhibition throughout the day and after school parents and carers were able to come along to look at all the amazing artwork and buy their child's framed work.



There is still time to purchase your child's artwork by sending the £8 (CASH ONLY) in an envelope to your child's class teacher by WEDNESDAY 15th May.

Being a Parent

EPEC Being a parent, is a peer led programme that parents can self-refer to. It is a universal programme that supports understanding of children's needs and how to respond in a positive way. It offers practical advice to parents and carers. Being a Parent is running at Poplar Primary School this term and is open to parents who have children in Merton primary schools. Can you please circulate the flyer to your parents. We are especially keen that parents who may be interested in becoming EPEC peer facilitators volunteers attend, but it is open to all. Please contact Sherine.Thompson@merton.gov.uk (EPEC co-ordinator) for more info about EPEC in Merton.

Being a Parent Programme

At Poplar Primary School (Poplar Road South, Merton Park, London SW19 3JZ)

The Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC) 8 week Being a Parent course aims to improve your skills and confidence in being a parent. It creates a trusting group ethos, where parents are encouraged and supported to explore: positive behaviour management and discipline strategies. managing parent and family stress. understanding and managing children's feelings. communication, play and interaction skills. attachment and parent-child relationships. parenting roles, expectations and culture. The programme is open to all parents of primary aged children in Merton.



To book please email EPEC@merton.gov.uk

EPEC Being a Parent		
All sessions are on Tuesday Mornings from 09:00am to 11:30am, (9.00 tea and coffee available for a 9.30 start)		
Tuesday 14 May 2024	Week 1	• Session 1-Being a parent
Tuesday 21 May 2024	Week 2	• Session 2- Feelings
Half Term Break 27 - 31 May 2024		
Tuesday 04 June 2024	Week 3	• Session 3- Play
Tuesday 11 June 2024	Week 4	• Session 4- Valuing my Child
Tuesday 18 June 2024	Week 5	• Session 5- Understanding Children's behaviour
Tuesday 25 June 2024	Week 6	• Session 6- Discipline Strategies
Tuesday 02 July 2024	Week 7	• Session 7- Listening Skills
Tuesday 09 July 2024	Week 8	• Session 8- Review and support
Light Refreshment Provided & Course Material		

**Get Into Teaching:
London event.**



Want to know more about a career in teaching?
Attend our event:

Congress Centre, London
Saturday 18 May 2024
10am - 2.30pm

[Click link to register.](#)

Curious about a career in teaching?

Come and see Teach Wimbledon at the Get Into Teaching: London event on Saturday 18th May 10.00am - 2.30pm. We will be on hand to answer your questions about our training opportunities.

These free events are a great opportunity to:

- ✓ Get expert advice on funding and applying
- ✓ talk to teachers and course providers
- ✓ connect with people like you considering a career in teaching

👉 Book now: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/events/about-get-into-teaching-events>



Year 4 had a lovely time at Hampton Court Palace today—especially in the amazing sunshine.

The children enjoyed learning about the 'jobs at court' (even the disgusting ones!), had great fun getting lost in the maze and had a magical time in the 'Magical Garden', finishing with a picnic in the sunshine.

Thank you to the parents and carers who came with us today.

With support from Arts Council England and LibraryOn Merton Libraries have produced a new film which showcases the fabulous things on offer at the library.



There is so much to see and do, they are a colourful hive of activity, buzzing with people of all ages and backgrounds. Each day is different, but what stays the same is what they offer.

Libraries are not only a gateway to knowledge and culture, but they create opportunities for learning, literacy and creativity. They offer people resources they often do not have in their own home - endless books, free activities and events, technology and ways to support their health and well-being.

We hope this short film shares with you just some of what our libraries can offer you. Everyone in this film is a real-life service user. Come and see for yourself how amazing our libraries are, sign up for a library card today and discover our libraries for yourself!

Watch here: [Learn, Grow, Connect and Thrive with Merton Libraries \(youtube.com\)](#)

Welcome to the team Maggie!



**WE ARE THRILLED MAGGIE HAS CHOSEN TO JOIN
THE SJF PTFA EXEC TEAM!**

YOUR PTFA TEAM ALWAYS WELCOME NEW IDEAS...PLEASE FEEL
FREE TO SAY HELLO IF YOU SEE US AROUND SCHOOL!



PTFA NEWS AND EVENTS

Mudder - 18 May - Please book tickets on ParentPay for our muddy obstacle course! Tickets are also available on the day. Kids can choose to get as muddy as they want!

We need lots of volunteers to help set up from 8am in the morning, staff the obstacles, sell refreshments from 1.30 - 3.30pm and tidy up afterwards. Please add your name to the volunteer sheet [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VNxs9o0oDxsdJrnrF9nSKC5REUViVAd_LZTYeAOY7Wk/edit#gid=0] or email julia@st-johnfisherpta.org with which slot and time you can do.

Lastly if anyone has any top soil, old paddling pools, sprinklers, hosepipes that you are happy to donate then please let us know.

Bingo - 7 June - Don't forget to pencil in 7 June for the new Bingo night. Tickets available on ParentPay.

Summer Fair - 29 June - We need some help to make our fair amazing: we're looking for RAFFLE PRIZES and LOCAL SPORTS PROVIDERS to come and get involved on the day. Please also let us know if your company offers MATCH FUNDING (banks, supermarkets, multi nationals sometimes offer this as part of their CSR). This will enable us to raise extra funds at the fair when you volunteer on your class stall.

To find out more details and how you can get involved:

- Visit our dedicated [SJF PTFA website](#)
- Email: info@st-johnfisherpta.org
- IG: [@stjohnfisherpta](#)
- FB: [@St John Fisher PTFA](#)
- Join our WhatsApp Community: [SJF PTFA Community](#)

Can you help in the Woodland Garden at any of the times below? Even just an hour would be helpful.

Saturday May 11th - 10am - 12pm

Sunday May 12th - 10am - 1/2pm

Sunday May 19th - 11am - 1/2pm

If you can't help at those times but can help any other time please let Victoria know on the number above.

If you can help please either contact Victoria Brown directly 07843252717 or join the Garden WhatsApp group using the link: [SJF Woodland Garden Group](#)

If you can bring gloves, hammer or tools to break down wood and rubbish and any spare wheel barrows that would be massively helpful as we have to clear some areas as well as other gardening jobs.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT - the children are really enjoying the Woodland garden but we need lots of help to keep it maintained.

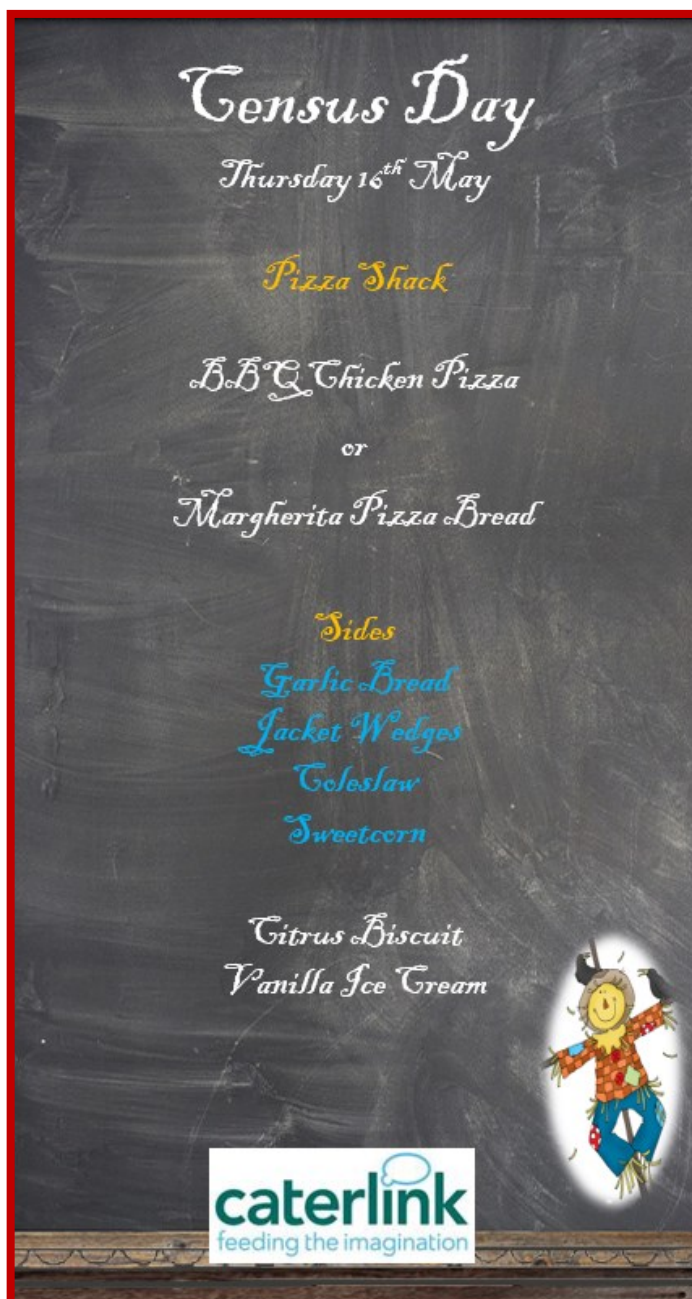
Steam Week 20th–24th May

This year our theme for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) week will be 'TIME'.

Over the course of the week the children will apply scientific, creative and mathematical skills by observing, measuring and predicting. The children will take part in activities that include examining mould on food over time, exploring shadows and printing using sunlight.

If you, or someone you know, works in an industry or has experience in area which will support the children's learning during STEAM week and would like to come in to school to engage with a group of pupils for example by speaking about your career or a project you have been involved in, then please contact the school office

school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk



On Wednesday SJF hosted a 'parent and child' Zones of Regulation workshop with Dr Josh Eldridge from Merton's Emotional Wellbeing Team. It was a chance for parents to gain further understanding about emotions and the use of 'Zones of Regulation' to support themselves and their families. During the last 30 minutes their children joined to take part in some fun, engaging activities and worked together to build their own personalised toolkit for home. It was a very popular session!

Parent – Really helpful, especially to now you are not the only parent experiencing 'red zones' with their children. Some brilliant ideas to help at home. Thank you so much.

Child – I feel better when I have a hug.

Parent and child – I really enjoyed this. It helped me and my mum to understand the zones of regulation and how to deal with them.

Parent – it was very helpful, even though English is not my native language.

Parent – helpful strategies and techniques e.g. breathing exercises and videos. I really liked the 'Regulate – Relate – Reason' approach.

If you would like more information about the Wellbeing Team or to get in contact below is their YouTube channel and email address.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrRKV84lb8Jr69Z7ZhjSjCgn>

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk



BUILD BETTER LEARNING

These pupils consistently display great teamwork

St Scholastica - Liza H

St Aidan - Laura K

St Ninian - Cristina P

St Teresa - Gerda

St James - Patrick G

St Osmund - Emily VC

St Hugh - Edmund

St Nicholas - Liam

St Francis - Deshani

St Ignatius - Mila

St Susanna - Finn K

St Helena - Amelie

St Elizabeth - Eliasz M

St Rose - Bert

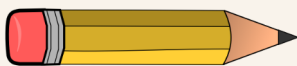
Nursery - Alejandro

Attendance Percentage
week beginning
29th April 2024

Class	Week commencing 29/04/24	Week commencing 22/04/24
St Rose	92.90	96.70
St Elizabeth	87.70	93.30
St Susanna	95.00	98.90
St Helena	95.30	98.60
St Francis	97.50	98.50
St Ignatius	87.60	95.40
St Nicholas	99.30	97.50
St Hugh	97.70	98.40
St James	97.70	99.00
St Osmund	95.40	92.00
St Teresa	98.70	97.20
St Ninian	97.10	99.40
St Aidan	93.80	97.80
St Scholastica	95.90	94.50
Overall	95.00	96.90

Big Pencil

**Lucas
St Nicholas**



Attendance Alligator

St Nicholas



Manners Mole

**Isaac B
St Aidan**



Punctuality Panda

St Elizabeth

