



St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

Our first halfterm is over and here we are at the beginning of the second half of the Spring Term - time is going very quickly, it will soon be Easter! Thank you for your continued support.

Key dates for March/April 2024

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| Friday 1 st March | Year 3 trip to Tump 53 |
| Tuesday 5 th March | Reading Fun with Parents |
| Thursday 7 th March | World Book Day |
| Friday 8 th March | Big Lent Walk – whole school |
| Tuesday 19 th March | Year 3 and Year 4 – Science Museum Trip |
| Thursday 21 st March | Year 5 and Year 6 – Science Museum Trip |
| Tuesday 26 th March | Whole School Mass @10.30 – all welcome |
| Tuesday 26 th March | Easter Reflection led by Year 5 – 2pm |
| Thursday 28 th March | Break up for Easter |



LENT

As we are now in the season of Lent - let us remind ourselves what Lent is. Lent is the six-week period before Easter observed by many Christians.

It commemorates the 40 days during which Jesus fasted and resisted temptation from Satan.

During Lent, Christian people tend to fast or abstain from something; they also focus their prayer for the good of others and think about those less fortunate than themselves.

Together for lent let us all try to reflect upon this thought from Pope Francis - 'During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference.'

Pope Francis also reminds us that 'God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.' - When we find times are hard let us all turn to God for his Grace and Mercy.

Lent at SJF

The staff and children will be doing something extra each day for others as we follow the Lent Period.

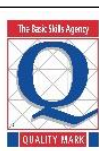
BIG LENT WALK

WALK WITH US - WE AIM TO WALK 200KM TO HELP FIGHT GLOBAL POVERTY

Come to school wearing Bright Colours

£2.00

Let us walk with our friends to raise money to help others as they overcome poverty.





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School Uniform

ALL children are expected to be in correct school uniform.

GIRLS

GREY SKIRT
WHITE SHIRT
SCHOOL TIE
SCHOOL SWEATSHIRT
SCHOOL CARDIGAN
WHITE POLO SHIRT
BLACK/GREY/NAVY/WHITE
TIGHTS

BOYS

GREY TROUSERS
WHITE SHIRT
SCHOOL TIE
SCHOOL SWEATSHIRT
WHITE POLO SHIRT
BLACK OR GREY SOCKS

BLACK SHOES/BOOTS

NO TRAINERS TO BE WORN TO SCHOOL

NO LEGGINGS UNDER SKIRTS

Please make sure that your child/ren DO NOT have different colour braids or patterns cut into their hair.

Girls - hair same colour as their natural hair and ALL long hair tied back.

Boys -hair ONE length all over - No patterns/lines cut into their hair.

PARKING WARNING

The traffic at drop off and collection times is causing residents some issues.

During the School run please try to park by the flats at the end of Kale Road.

We are trying to encourage the children to walk to school so this is an ideal opportunity to compromise and walk part way.
Let us work together for the safety of all.

SCHOOL DATES 2023 - 2024 - 2025

Copies of the schools dates for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 are on the school website for information.

Adverse Weather Conditions

In the case of adverse weather conditions where the school may be closed please check the school website www.sjf.bexley.sch.uk.

If for some reason the school website is unavailable then you can go straight to the Schools Opencheck site which is on <https://opencheck.atomwide.com/Default.aspx>.

Parents without internet access can phone 020 8408 7508 and enter the school's DfE number which is 3033505 to get the same information, or as a last resort you can phone the Bexley Contact Centre on 020 8303 7777

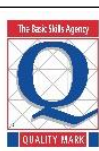
World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

This year we are giving the children the opportunity to come to school in their PYJAMAS or they can DRESS UP and bring with them their favourite book. Throughout the day we will be sharing stories and our love of reading with our reading buddies.



Any concerns please contact the school office.





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| St John Fisher RC Primary School School Holiday Dates 2024-2025 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Notes | |
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| July 2024 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | School Holiday |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Staff Development Day |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bank Holiday |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | School Days |
| August 2024 | | | | | | | September 2024 | | | | | | | October 2024 | | | | | | | November 2024 | | | | | | | | |
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| December 2024 | | | | | | | January 2025 | | | | | | | February 2025 | | | | | | | March 2025 | | | | | | | | |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | Staff Development Days as follows:- NO SCHOOL |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | Tuesday 3rd May 2024 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | | Wednesday 4th May 2024 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | | Monday 6th January 2025 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | Monday 21st July 2025 |
| April 2025 | | | | | | | May 2025 | | | | | | | June 2025 | | | | | | | July 2025 | | | | | | | | |
| Su | M | Tu | W | Th | F | Sa | Su | M | Tu | W | Th | F | Sa | Su | M | Tu | W | Th | F | Sa | Su | M | Tu | W | Th | F | Sa | | |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Public Holidays |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | MONDAY 5 MAY |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | | |
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SCHOOL DATES 2024 - 2025

Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.

(Daniel 9:3)

All these outward things we do for Lent, the fasting, the time of silence and stillness, even wearing some different clothes, they are simply ways to help us do the inward things.

That is to seek God in Lenten prayers, asking for God's mercy.

