



St John Fisher News

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

St John's Gospel Chapter 10

19 December 2025

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Joy, Peace and Jesus

In our Christmas Liturgies we lit the final candles of Advent: the pink Joy candle signifying the central point of Advent, the final purple Shepherd's candle and the central Christ candle, traditionally lit on Christmas representing His birth. It is white to symbolise Jesus' sinless nature, His purity and holiness. We are reminded of the Nativity through scripture, drama and carols. From celebrating the birth of Jesus together, we shared a Christmas meal. Coming together to honour this important festival in our Catholic faith strengthens our community. I wish you all a joyful Christmas period, hopefully celebrating with those who are important to you.

Natasha Wilmore, Headteacher

Hampers for Friary Court

On Monday some of our Chaplaincy Ambassadors delivered the Christmas Hampers to our local Elderly Care Home at Friary Court. The residents were delighted with their gifts and the kindness of our



students and staff and all the families that contributed. It takes many weeks and lots of hard

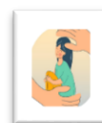
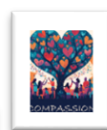
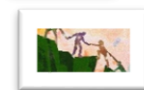
work to make and fill these gifts. Well done to each form for creating such amazing and imaginative hampers - they have been very well received by the residents. The choir joined us to sing Christmas Carols and brought great joy, as residents joined in and clapped. Thank you to everyone who got involved!



Catholic Social Teaching Option for the Poor

We conclude our Catholic Social Teaching focus with a reminder of our top tips from this half term. Living the Option for the Poor isn't just about charity; it's about love - choosing to see Christ in everyone, especially those who are struggling. When we care for the poor we mirror what Jesus did and live out our "Faith in Action"

Student Senior Leadership Team



Christmas Liturgy

Throughout Advent, we have been lighting a new candle each week on our Advent Wreath. Today, as we celebrated our School Christmas Day, we lit the white Jesus candle and placed Baby Jesus in the manger of our Nativity scene. Through scripture, drama and music, we shared the joyous story of the birth of Christ. Our Liturgy was followed by Christmas dinner provided by the school for all to enjoy. With grateful thanks for all those who got involved - our readers, candle lighters, drama group as well as band and choir who lead us in carols. Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a special day. Happy Christmas to you and your loved ones and blessings for 2026!

Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain



House Celebration Assemblies

To celebrate students' efforts and achievements all houses had their own Celebration Assembly with focus on Attendance, Merits and Subject Awards:

Beverley Celebrations

Well done to:

- B7-MR Best Over All
- B4-LA Literacy Winners
- B7-MR Merit Winners
- B4-LA Quiz Winners

Head of House Award goes to Aronas (B7) and Rami (B3); Student Support Officers Award goes to Daniela (B1).

Mrs Udeaja, Head of House

Rochester Celebrations

Well done to:

- R4-CS Best Over All
- R8-PL/R9-KI Literacy Winners
- R4-CS Merit Winners
- R2-LO Quiz Winners

Head of House Award goes to Riva (R9) and Student Support Officers Award goes to Belicia (R9).

Mrs Chiriack, Head of House

Cambridge Celebrations

Well done to:

- C3-CC Best Over All
- C4-HP Literacy Winners
- C8-SH Merit Winners
- C4-HP Quiz Winners

Head of House Award goes to Abbasali (C2) and Dominyka (C9); Student Support Officers Award goes to Carol (C8).

Mr Cayley, Head of House

Westminster Celebrations





Well done to:

- W6-KR Best Over All
- W4-WK Literacy Winners
- W5-SM Merit Winners
- W6-KR Quiz Winners

Head of House Award goes to Adwoa (W6) and Robert (W2); Student Support Officers Award goes to Ellie (W5).

Mrs Maudsley, Head of House

House Competition Scores

Beverley		2812
Cambridge		2884
Rochester		2999
Westminster		2925

Inter-House Christmas Music Quiz

Thank you for the amazing turnout for the Christmas Music Quiz in the courtyard – it was lovely to see all houses working together, with both staff and students involved!

1st place – Westminster
2nd place – Cambridge
3rd place – Rochester
4th place – Beverley

First Responder on Scene Training


On Wednesday Year 12 welcomed Joe Gacon from Cambridgeshire Fire Service to learn about what to do if they are the first person on scene at an incident. Students learnt about what they can do to help others, keep themselves safe and administer first aid too. It was great to see the students answering and asking questions and taking part in demonstrations. "I really enjoyed the session. It was informative and made me think of things I'd not thought about for example what to do if I was in a vehicle submerged in water or if I was the first on scene with my friends. Joe was funny and did it in a practical way, which meant we could try some of the first aid techniques hands on." Mohammed (B8)



Christmas Jumper/Mufti Day

Thank you to all students and staff who took part in the Christmas Jumper/Mufti day as well as those who purchased cakes and sweets and took part in the 'guess the number of candy canes and lollipops in a jar' competitions. We are grateful to all staff and students donating items for the sale at break and lunch. A fantastic £809.37 was raised for CAFOD. This is a fantastic amount and clearly shows the generosity of our students and staff to a great cause.

Mrs Reay and the Sixth Form Student Leadership Team



Dr. Matthew Muriuki Karangi

MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2025

REQUIEM MASS: 5:30PM

Sacred Heart & Saint Oswald's Parish 933 Lincoln Rd, Walton, PE4 6AE

TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2025

FUNERAL MASS: 11:00AM

BURIAL: 1:00PM

WAKE: 3:00PM

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Upcoming Events

5 JAN	Return to School (Week 2)
8 JAN	Leavers/Y12 Exam Certificates