



St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

October 2024

Well, we are almost at the end of our first half term and we have another busy half of a term to come. We are all living in very trying and challenging times but please remember we are all part of the SJF family - through the good and the bad we are here for one another.

Key dates for October and November 2024

Tuesday 1 st October	Whole school Mass 10:30am
Thursday 3 rd October	Football Match v Parkway - Boys and Girls yrs5/6
Monday 21 st October	Drumming Workshops - Whole School
Friday 25 th October	Black History Celebration - all are welcome - 10am - see below
Monday 28 th October	Half Term
Monday 4 th November	Back to School
Monday 5 th November	Flu Immunisations - Whole School
Friday 8 th November	Harvest Celebration - Led by Year 3 and Year 4 - see below
Tuesday 12 th November	Phonics Workshop for Parents 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 13 th November	OPEN MORNING - Reception intake September 2024 - 9.30-11.30am
Thursday 14 th November	Diwali Workshops - Whole School
Thursday 14 th November	Parents Workshop - Help your Child with Reading 5-6pm
Wednesday 27 th November	OPEN MORNING - Reception intake September 2024 - 9.30-11.30am
Wednesday 27 th November	Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 - Cinema Trip
Thursday 28 th November	Years 5 and 6 - Cinema Trip

BLACK HISTORY WEEK

One of the greatest hi-lights for us at SJF is our Black History Celebration;

We plan to have a Black History Celebration week - starting Monday 21st October - where all of our learning will focus around Inspirational Black People who have had an impact in a range of Curriculum areas.

The children will work on class topics and share their learning with their peers.

On Friday 25th October we invite all of you to come and share with the children all they have learnt.

The children can come to school in their National Dress - this will be a wonderful way to end our celebration week - starts at 10am





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Harvest Celebration Tuesday 5th November 2024



'WEAR YOUR OWN CLOTHES DAY'

The children can come to school in their own clothes and pay £1.00
The school will go shopping to buy food for the St John Fisher food bank.

Then join us on

Friday 8th November at 2pm

as Year 3 and Year 4 lead us through our Harvest Celebration.

All food will be delivered to our SJF Foodbank at the Parish Sisters House

Wednesday 13th and 27th November

OPEN MORNING

Reception intake September 2025

9.30-11.00am

If your child was born between 01/09/2020 - 31/08/2021

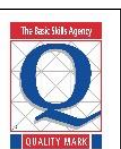
Come along and see the school in action - have a personal tour led by the Year 6 children

Welcome

We welcome Baby Cora to our SJF Family

Mrs McLaughlin-Akbar's gorgeous baby girl was born on Saturday 28th
September weighing a healthy 7lb 4oz.

Thinking of these words from Nelson Mandela 'Education is the most powerful
weapon which you can use to change the world' - together let us shape,
educate and change the world for our children.





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Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit

- Plain white T/Shirt
- Black/Navy Shorts
- Plain Black or Plain Navy Tracksuit
- Any trainers

Thank you to the parents who have made sure their child(ren) are wearing the correct PE kit - however there are a number of children wearing tops with large Logos across them - please make sure the top is plain.

LATENESS AND ABSENCE

Every month I meet with the EWO (Education Welfare Officer) and we look at attendance and lateness.

She will be writing to all parents whose children are late or absent.

In some cases she will take legal action. Please ensure your child is at school every day on time and is collected on time. Late Gate fines will be issued.

Please contact the school office if you have any concerns

From October half term, no summer dresses may be worn - children need to be in full school uniform. Please remember you must wear a tie when you wear a white school shirt.

Primary Reception Places - September 2025

01/09/2020 - 31/08/2021

The Bexley online site has now opened - www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions

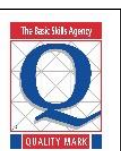
(for Bexley residents) and closes on 13th January 2025.

Please make sure you complete the Supplementary for St John Fisher if you are applying for a space in our 2025 Reception Class.

Please remind friends and neighbours to put this date in their diary.

The closing date for applications is 13th January 2025.

Let us all take time and reflect upon this Proverb - '*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.*' Proverbs 27:17 - Remember together we are great.





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Phonics Workshop for Parents

Tuesday 12th November 3.30-4.30pm

The workshop outlines what phonics is, how it helps your child with their early reading and writing and will provide a range of ideas, activities and resources, which you can use at home to support your child.

At SJF we use Twinkl Phonics Scheme

Phonics

Reading Workshop for Parents

Thursday 14th November

Help your Child with Reading 5-6pm

Come along and see...

What we do in school to challenge and engage children in their reading.
An opportunity for you to look at resources related to reading that we use.

Look at SATs and how we prepare children for them.

Allow time for questions and reflection.

Reading is more than knowing words - it's about understanding what the words mean.

FOREST SCHOOL YEAR 4 AND YEAR 6

What to Wear

"There is no such thing as bad weather, just unsuitable clothing!"

Layers! THE best way to keep warm. (We can always remove a layer but once cold, it can be hard to warm up)

- Long trousers
- Long Sleeved Top
- Waterproof Jacket/trousers - when wet
- Waterproof boots - Wellies are essential!

