



Dear parents/ carers

Happy holidays! I hope you and all of your family have a restful and fun break. I know there are lots of tired children in school after a long half term!

A reminder – we have an INSET day on the 1st day back after half term so school does not re-open for children until **Tuesday 4th November!**

Harvest:

Doorways were blown away by your generosity when we delivered our harvest donations earlier today. Thank you – they will help do so much good.



Our chaplains helped to pack and deliver these donations today!

Governance:

After last week's governor's meeting we have a new Chair of Governors – Helen Nutman. Helen has been involved with the school and parish for many years!

If you would like to find out more about volunteering to become a governor – please speak to me or e mail me on globb@djf.srscmat.co.uk There are only 6 meetings a year and – where possible – a few monitoring visits a year to help support and challenge the school to be the best it can be. It is not a large time commitment.

We have vacancies for both parent and foundation governors.

School Disco:

Last night's school disco was a huge success – thank you to all who came – and to our amazing PTFA for organising such a great time for the children (and staff). I loved

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seeing the older children helping our youngest children as many of them attended their first school disco!

Did you, a friend or a family member go to St John Fisher?

We would like to celebrate the life journeys of our ex-pupils by creating an alumni display in the school. If you/ someone you know have a story to share about your journey after St John Fisher that could inspire our current children – please do e mail me a short e mail on globb@djf.srscmat.co.uk with a bit of information and a photo and we will share your successes with the school.

Admissions

For those of you with younger children/ friends and family who do - Remember – applications open in a few days for Year R for September 2026. Tours are every Monday at 10-11am and 1-2pm -- no need to book – just turn up!

If these times don't suit – please do call and make an appointment!

Yours sincerely

Graham Lobb

Headteacher



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Tours for prospective parents

For Reception intake 2026 and Year 3

"St John Fisher is a warm and welcoming school. Pupils enjoy their learning and are happy," Ofsted.



November:

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| Tuesday 4 th | - Back to School [INSET Day on Monday 3 rd] |
| Wednesday 5 th | - Year 5 Retreat Day (anti-bullying) |
| w/c Monday 10 th | - Anti-bullying week |
| Tuesday 11 th | - Remembrance Day |
| Wednesday 12 th | - Year 5 Celebration of the Word Anti-bullying theme (9:15am – preceded by Y5 breakfast at 8:30am) |

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Monday 17 th	- Parent's Evening
Tuesday 18 th	- Parent's Evening
Wednesday 19 th	- Year 3 Retreat Day
Friday 21 st	- World Youth Funday (details TBC)
w/c Monday 24 th	- UK Parliament Week
Wednesday 26 th	- Year 3 Celebration of the Word (9:15am – preceded by Y3 breakfast at 8:30am)
Friday 28 th	- Advent Celebration of the Word (2:30pm)