



# 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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## Preparation for Easter

Having started the Lenten journey during the break, we return to school with the theme of 'Giving'. Pope Leo has called us to use Lent as a time of conversion by considering three words: Listening, Fasting and Together. Actively listening shows a willingness to enter into a relationship. Listening, as God does, particularly to those who are oppressed or suffering, will enable us to recognise and respond to their needs. Fasting, not from food necessarily, but from harmful language, disrespectful actions and rash judgments will open us to being kinder to others. Sharing our experience with others brings us together with those who are also partaking in the same or a similar journey.

### A closer look at our new image:



#### Growth

We continue to develop and inspire ourselves and others.

Our mission statement means that we are on a continual journey to 'fullness' which can never be fully achieved. We want everyone to have an innate drive for growth where we always strive to be better versions of ourselves. When we arrive, we ask others to bring their light into our community and encourage them to either find or elevate their God-given talents and gifts for themselves but also to encourage others. When people leave our community, we encourage them to take this light into the wider community and continue to let it shine brighter each day.

## Parent Governor

We have one vacancy for a parent governor. A letter outlining the role and a nomination form are accompanying the newsletter. If you are interested in supporting the school in this way, do read the information and contact the school.

*Natasha Wilmore, Headteacher*

## Lent

Each tutor group has been given a palm cross to display on their Catholic Life Noticeboards, courtesy of Fr Caulfield from Our Lady and St Charles Borromeo. As Ash Wednesday was during the half term it is a good way to mark the beginning of Lent at school, as a reminder of the origin of the ashes, which are burnt from last year's Palm Sunday crosses. It is a lovely way to begin our Lenten Journey.

*Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain*

## Book Club

Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings 8:10-8:35am

Everyone is welcome!

*Mrs Martins De Abreu, Teacher of English*

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## Catholic Social Teaching Dignity of Workers

This week we led the first of our half-termly assemblies on Catholic Social Teaching to each House, with the theme of The Dignity of Workers. We are reminded in Genesis "The Lord God took man and put him



in the Garden of Eden to work it and care for it" showing work as a divine calling for fulfilment.

**Top Tip 1 – Respect and value.** Treat all workers with Dignity. Remember all workers and volunteers have a right to be treated properly, and respectfully. For example; shop workers, cleaners, builders, bus drivers and medical staff. Everyone should be valued!

*Student Senior Leadership Team*

## House Competition

Beverly		4096
Cambridge		4158
Rochester		4554
Westminster		4277

## Duke of Edinburgh

Many thanks to British Land, Serpentine, who have donated £500 towards our Duke of Edinburgh Programme. As you know, we offer this programme to our Bronze participants at no cost relying solely on donations, so this contribution will be well used!



## Work Experience Update

Students seeking their own placements, need to ensure their own placement form is handed into the careers office by Monday 15 June. Year 10 has their next work experience assembly on Tuesday 16 June where they will be given an update on the next steps.

## Local Business Work Experience Appeal

If any parents own a local business and would like to be involved in our work experience programme, please contact the Careers Team to discuss this opportunity. We are looking for businesses in the PEI area to support students with their first encounters in the world of work and to develop their skills in the work place. We will require all businesses to have both Employers' and Public Liability Insurance.

**Year 10 Work Experience:** 2 June-12 June 2026

*Miss Reeve, Work Experience Coordinator*  
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## Extra-Curricular Activities Spring Term

### Monday Lunchtime

All Years – Racket Sports (Sports Hall)  
 All Years – Chaplaincy Ambassadors (Chapel)  
 Year 7 – Art Club (week 1 only)  
 Year 7 - Blooket Club French (Room 211)  
 Students with EAL Support – Piano Club  
 All Years - Warhammer Club (Art Room)  
 All Years – Film Club

### Monday After School

All Years - Boys Football (Astroturf)  
 All Years – Girls Trampoline (Sports Hall)  
 All Years – Chorum Choir (Room 102)  
 Ad-hoc – Production Rehearsal (501)  
 DofE – Food Club (Room 306)  
 All Years - Homework Club Study Centre

### Tuesday Lunchtime

All Years – Girls Multi-Sports (Sports Hall)  
 All Years - Guitar Club (Room 102)  
 Year 8 - Blooket Club French (Room 211)  
 Year 9 – Drama Club (501)  
 Years 7/9 – Textiles Club (week 1 only)

### Tuesday After School

All Years - Homework Club Study Centre

### Wednesday Lunchtime

All Years – Basketball (Sports Hall)  
 Year 9 - Blooket Club French (Room 211)  
 DofE – Backstage & Lighting Club (501)  
 DofE – Italian Club (Room 209)  
 String Players – String Ensemble (Room 102)

### Wednesday After School

All Years – Indoor Cricket (Sports Hall)  
 All Years - Homework Club Study Centre

### Thursday Lunchtime

All Years – Cricket Club (Sports Hall)  
 Year 8 - Drama Club  
 Blooket Club Spanish (Room 211)

### Thursday After School

All Years – Badminton Club (Sports Hall)  
 All Years - Musical Theatre Club (501)  
 Ad-hoc – Production Rehearsal (501)  
 All Years - Homework Club Study Centre  
 DofE – Musical Theatre/ Performing Arts  
 DofE – Yoga (209)

### Friday Lunchtime

All Years - Volleyball Club (Sports Hall)  
 All Years – Band Practice (Practice Room 3)  
 Year 7 – Drama Club (501)  
 Years 7/9 – Textiles Club (week 2 only)

### Friday After School

All Years - Homework Club Study Centre

## Upcoming Events

5 MAR	World Book Day
17 MAR	Parent/Carer Internet Safety Event 3:30pm
19 20 MAR	School Performance 6pm
24 MAR	Parents Evening Yr 11 & Yr 13 (School closes at 2pm)

## School Performance

AN ORIGINAL ROCK MUSICAL CREATED BY  
 MR CHAPPEL AND MS PEARSON

# SJF ROCKS!!

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON  
 SCHOOL COMMS

PERFORMANCES ON 19  
 AND 20 MARCH - 6PM

ADULTS - £3  
 STUDENTS - £1

**WORLD BOOK DAY - Thursday 5th March**

*Books aren't just for one day... they're for every day.  
 Make reading part of your daily journey...*

**Join Our School Book Club!**  
 We meet **three times a week** in the mornings for a peaceful start to the day. Everyone is welcome.

**Current Book: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** –  
 with **audiobooks narrated by Stephen Fry** for anyone who prefers listening.

**Prefer your own book?**  
 You are welcome to sit, relax, and read your favourite book in a **warm, quiet, and calm environment**.

Come for the book.  
 Stay for the story.  
 Grow through reading.

# BOOK

a reader lives

a thousand lives

# CLUB

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday Mornings:  
 08:10-08:35am, Room 101  
 Please see Mrs Martins De Abreu 😊

**Academic Tutoring  
 Year 7  
 23 Feb – 6 Mar 2026**