



ST. JOHN FISHER

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love of God, love of self and love of others

Friday 18th September 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have certainly noticed the weather beginning to change, with the first signs of autumn appearing across the school grounds. The falling leaves have quickly become part of the children's games at break and lunchtime — after all, who doesn't enjoy jumping through a pile of autumn leaves!

I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time on the playground this week and seeing the children making the most of their time together. It has been lovely to watch them involved in such a wide variety of games and activities, showing friendship and plenty of imagination.

These everyday moments are such an important part of school life, helping our children to build friendships, enjoy being active and simply have fun together.

I hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend.

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	Connie
St Nicholas	Ayaan
St Bernadette	Helena
St Francis	Marie
St Teresa of Calcutta	Elois
St Rose of Lima	Megan
St Carlo Acutis	Morgan
St Josephine	Lily
St Oscar Romero	Hayley

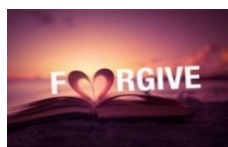
House Point Winners:

St Patrick	394
St David	409
St George	355
St Andrew	384

Congratulations to **St. David**, our winners this week.

Catholic Life

In this morning's Gospel Assembly, we focused our thoughts and prayers on our school value of forgiveness.



Through the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant from Matthew's Gospel, we reflected on the importance of showing others the same mercy and kindness that we hope to receive ourselves. Together, we explored what forgiveness might look like in our school community — saying sorry, giving others another chance, letting go of hurt and choosing to rebuild relationships with kindness and love.

Learning Around School

This week, all our classes completed their corridor displays, focusing on learning about their new class saints. The children were brilliant at explaining who their saints were, how they lived their lives, and the values and qualities we can learn from their example.

We are looking forward to sharing these displays with you on your next visit to school. In the meantime, you can see some of the children's work on our school website.



Phonics Workshop

On Tuesday, Miss King led an informative session for parents on phonics at St John Fisher. She explained the phonics scheme we use in school, how phonics is taught across the early years and Key Stage 1, and the ways parents can support their child's reading and phonics development at home.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and for your continued support. If you were unable to join us, the presentation slides can be found on the school website under **Parent Workshops**.

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Secondary School Applications

The new secondary school admission round opened recently, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2027.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **31 October 2026**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. All of the application information is available on the website. The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2027-28 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

Trinity Open Evening

Parents and carers of Year 6 pupils are warmly invited to attend **Trinity Open Evening** on **Thursday 8th October 2026**, from **5:00pm to 8:00pm**. This is an excellent opportunity to explore the school, meet staff and students, discover the curriculum and facilities, and find out more about life at Trinity before making your secondary school application.

You are invited to our
OPEN EVENING

Thursday 8th October 2026
5pm-8pm | tchs.org.uk

Nursery/Pre-School Applications: If you have a child turning 3 before January 2027 and are interested in them joining our Nursery from January 2027 please make your application before **Friday 9th October**. We are also taking applications for our April 2027 intake at this time.

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Year 4 MTC Parent Info

Yesterday evening, we held a virtual meeting for Year 4 parents to provide information about the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), which will take place next spring.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. If you were unable to join us, the PowerPoint slides are available on the school website. You are also very welcome to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or would like further guidance about how to support your child at home.

Reception Tours

We would be delighted to welcome prospective Reception families to St John Fisher for one of our school tours. This is a lovely opportunity to see our school in action, meet members of staff and find out more about life in Reception and our wider school community. Our upcoming tour dates are:

Friday 2nd October

Friday 9th October

Friday 16th October

Friday 6th November

Friday 13th November

Friday 27th November

Friday 18th September 2026

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Please contact the school office to book a place.

Attendance

Over the last couple of years, we have worked hard to improve attendance and ensure that children are in school as regularly as possible, giving them the best opportunity to make good progress and fully benefit from school life.

As we begin the new academic year, we would also like to remind parents that punctuality is an important part of good attendance. This year, the school gates will close at **8:50am**. We ask that all children are in class by this time, so they are settled, ready to learn and able to start the school day positively alongside their classmates.

Thank you

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.

Online Safety

If your child sees something online that worries, upsets or confuses them, encourage them to **tell a trusted adult straight away**. Try to keep your

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response calm and reassuring, even if what they have seen is concerning. Children are much more likely to keep sharing with us if they know they will be listened to rather than immediately blamed or have their device taken away.

A simple message for children is:

Stop – Close – Tell

Stop what you are doing, close the app or page, and tell a trusted adult.

Lost Property & Pre-Loved Uniform



We currently have a large selection of unlabelled lost property in school. If your child has misplaced any items, please take a moment to check whether any of them may be theirs. We strongly advise all uniform to be labelled

We also have a selection of nearly new school uniform available for purchase at a nominal cost.

Please visit the school office for both lost property and uniform sale.

PTA News

Back To School Disco- 25th September

See letter attached for full details and Link is now live and see barcode on posters around the school.

www.pta-events.co.uk/stjohnfisher/

NOTE: Tickets must be purchased by end of day Wednesday 23rd September. In the past we have been able to allow late submissions, but unfortunately, we don't have the PTA resources this year to manage the extra admin that comes with this. Let's all work together to make sure everything runs smoothly and we can put on a lovely event for our children.

World Cup Challenge

Well done to Jake Mace year 2. Please collect your prize from reception.

AGM Announcement - Thursday 8th October, 7pm

Our AGM is coming up soon and everyone is welcome. It's a short, friendly online meeting where we review the year and open nominations for PTA roles. More details will follow next week.

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 22nd September – Mike Mullen BMX Workshop and Assembly

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

Friday 25th September – PTA School Disco

Monday 28th September – Year 6 PGL

Friday 2nd October – Harvest Mass (Year 5 Leading)

Thursday 15th October – Year 6 St Romero Class Assembly

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Thursday 15th October – Trinity Headteacher Presentation to Parents 2:45 pm

Friday 16th October – Show Racism The Red Card / Wear Red (Information to Follow)

Friday 23rd October – **INSET DAY**

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