



St John Fisher News

'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full'

St John's Gospel Chapter 10

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What a year!

I'd like to start by congratulating all students, parents and staff for another wonderful year at SJF. It has been filled with learning, progress, fun and joy. Well done to all who have sat exams and good luck as we anticipate the results. We wish them all good luck as they take these next steps in their lives.

I'd like to take a moment to thank the staff at SJF for their commitment and dedication to our school community and all within it. I must also thank those who are leaving us at the end of this year. Thanks to: Miss Mhassani, Mrs Shirley, Mr Stevens, Mrs Chambers, Mr Bates, Mrs Saunders, Mr Goddard and Mrs Austin, for their service to SJF. I'd also like to thank parents and carers for their support in my first year as Head. It has been much appreciated and valued.

Finally, I want to wish you all a wonderful summer break. I advised the students this morning to look out for each other, be kind, have fun and avoid any unnecessary risks. I am already looking forward to seeing everyone safe and well in September. School starts for all students on Monday 7 September at 8.35am – we will open the gates at 8.10am with bagel breakfasts being served as usual.

This week

We held our annual activity day with a range of options from Break the Code and Games to Alton Towers to gardening. Students were able to choose an activity and spend the day doing what they enjoy. Thanks to Mr Olaman who organised the day. We also had our Sports Day – an event for everyone – staff and students. Great fun was had and all points go towards the School Cup! Thanks to Mr Plane and the PE staff for organising. Finally, we celebrated the Feast of St John Fisher with our final liturgy of the year and shared picnic. Thanks to Mrs Goodfellow for leading on this. We also found out who won the School Cup – the House with the most points is... (please see Mr Bates' item later in the newsletter!)

Natasha Wilmore, Headteacher

Sports Day

Thursday 16 July was our annual Sports Day. All students were taking part in the sports with their form group. As always, the houses were highly competitive, and the winners are as follows:

- Joint 1st **Beverley & Cambridge**
- Joint 3rd **Westminster & Rochester**

Mr Plane, Head of Expressive Arts



St John Fisher Day

Today we celebrated St John Fisher Day with a Liturgy of the Word for all students and staff, with the focus on our Mission and values.

Jesus said; 'I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full' (John 10:10) and our school values of faith, love, unity, growth and celebration remind us how we can indeed 'live life to the full'. Thank you to Fr Walter, our readers, the drama students, our choir and musicians and to everyone involved. As we start our summer holidays, we are reminded in the first reading the words from the Book of Joshua, 'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go'. Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer break!

Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain



House Cup

We congratulate Rochester House for winning this year's House Cup for the 1st time ever!



As before, this competition includes:

- Attendance
- General Knowledge Quiz
- Inter-House Competitions
- Literacy Quiz
- Maths in Minutes
- Merits
- Octathlon Day
- Parents Evening Attendance
- Sports Day

Mr Bates, Assistant Headteacher

House Competition

Beverley		6941
Cambridge		7001
Rochester		7455
Westminster		6951

Art and Technology Update

A lot has been happening cross the Art and Design technology department in the last few weeks. On Tuesday 30 June the art department hosted Store Projects who did an interesting project with our Year 10 Art GCSE students, making battery cells out of peat and marshland vegetation and testing the current that was being emitted. Students had an interesting and insightful day, learning about different elements within Art and Design.

GCSE and A Level Art Exhibition

On Friday 3 July, the Art department celebrated the success of the GCSE and A level Art students by hosting an exhibition of their work. The students have worked extremely hard on developing their portfolios and this was clear in the quality of work that was displayed for the whole school to see. Students came to see the exhibition throughout the day and engage with the artwork with one group of Year 8 by writing an art review and analysing the work of one of the students.



The reviews were fantastic and show that the artwork had made a real impression on the students. Parents were able to attend in the afternoon and

those that did were very proud of their child's achievements.

Design Technology Workshop

On Friday 10 July Year 10 Design Technology students participated in a workshop with Store Projects. This workshop was teaching students how to Thatch. Thatching is the ancient craft of building a roof with dry vegetation like straw, water reed, or sedge. Layered precisely to shed water and trap air for insulation, it remains a highly specialized ecological and architectural skill, often requiring years of training. Students worked in groups of four, attaching the reeds to a large wooden frame and learning how to layer the reeds and create a tightly bound thatched panel. They were engaged throughout, learning new skills that could be used in a future career.



Street Art Workshop

As part of the Activity's Day, the Art department offered the students the chance to work with local Street Artist Tony Nero in creating a mural on a wall within the school grounds. The theme of the mural was St John Fisher. Students created 39 stencils, including their own names which they designed and then the school mission statement and the new mission statement logo that accompany the school values were also included. The students also participated in spraying the stencils and discussing the colours and composition of the piece as it developed.



Tony Nero, a local street artist, worked with the students in creating the piece as he added his work of the school's name and paintings of Mary and Mother Teresa. The students were exemplary throughout the day, supporting each other and showing leadership and compassion towards one another.

Mrs Longmore-Spillett, Head of Art

Shakespeare Festival



On Tuesday 7 July Mr Chappel accompanied 15 students to Ormiston Bushfield Academy to partake in a series of workshops run by the Royal Shakespeare Company that would assist in their performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream in the evening. The students learned a lot and made several friends with the other schools participating. On the evening, they absolutely smashed their performance. Everyone had a great time, and we look forward to participating in the festival again next year.

Exam Results Days

Exam results are being released to candidates this summer on the following dates:

- A Level Results Day: Thursday 13 August 2026

- GCSE Results Day: Thursday 20 August 2026

The school will be open from 8.30 to 9.30 on A Level Results Day for exam results to be collected.

On GCSE results day, the school will be open from 8.30 to 10.00 for Year 11 students to come and collect their results and speak to staff about their Post 16 destination. Students must speak to a member of SJF staff to confirm their Post 16 destination including if they wish to accept a place at SJF and if so, check that they have met the grade requirements, there is space on the course and in the Sixth Form.

On both days members of teaching staff will be on hand to give advice and help students who have any queries or issues relating to their results. They will also be able to advise students who are not happy with their results the next steps they can take.

If students are unable to attend Results Day this year, they can email exams@stjohnfisherschool.org.uk from their school email address and ask for their results to be emailed to them. Please note exam results will only be emailed back to the student's school email address and cannot be sent to a personal email address due to data protection.

If students cannot attend in person to collect their results but would like someone to collect them on their behalf, they should click on the following link:

<https://stjohnfisherschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Collection-of-Results-by-3rd-Party.pdf>

This permission letter should be printed and completed in full. On the relevant results day the person collecting the results on behalf of the student should speak to a member of staff and will need to present the fully completed form along with their photo ID. If you have any questions regarding the results days, please email exams@stjohnfisherschool.org.uk before Thursday 18 July 2026.

Mr Martyn, Examinations Officer



CATHOLIC CHURCH
Saint Peter and All Souls
PETERBOROUGH

We are starting a
CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

*A beautiful opportunity for our children
to take part in the liturgy.*



Our leader is **Tanya**
who ran a very successful
childrens' choir in
a sister church.



Parents, please contact
Tanya, Stan, members of
the adult choir or
Fathers Walter or Alex
to book a place for
your children.



Practices will start in
SEPTEMBER
on Sundays at **4.45pm**.



After a few weeks of
practices, children will sing
during the **6pm Mass**
every week.



Some basic music theory
will be taught as you
go along.

*Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

PSALM 96:1