



St John Fisher News

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

St John's Gospel Chapter 10

5 September 2025

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Welcome Back

A warm welcome to everyone returning or joining SJF this academic year. I hope that you have all experienced a peaceful and enjoyable break. As the new Headteacher, I look forward to working with all within our community to secure the success of our students. We were really pleased with the exam results this year. Our students in both Year 11 and Year 13 have been able to move onto their next steps whether that be Sixth form, College, University, work or apprenticeships. We wish them the very best as they continue their journey beyond SJF. I'd also like to take the opportunity of thanking parents/carers for their support as their child prepared for and sat these examinations. Finally, I'd like to thank the hardworking staff of SJF who are relentless in their drive to ensure our students succeed.

In assembly this week we considered how we can make this year a time to showcase the best version of ourselves so that we, and all in our community, can flourish. This links to our motto when Jesus said: 'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full'. Our school theme this year is 'Mission' focussing on living out the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. We will focus on one principle each half term starting with Care for Creation. Through these principles we aim to support ourselves, each other and those in the wider community doing our part to ensure that the world is a fair place to live for all – social justice.

Natasha Wilmore, Headteacher



Appointments

Medical appointments for students need to be made outside of school hours and, if unavoidable, proof of the

appointment must be provided.

Mr Bates, Assistant Headteacher

Upcoming Events

8-9
SEP

Year 7 CATs

23
SEP

Year 7 Tutor Parents Evening
4pm-5.30pm

30
SEP

Open Evening
6pm-8pm

2025-26 Autumn Term

Half Term:	24 October – 2 November
Term Ends:	Friday 19 December

2025-26 Spring Term

Term starts:	Monday 5 January
Half Term:	13 February – 22 February
Term Ends:	Friday 27 March

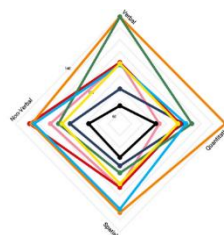
2025-26 Summer Term

Term starts:	Monday 13 April
Bank Holiday:	Monday 4 May
Half Term:	25 May – 29 May
Term Ends:	Friday 17 July

Cognitive Ability Tests

Next week, Year 7 students will be sitting Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs). These are a type of baseline assessment which many schools use to assist in providing work that is at the right level for students. The test results can provide a snapshot of a child's potential, what they could achieve and how they learn best. The results can help teachers to set the right learning pace for each child, monitor their progress and identify areas where they might need extra support. They should be thought of more as tests of natural ability than of what they have learnt so far. For this reason, there is no need to practice or revise for the tests. The dates and times of the tests are shown below:

- Monday, 8 September – Period 4
- Tuesday, 9 September – Period 1
- Tuesday, 9 September – Period 3



Please ensure your child knows they need to bring a sharpened HB pencil and an eraser along to the tests.

Mr Martyn, Examinations Officer.

Academic Tutoring Year 11

15 – 26 September 2025

Communication with parents



If you have not already done so, **download the app called EduLink One** on your Android or IOS device and register with details emailed to you when your account was created.

You can also sign up on any web browser with

<https://edulinkone.com/> (Guidance can be found on pages 9-10 of the Parent Information Booklet.)

- Provide all information in one place
- Reduce amount of paper produced
- Easy to use for parents
- No need for students to bring cash into school
- Parents evening bookings available on your mobile, no need to print appointment sheets
- Student reports available for you to view
- Easy for parents to provide details of absences and communicate changes to personal details with us

Catering - SchoolGateway



- Easy to use for parents
- Parents can pay for catering via the app
- No need for students to bring cash into school
- Details of your child's food choices available for you to see

Guidance can be found on pages 16-17 of the Parent Information booklet.

Free School Meals

Is your child eligible for free school meals? We are keen to make sure they get the support they need, both short term with meals / vouchers but longer term in terms of schools support via the pupils premium. If you think you may be eligible please complete the form online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

Free School Meals Claiming Free School Meals not only provides your child/children with a meal allowance each day of £2.70 but also brings in valuable additional funding to the school.

Are you entitled?

Your child is entitled to Free School Meals if you are in receipt of one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). To apply for Free School Meals complete the Free School Meal Application Form on the website below www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Extra-Curricular Activities 2025-2026

Monday Lunchtime

All Years – Racket Sports (Sports Hall)

Year 7 – Art Club (week 1 only)

Students with EAL Support – Piano Club

Monday After School

All Years - Boys Football (Astroturf)

All Years – Chorum Choir (Room 102)

Ad-hoc – Production Rehearsal (501)

Tuesday Lunchtime

All Years – Girls Multi-Sports (Sports Hall)

All Years - Guitar Club (Room 102)

Year 7 - Blooket Club French (Room 211)

Year 9 – Drama Club (501)

Years 7/9 – Textiles Club (week 1 only)

Tuesday After School

No Clubs

Wednesday Lunchtime

All Years – Basketball (Sports Hall)

Year 8 - Blooket Club French (Room 211)

DofE – Backstage & Lighting Club (501)

String Players – String Ensemble (Room 102)

Wednesday After School

All Years – Girls Netball (Courts)

Thursday Lunchtime

All Years – Cricket Club (Astroturf)

Year 8 - Drama Club

Year 9 - Blooket Club French (Room 211)

Thursday After School

All Years – Badminton Club (Astroturf)

All Years - Musical Theatre Club (501)

Ad-hoc – Production Rehearsal (501)

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)

Blooket Club Spanish (Room 211)

Friday After School

No Clubs