



# ST. JOHN FISHER

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love of God, love of self and love of others

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2026

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Dear Parents / Carers,

This week has been a quieter one at St John Fisher, but there has still been plenty going on. It has been lovely to walk around school and see children settled, smiling and getting on with their learning.

As we move further through the term, we continue to focus on helping every child do their best, grow in confidence and enjoy being part of our school community.

A few important messages have gone out this week about upcoming events and parent consultations, so please do take a few minutes to have a look through them so that nothing is missed.

Have a good weekend.

Mr P Kenny

### 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:



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| St Mary               | Luca    |
| St Nicholas           | Benas   |
| St Bernadette         | Elsie R |
| St Francis            | Max     |
| St Teresa of Calcutta | George  |
| St Oscar Romero       | Oliver  |
| St Rose of Lima       | Aoife   |
| St Carlo Acutis       | Kiki    |
| St Josephine          | Harley  |

### House Point Winners:

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| St Patrick | 1002 |
| St David   | 1028 |
| St George  | 999  |
| St Andrew  | 968  |

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

### Catholic Life

In this week's Gospel assembly, we were reminded that God never



stops reaching out to us with love. We reflected on the importance of listening to Jesus and responding to His message with open hearts. We also thought about how the choices we make each day can show respect, kindness and love towards others. By following Jesus' example, we can help to make our school community a caring and welcoming place for everyone.

### Learning Around School

Visitors to both Year 5 classrooms this week were greeted by some beautiful Egyptian crafts!

As part of their topic *Into Africa*, the children have spent time learning about Ancient Egypt, including the pyramids and the Sphinx, before having a go at creating their own. It was wonderful to see the children bringing their learning to life through such creative work. There was some fantastic attention to detail and plenty of pride in what they had produced.

**Well done, Year 5!**

### 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.

### Netball League

On Thursday, we were excited to begin our involvement in the West

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Essex Netball League with a home fixture against St John's. The girls did brilliantly, representing the school with great enthusiasm, teamwork and determination. Unfortunately, the result did not go our way, but the team gained valuable experience which will help them as they prepare for their next league game in a few weeks' time. Well done to everyone involved!

### Year 1,2 3 and 4 Mixed Football Tournament

Across the week, we also had several pupils from Years 1 to 4 take part in mixed football tournaments.



Once again, all the children did a brilliant job representing St John Fisher and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to put some of the skills they have been developing in their recent PE lessons into competitive action.

We are still waiting for all the final results to come through, but we will keep you updated when we receive them.

Well done, STJF — you did us proud!

### 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](http://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.

### Black History Month – Celebrating a Local Sporting Hero

As part of Black History Month, we are celebrating Laurie Cunningham (1956–1989), a pioneering Black footballer who began his professional career at nearby Leyton Orient.

Laurie went on to play for England and Real Madrid, becoming one of the first Black footballers to represent England at senior level.

Despite facing discrimination, he showed tremendous courage, determination and talent, helping to break down barriers for future generations. A statue in Leyton celebrates his achievements and legacy. Laurie's story reminds us that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, reflecting our Catholic values of equality, kindness and recognising the God-given gifts of every individual.



### Eco Club Request

Our Eco Club would be delighted if you could help us collect natural items for our log pile this autumn.

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If you can do so, please collect conkers, pine cones, and other suitable nature items and send them into school. These materials will help us create a welcoming habitat where animals can shelter and make their homes over the autumn months.

The log pile will provide a valuable space for local wildlife and support the children's understanding of the natural environment. Every contribution, however small, will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for supporting our Eco Club and helping us to care for the wildlife around our school.

Thank you!

### PTA News

### Upcoming Dates

**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 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 3 and 4 Westow Trip (Anglo Saxons)

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Show Racism The Red Card. Wear Red

**Wednesday 21st October** – Parent Consultations

**Thursday 22nd October** – Parent Consultations

**Friday 23rd October** – **INSET DAY**

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