



ST. JOHN FISHER

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love of God, love of self and love of others

Friday 11th September 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now well and truly back into our school routines, and I am pleased to say that the children have settled in brilliantly and are already working hard. It has been lovely to see classrooms full of enthusiasm, focus and the positive spirit that makes St John Fisher such a special community.

Last year, St John Fisher proudly celebrated 70 years of Catholic education here in Loughton. This year, we have another very special milestone to mark as we celebrate 100 years of St Edmund of Canterbury and St Thomas More, our parish church.

This Sunday, there will be a special Mass at 11.00am, celebrated with the Bishop, followed by a social gathering in the church grounds. It would be wonderful to see this important occasion so well supported by our school families and wider community, and we very much hope that many of you will be able to join us.

Celebrations such as these are a lovely reminder of the strong links between our school, parish and families, and of the faith and community that continue to shape and support us.

Have a lovely weekend, and we hope to see many of you on Sunday.

Kind regards,

Mr P Kenny
Head of School

Golden Book

Every Friday we have a Golden Assembly where one child from each class is recorded in the golden book in recognition of their excellent learning. Congratulations to the Pupils who were in the Golden Book this week. They are:



St Mary	Whole class
St Nicholas	Ayaan
St Bernadette	Helena
St Francis	Marie
St Teresa of Calcutta	Elois
St Rose of Lima	Milan
St Josephine	Lily
St Carlo Acutis	Morgan
St Oscar Romero	Hayley

House Point Winners:

St Patrick	418
St David	406
St George	420
St Andrew	361

Congratulations to **St. George** our winners this week.

Catholic Life

On Wednesday, we celebrated our first Mass of the new school year, led by our staff.

As always, Father Adrian led us in a beautiful celebration and spoke to the children about the year ahead, the excitement that comes with a fresh start and the opportunities a new school year brings.

He also reminded us that we do not make this journey alone. God is always with us, alongside the friends, families and wider school community who support and encourage us.

It was a lovely way to begin the year together in prayer and to reflect on the journey ahead.

Meet The Teacher Sessions

Thank you to everyone who attended our Meet the Teacher sessions this week. We hope you found them useful and that they gave you a helpful insight into the year ahead and your child's experience in their new class. All the slides shared during the sessions are now available on your child's year group page on the school website, should you wish to revisit any of the information.

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Learning Around School

We are delighted to share some fantastic news — St John Fisher has achieved the School Games Silver Award!



This award celebrates our commitment to giving pupils plenty of opportunities to be active, enjoy sport and develop teamwork, resilience and confidence.

A huge well done to our pupils for taking part with such enthusiasm and representing our school so proudly, and a big thank you to the staff who continue to make these opportunities possible.

We are incredibly proud of this achievement and are already looking ahead to our next goal — going for Gold!

Phonics Parents Meeting



Our Parent Workshops are a great opportunity to learn more about your child's learning.

Join Miss King, our Phonics Lead, on

Tuesday 15th September, 8:50am–9:30am, to find out how we teach early reading through Floppy's Phonics and how you can support your child at home.

Entry will be via the front gate and the double white doors to the right of the main school reception. Hot drinks and sweet treats will of course be available.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Online Safety

As children spend more time online, we encourage parents and carers to regularly talk with their child about what they are doing, who they are communicating with and how to respond if something makes them feel worried or uncomfortable. Please continue to use age-appropriate parental controls, check privacy settings and remind children never to share personal information online. Open, calm conversations at home are one of the best ways to help children stay safe.

Reporting Absence

Reporting sickness absence - If your child is not going to be at school, because they are ill, please let us know by 9.20am. The easiest way to report an absence is via the Studybugs app - <https://studybugs.com/signin>

which is free. You can also leave a message on the answerphone or email the school office:

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Please specify the symptoms of an illness. If you tell us your child is 'unwell', we will have to contact you for more details.

Lateness

Please remember that the school gate will now close at 8:50am. Any child arriving after this time will be marked as late and should enter through the school office.

Being punctual is an important part of helping children start their day positively. Arriving on time allows pupils to settle calmly, take part in morning routines and begin learning alongside their classmates without

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missing important teaching time. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children arrive at school on time each day.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



On Friday 25th September, we are proud to be taking part in the Macmillan National Coffee Morning to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. We would love your support — please put on your baking hats and send in donations of cakes or treats to make the event a success.

Further details can be found in the attached letter. Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting such an important cause.

Autumn Term Clubs

Next week, our clubs begin again, and we are delighted that 116 children have signed up to take part in at least one club this term.

Some clubs are already full and have waiting lists. Where this is the case, we will do our best to ensure every child can access at least one club, and the office will be in touch if spaces become available.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff who give their time to run these clubs and provide such valuable opportunities for our pupils. After school clubs will finish at 4.15pm and children will be dismissed from the white double doors facing the main

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pedestrian gate unless otherwise stated by the club teacher.

PTA News

Back to School Disco – 25th September 2026

Pop the date in your diaries and get ready to boogie!

Full details will be shared next week.

A big thank you to Reception parents who joined us on Monday 7th September for Tea & Tissues — it was lovely to see so many of you there.

World Cup Challenge

Winner announcements coming soon!

PTA Membership

Fancy joining the PTA this year?

We're a friendly team and always looking for volunteers.

If you'd like to find out more, please email committeesjfta@gmail.com.

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 15th September – Parents Phonics Meeting 8:50am

Friday 25th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning 8:50am

Friday 25th September – PTA School Disco

Monday 28th September – Year 6 PGL

Thursday 15th October – Year 6 St Romero Class Assembly

Friday 23rd October – **INSET DAY**

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