



ST. JOHN FISHER

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love of God, love of self and love of others

Friday 2nd October 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge well done to our Year 6 children following their PGL residential. They had a fantastic time, embraced new experiences and showed great courage and determination as they faced and overcame a range of challenges. We are very proud of them.

I would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to the staff who accompanied the children. Residential visits require an enormous amount of commitment, energy and care, and we are very grateful for all they gave to provide our children with such a memorable opportunity.

Back at school, thank you to Year 5 for leading us so beautifully in Mass today as we begin our Harvest season. It was a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together in prayer and thanksgiving, remembering the importance of gratitude and sharing with others.

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	Noah
St Nicholas	Rubina
St Bernadette	Teddy
St Francis	Rupert
St Teresa of	King
St Oscar Romero	Whole Class
St Rose of Lima	Arabella
St Carlo Acutis	Daryn
St Josephine	Dandrina

Catholic Life

In this week's Gospel Assembly, we reflected on how God wants us to

listen and respond to what He asks of us. We are called to follow Jesus not only through our words, but through our actions too, sharing God's love with others in the choices we make and in the way we speak and act each day.

Learning Around School

This week, we were pleased to welcome Essex Fire and Rescue Service to St John Fisher. They led informative assemblies for our Year 4 and Year 5 children, focusing on preventing fires in the home and how to keep themselves and others safe.



The children found the sessions both interesting and useful, and we thank the Fire Service for giving their time to support our pupils.

Online Safety

Pause before you post

Once something is shared online, it can be difficult to take back. Encourage your child to pause before posting photos, videos or comments and ask: **Would I be happy for my family or teacher to see this?** This simple check can help children make safer choices online.

Year 5 Harvest Mass

Thank you to Year 5 for leading our Harvest Assembly today and helping us to begin this special time of thanksgiving. Over the next few weeks, we will be collecting donations for our local church foodbank, giving us an opportunity to put our faith into action by supporting those in need.

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Our collection will finish on 19th October, when Years 3 and 4 will lead a special assembly reflecting on the importance of Harvest, gratitude and sharing with others.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Last week, our brilliant Year 6 children led our Macmillan Coffee Morning in support of this fantastic cause. It was wonderful to see so many of you join us in the hall for a cup of tea or coffee and a sweet treat or two! Thank you to everyone who donated, joined us and helped to raise awareness of the important work Macmillan does. At the last count, we had raised an amazing **£350**, with every penny helping to make a difference.



St John Fisher Facebook Page

As well as keeping up to date with school life through our website, we will also be promoting our school Facebook page. This will be another great way to catch up on what has been happening across St John Fisher and to celebrate the many wonderful things our children are doing. We look forward to sharing more with you over the coming term.

Playground Equipment Reminder

A reminder to all parents and carers that children should not use the climbing frame or other play equipment after school. Despite previous reminders, we have noticed several children continuing to use the equipment at the end of the day, sometimes without direct supervision. For everyone's safety, please ensure

that your child remains with you and leaves the school site promptly once collected.

Afternoon Collection

From Monday, parents and carers collecting children are asked to wait on the Key Stage 1 playground and not to walk past the classrooms or wait directly outside the classroom doors. This will allow staff to clearly see parents and carers at collection time and ensure that children are handed over safely to the appropriate adult. Thank you for your understanding.

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

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.

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Trinity Open Evening

Parents and carers of Year 6 pupils are warmly invited to attend Trinity School's Open Evening on:

Thursday 8th October 2026,
from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.

PTA News

PTA AGM

Thursday 8th October 7pm

A quick reminder that our AGM is next Thursday Everyone is welcome. If you're interested in a role, please reach out to the PTA team at committeesjfta@gmail.com.

The Zoom link for the meeting is below.

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/391176382656234?p=nfXwjOMmhflvs5Ucll>

Thank you for supporting the PTA

Upcoming Dates

Monday 5th October – Individual School Photographs

Thursday 15th October – Year 6 St Romero Class Assembly 9:05 am

Thursday 15th October – Trinity Headteacher Presentation to Year 6 Parents 2:45 pm

Friday 16th October – Show Racism The Red Card. Wear Read (Information to follow)

Wednesday 21st October – Parent Consultations

Thursday 22nd October – Parent Consultations

Friday 23rd October – **INSET DAY**

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