



ST. JOHN FISHER

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love of God, love of self and love of others

Friday 25th September 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, our Year 6 pupils led our annual St John Fisher Coffee Morning. It is always a lovely community event at the start of the school year and a wonderful opportunity to come together in support of a fantastic cause.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed, whether through donations or by providing something delicious for everyone to enjoy. Your generosity and support are very much appreciated.

This was also a brilliant example of our Catholic Social Teaching in action. Throughout this year, we hope our pupils will become even more involved in this important aspect of our faith, putting love, service, generosity and care for others into practice across our school and wider community.

Thank you also to our Year 6 pupils for leading the event so well and helping to make it such a special morning. Have a great weekend as always.

Mr 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	Leonor
St Nicholas	Ethan
St Bernadette	Ivy
St Francis	Jan
St Teresa of Calcutta	Ezra
St Rose of Lima	Frank
St Carlo Acutis	Casey
St Josephine	Solomon
St Oscar Romero	Finn

Catholic Life

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Some worked all day and some only worked for a short time, but each

received the same coin. This reminds us that God is generous and fair in a different way to us. God keeps His promises and gives His love freely to everyone.

Mike Mullen Resilience Workshops

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome

BMX rider Mike Mullen into school. Mike led a whole-school assembly

focused on resilience, perseverance and the importance of not giving up when things feel difficult.

Years 5 and 6 were also lucky enough to take part in outdoor workshops, where they had the opportunity to try some BMX skills for themselves and work on improving their confidence and cycling ability.



It was a fantastic experience for the children and a brilliant way to bring the message of resilience to life in a fun, memorable and engaging way.

Learning Around School

This week, I was lucky to spend some time with St Bernadette's class and lead an English lesson based on Henry the Explorer. I was very impressed by the children's knowledge of the story and by the way they used expanded noun phrases to retell parts of it in their own words.

The children chose interesting vocabulary to make their sentences more engaging and also took great care with the presentation and handwriting in their work.

Well done, St Bernadette – a fantastic effort!

Online Safety

Check who they are talking to...

Children can easily believe that someone online is who they say they are. Remind your child that they

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should only chat or play online with people they know and trust in real life. Encourage them to tell you if someone they do not know tries to contact them.

Attendance

We have made a fantastic start to the school year, with attendance currently at over **97.7%** in these first few weeks. Thank you for your continued support in helping children attend school regularly and on time. Although we are still early in the academic year, the importance of good attendance remains the same. Every day in school matters and helps children to build strong routines, maintain friendships and make the best possible progress in their learning.



Black History Month

Next week we welcome the start of October, which also marks the beginning of Black History Month in the UK. This is an important opportunity to celebrate the achievements, contributions and experiences of Black communities, while helping our children to reflect on dignity, equality, respect and belonging.

We have attached two flyers this week highlighting a Black History Month competition and a community event in Epping on Saturday 10 October. Please take a look at the flyers for further information and details of how to get involved.

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.

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. www.st-johnfisher.essex.sch.uk

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.

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PTA News

PTA AGM – Roles Now Open

Ahead of our AGM on Thursday 8th October, all PTA roles are now open for nomination. We have three roles available this year:

- General Committee Member
- Treasurer
- Social Media Lead

if you'd like to get involved in any way, we'd love to hear from you. You can nominate yourself by emailing the PTA or speaking to any committee member. Zoom link and agenda will be shared next week.

Upcoming Dates

Monday 28th September – Year 6 PGL

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

Monday 5th October – Individual School Photographs

Thursday 15th October – Year 6 St Romero Class Assembly

Thursday 15th October – Trinity Headteacher Presentation to Year 6 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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