



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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Instrument of Peace

The focus this week has been 'Instrument of Peace' – thinking about how we can be advocates and spread peace in our community. We shared a prayer written by St Francis of Assisi which includes the words: 'Lord make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love'. We were also reminded of the work of Mahatma Gandhi and his peaceful protests for his country's independence and support for both Muslims and Hindus. We can all do our part in spreading peace by speaking out against injustice.

Open Evening

It was wonderful to welcome so many visitors to our school on Tuesday evening, Wednesday and Thursday morning. We are very proud of our school, and I am thankful to all the students joined us for the evening to promote our school. Special thanks to Dawyn, Urte, Deborah and Tiwaloluwa who each gave a speech to our visitors.

Advance Notice

Rochester Charity Day takes place on Monday 6 October. This will be a Mufti Day where students are allowed to wear their own clothes to school. A reminder that it costs £1 to wear your own clothes which goes to charity. Clothing must be appropriate to school expectations.

Parental Class takes place on Tuesday 21 October with a focus on online safety: Learn how to keep your child safe in the digital world. Sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/xt38SwFbtH>

Natasha Wilmore, Headteacher



Catholic Social Teaching - Care for Creation

Each term we consider one of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and this term we continue with Care for Creation. Here is our fourth top tip.

Top Tip week 4

Respect our planet and everything that lives and dwells upon it. This means we need to be mindful of how we treat our neighbours in other countries as what we do may impact those farther away. The

CAFOD website (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) has excellent information and recourses about how we can Live Simply. Student Senior Leadership Team

live simply

CAFOD
Just one world

Diocesan School Mass

Friday 26 September we attended the Diocesan Schools Mass at Norwich Cathedral. Our school was represented by our Chaplaincy Ambassadors, the Sixth Form

Leadership Team and the choir, who led the singing with the other school choirs. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Peter Collins and during his homily, he reminded us of the good charitable



works of Carlos Acutis (1991-2006), who was recently made a saint by Pope Leo XIV. He also explained how he was devoted to the Holy Eucharist and used the internet responsibly by researching holy sites around the world and encouraged us to do the same. Bishop Peter sent back a message to each of our schools, asking us to 'Look for God in all things'.

We were presented with Pilgrims of Hope prayer cards, one for each student and staff in our school community and a Pilgrims of Hope candle from IGNITE, the Diocesan Youth Team.

Amiel in Year 7 wrote 'The Mass was interactive and the Cathedral was really huge'. Belicia in Year 8 wrote 'The Bishop greeted us and we had a lovely choir singing beautifully. Overall, the whole trip was really nice and it was exciting to see so many people from different schools'. Oscar in Year 9 said 'It was a great day' and he added 'The coach was first class!' We can take Oscar out if it needs to be reduced.

Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain

Upcoming Events

6 OCT	Rochester Yellow Charity Day
14 OCT	Post-16 Options Evening 6pm-8pm
17 OCT	Focus Day
4-10 NOV	November GCSE English/Maths Resits
18 NOV	Parents Evening Y8/Y12

Rochester Yellow Charity Day

We are excited to announce the Rochester Yellow Day which will take place on Monday 6 October. This will be celebrated with a non-uniform day for £1 on the gate



and a bake sale during break time, where students can purchase a range of delicious treats. Most items will be priced between £0.50 - £2.00 and all funds raised will support the House charities, St Vincent De Paul Society and Marie Curie. Students will also have the chance to enter a raffle and win a

fantastic hamper filled with goodies. Tickets cost £0.50 and will be sold throughout the week. The winning ticket will be drawn on 13 October. We believe that even the smallest step can make a difference in the lives of those in need, and we would love for you to join us in making that difference!

Mrs Chiriac, Head of Rochester



Academic Tutoring Year 7

29 September - 10 October

Sixth Form Star Students

September Star Students are Stella Uba (Year 12) and Semar Hasan (Year 13). Stella has made a great start to Sixth Form and Year 12 after joining us from another school. She has shown that she is a responsible and committed Sixth Form student and has made positive contributions in Health and Social Care. After only being with us for a few weeks she even toured parents and students for the Year 6 Open Evening. Semar has also made a great start to Year 13. He is going above and beyond in his studies in Business and IT, can be relied upon to help out with tasks within the Sixth Form and has already sent off his UCAS application. Congratulations to



both students, keep your eyes peeled for October Star Students. Many thanks

Natalie Reay, Head of Sixth Form



'A year of reading ... a lifetime of memories.'

Extra-Curricular Activities 2025-2026

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 – Film Club

Monday After School

All Years - Boys Football (Astroturf)
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 – Girls Netball (Courts)
All Years - Homework Club Study Centre

Thursday Lunchtime

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

Thursday After School

All Years – Badminton Club (Astroturf)
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)
All Years - Warhammer Club (Art Room)
Year 7 – Drama Club (501)
Years 7/9 – Textiles Club (week 2 only)

Friday After School

All Years - Homework Club Study Centre

Safeguarding Reminder

A reminder to all parents that the school car park is only to be used by staff or parents that have been invited for booked appointments with staff members. Please do not drop off or collect students within the school grounds, for the safety of all students. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

