



Governors' Newsletter – Spring Term 2025

Welcome

Dear pupils, staff, parents, carers and members of our community, Happy New year! The governing body of SJF welcome you to another positive term. We hope you all had a restful holiday during the festive period.

The Christmas holiday seems like a distant memory now, but we hope you all had a restful one and looking forward to what this New Year will bring.

Governing Board Focus

As governors, our main priorities remain to,

1. Ensure that learning and behaviour standards are outstanding and attainable by the children.
2. Ensure that the pastoral care of the pupils is outstanding.
3. Support the school in achieving its set aims and objectives.
4. Ensure best practices across board in the school.
5. Support periodic review of existing policies and set targets.
6. Ensure that new policies are in place and in line with regulatory requirement.
7. Be a critical friend to the head teacher and management staff.
8. Through active communication with governors and staff, share improvement ideas and solve problems.
9. Encourage on-going training for teachers, parents/carers and governors.
10. Promote equality, inclusion and safeguarding of pupils and staff.

Additionally, we will work seamlessly with SJF's leadership team to ensure that everyone complies with the school's health and safety policies.

Training

Governors have continued to access on-line trainings to keep abreast of relevant regulatory and statutory policies.

What we ask of you is to regularly visit the school's website, to update yourselves with information on statutory policies and school activities. You can also follow the school's activities on twitter [@stjohnfishercps](https://twitter.com/stjohnfishercps).

Meetings held by the governing board.

In the last term, we held a general governing board meeting. Our Curriculum and Resources committees also held their meetings. These meetings will continue to be held as scheduled.

Link Governors

Link governors will continue to work proactively with the school's key staff in the following areas:

- Safeguarding
- Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Pupil premium
- Health and Safety
- Training

School Activities

During the month of October we celebrated Black History Month and all of the learning was focused on Inspirational Black Authors, Mathematicians, Scientists, Historians, Artists and Saints. This was showcased in a celebratory performance. Everyone performed outstandingly well and all the food that was made by the parents was shared.

Every November, we celebrate Harvest through various activities. We were also able to watch the Harvest Festival celebrations led by Years 3 and 4. We continued to support the St John Fisher Food Bank by donating food and paying £1 on 'Wear your own clothes day'. Through all the donations we raised over £400. At the celebration the food was displayed and blessed by Sister Kathlene. All of the food was delivered to the Sister's house by Year 5 and 6.

During Remembrance Day the children remembered all of the soldiers who kept us safe by fighting in the war. Everyone came into school wearing red, white or blue and all money raised was donated to the Royal British Legion – we raised £240.00 WELL DONE AND THANKS TO YOU ALL.

This term we were honoured to have a Whole School Mass with Arch Bishop John Wilson who helped us to remember the season of Advent and how we can prepare for the birth of Christ.

We came together to watch the splendour of the Nativity called 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' retold by Year 2, Year 1 and Reception and what a show it was! The children put on a fantastic performance and we are very proud of them all.

The last week of term was fun filled with many activities such as Christmas Jumper Day, Times Tables and Spelling Kings and Queens. Christmas party and end of term Mass Advent Celebration

The school sleepover also took place during this term, Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 attended and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

This term we also gave a warm welcome to our new Governor Alecia Ani.

Punctuality/Attendance

Our school's aim is to achieve 100% attendance and punctuality. As governors, we remain resolute in working with the school to achieve this. We encourage parents and carers to work in partnership with us to ensure that their child(ren) come to school daily and are *punctual*.

Parking

Governors continue to closely monitor the parking situation outside our school gates. We advise parents/carers to comply with the parking regulations. Please park in a safe place that does not obstruct other cars, zig zags, garages and other motorists. This is for the safety of our children as well as members of our community. We also encourage our pupils to walk to school where possible.

Remember, we are role models for our children.

Best regards,

Esther Phillips
Chair of Governors