



Dear parents/ carers

Year 6:



This week has been Year 6 SATs. We are really proud of our Year 6 children who have shown real resilience through the week.

During SATs week, we had a Year 6 breakfast daily – with bacon and sausage and hash browns on

Thursday to get them off to a relaxing start. Plus, the PTFA rewarded them with pizza and ice cream this afternoon as a reward for a week well done.

Year 6 can now look forward to Alton Towers, Lea Green residential, leavers play and secondary transition – it's an exciting last few weeks at St John Fisher for them!



May Procession:

Next Friday is the annual May Procession in honour of Mary at 2:30pm. All parents are welcome – and encouraged – to come. It will be a lovely celebration of Our Lady. All classes will have a part to play and as a school we will process around the field together. Parents and children are welcome to bring flowers as a gift to Mary.

School dinners:

It does really help if parents pay for school dinners in advance. The total cost for next half term is: £129.20.

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Freddie:

We will – hopefully – soon be joined by a school dog.

Freddie is a 5 month old shih tzu-poodle cross.

He is currently going through some basic training but so far – so good..... he has a gentle and calm temperament (most of the time)

Why a School Dog?

"Why a dog in school?" Beyond the wagging tails and friendly greetings, school dogs provide incredible

educational and emotional benefits:

Emotional Support: Dogs are non-judgmental listeners. They provide comfort to children who may be feeling anxious, upset, or overwhelmed.

Boosting Literacy: Research shows that children who find reading stressful often feel more relaxed reading aloud to a dog. It builds confidence without the fear of being corrected.

Teaching Responsibility: Having a dog in school helps children learn about animal welfare, empathy, and how to treat living creatures with respect.

Social Skills: For some students, interacting with a dog is a great "ice-breaker" that helps them develop social confidence and communication skills.

"A dog doesn't care how well you can spell or how fast you can run; they just care that you are there."

Freddie is my family dog – and all expenses related to him will be covered by me and he will not cost the school anything.

He will – hopefully – start to make short visits to school after half term – building up to spending 2-3 days per week at school.

Before he comes in all children (and staff) will be supported in the do's and don't's of Freddie around school – and these will be shared with parents.

We do understand that some children (and adults!) may be nervous or have allergies. Please rest assured that:

- Interaction is Optional: No child will ever be forced to interact with the Freddie.
- Freddie will always be on a lead or under the supervision of a trained adult.
- We will have a comprehensive risk assessment in place covering everything from hygiene to "quiet time" for the dog.

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Clothes bank

The PTFA have arranged a clothes bank to be on site. This will support both their fundraising – and World Cancer Care Charity. It is next to the cycle shed in the school car park.

Summer Fayre

This is coming fast!!

If you are able to help – and we do need more help – please speak to a member of the PTFA or email them on stjohnfisherderbyptfa@gmail.com. They do so much good work for the school and raise a lot of money that help us help your children. Please come to the fayre – and help if you can!

PTFA logo

The PTFA sent home a competition to design a new logo for them. Please make sure these are back to school by next Friday. Thank you.

Best wishes

Graham Lobb

Headteacher

May:

- Tuesday 19th - Year 6 Alton Towers trip
- Wednesday 20th - Year 6 Retreat Day
- Year 6 Lea Green meeting 3:30pm
- Friday 22nd - May Procession 2:30pm
- Break up for Half term

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June:

- w/c Monday 1st - Back to School
- Year 4 Multiplication Check fortnight starts
- Wednesday 3rd - Year 5 Retreat Day
- Friday 5th - Non-uniform day – donations of bottles
- w/c Monday 8th - Year 1 Phonics screening week
- Wednesday 10th - Year 5 Celebration of the Word (9:15am – preceded by Y5 breakfast at 8:30am)
- Thursday 11th - New Parent's Meeting 3:30pm
- Friday 12th - PTFA Summer Fayre 3:30pm ->
- Monday 15th-17th - Year 6 Residential
- w/c Monday 15th - Healthy Fortnight Week 1
- Wednesday 17th - Year R Retreat Day
- **Year 1 Airport trip (new date due to airport admin error)**
- Thursday 18th - **Year 2 Airport trip (new date due to airport admin error)**
- Monday 22nd - Mass (St John Fisher) 10am at school followed by whole school Mission and Values day
- w/c Monday 22nd - Healthy Fortnight Week 2
- Tuesday 23rd - **Fire service to visit Years 2 and 6**
- Wednesday 24th - Year R Celebration of the Word (9:15am – preceded by YR breakfast at 8:30am)
- Thursday 25th - Sports Day 1:30pm
- Monday 29th - Sports day (reserve day)

July:

- Tuesday 7th - Transition in School Day 1
- Wednesday 8th - Transition in School Day 2

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- Thursday 9th - Transition in School Day 3
- Tuesday 14th - Year 6 Leavers Play 5:30pm
- Wednesday 15th - Year 6 Leavers Play 2pm – followed by Year 6 Leavers BBQ
- Thursday 16th - PTFA Summer Disco 3:30pm ->
- Friday 17th - Reports to parents
- Monday 20th - Leavers Mass 10am at EM Church [TBC]
- Wednesday 22nd - Break up for end of school year.....