



Dear parents/ carers

We have reached the end of another school year – I can't quite believe it – it feels it has gone so quickly (at times).

It was lovely to see so many of you either at Mass, at the picnic or at the Year 6 rounders yesterday. It was a busy but fulfilling day – we'll have to do things like that more often!

I would like to offer a huge thank you to all staff for their un-ending hard work through the year to support your children – we are so lucky to have the team here that we have. I'd like to thank our governors for the, often, unnoticed but important work they do. I'd like to thank our PTFA for the work they do to build community (and funds).

And finally, I'd like to thank all our families for making our school the wonderful community it is. I feel very blessed to serve a community like ours – and I'm glad you are all part of it.

The end of a school year is always a bittersweet time. We all look forward to a break and a rest – but inevitably there are goodbyes at this time of year too.

Leadership in the new school year:

I am delighted to be able to confirm to parents the new members of the school's leadership in the new school year. Mrs Blurton will be stepping into the role of Deputy Headteacher from September. Initially Mrs Blurton will be out of class for all 3 of her days in school.

From January, Mrs Downing (upon her return from maternity leave) will become the school's SENDCo. She has spent some time shadowing Mrs Campbell – and Mrs Campbell has also agreed to visit in the new school year for a full handover. In the interim please direct any SEND enquiries through me and the SENDCo@djf.srscmat.co.uk email address.

From January, Mrs Blurton and Mrs Downing will job-share in Year 3.

Other staffing news:

I am really pleased to be able to say that Mr Lowson will be continuing to be St John Fisher's chaplain – due to the re-structuring at the trust's central team, the number of chaplains across the trust is reduced so Mr Lowson will be with us less in September - 1 day every 3 weeks. We will make sure that these days continue to include the really high-quality retreat days the children have enjoyed so much this year.

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Also, you may have noticed a new staff member around at the beginning of the day. Our new Premises Officer – Mr Smith-Williams has started. He will be working daily from 7-11am. I can already see the impact of his work after being without a premises Officer for so long!

I know you'll make him feel very welcome!

Mrs Campbell:

It's hard when you lose your deputy Headteacher – especially one like Mrs Campbell.

Mrs Campbell has made a huge impact at St John Fisher in her time here. She has led on work that has improved teaching, curriculum and school life. She has especially made a huge impact on the school's provision for Special Educational Needs. She will be a huge loss to the school and big shoes to fill.

I know you will join me in wishing her the best of luck (not that she'll need it) as she starts her headship in September.

Swimming in 2026/27:



Taking a class swimming to Moorways for up to a school year takes up a lot of learning time (and is very expensive).

We will be changing our swimming arrangements next year. We will instead have a swimming pool on site for 2 weeks in October. While the timetable is not yet sorted, all of Key Stage 2 will swim at some point (and potentially Key Stage 1 may be able to have some swimming familiarisation sessions).

The company providing the pool also provide a swimming teacher and lifeguard.

Full details will follow in September.

Selected Key Dates for 2026/27

Monday 7th September - Back to school

Monday 14th September - Mass at school (10am)

Monday 12th October - Swimming in school starts for 2 weeks

Friday 23rd October - Break up for half term

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| Tuesday 3 rd November | - Back to school |
| Monday 9 th November | - Parent's evening |
| Tuesday 10 th November | - Parent's evening |
| Friday 27 th November | - Advent Celebration |
| Friday 18 th December | - Break up for Christmas |
| Monday 4 th January 2027 | - Back to school |
| Friday 12 th February | - Break up for half term holiday |
| Tuesday 23 rd February | - Back to school |
| Thursday 25 th March | - Break up for Easter |
| Monday 12 th April | - Back to school |
| Monday 3 rd May | - Bank Holiday |
| w/c 10 th May | - Year 6 SATS week – no holidays for Year 6 children! |
| Thursday 27 th May | - Break up for half term holiday |
| Monday 7 th June | - Back to school |
| Friday 23 rd July | - Break up for summer holidays |

INSET Days: Friday 4th September, Monday 2nd November, Monday 22nd February, Friday 28th May and Monday July 26th.

A full set of dates for the year will follow in September once they are all finalised.

Best wishes for a calm and relaxing summer.

Best wishes

Graham Lobb

Headteacher





Jayden

Dela

Jaidyn-Faith

Madison

Karis

Karne1

Joseph

Kobi

Archie

Year 6 2026

Saoirse

Olivia H

Teddy

Louis

Liam

Nancy

Goodbye Year 6. We will all miss you as you travel on to either St Benedicts, Noel Baker, Alvaston Moor, West Park, Landau Forte, Bemrose or Sutton Coldfield Grammar School

Henath

Tristan

Karin

Maddie

We are all incredibly proud of what you have achieved but also the people that you have become. Over the years, we expect to hear fantastic things about you.

Ellis

Aleks

Kian

Amaris

We all know that you will be excellent ambassadors for and from St John Fisher.

Reggie

Georgie

Please come in and see us.

Emily

Bastian

'Look ahead in hope knowing that God will be with you in future as he has been in the past.'

Olivia M

Kirill

Olivia P

Saanvi

Georgia-Lee

Albert

Victoria

Elijah