

# St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

December 2025

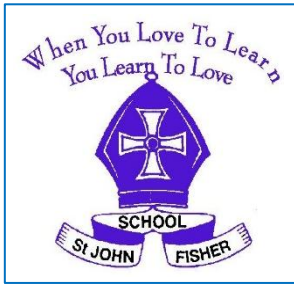
We come to the end of a long and hard term. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and I know we will achieve even greater things in the New Year. Have a happy and Holy Christmas!

## Key Dates- January 2026 - February 2026

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY - school closed
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY - school closed
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Children back to school
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Morning - Prospective Parents
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School Mass - parents welcome
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Imperial War Museum Trip
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 4 Act of Worship - 8:50 am - parents welcome
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Open Evening
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 Act of Worship - 8:50 am - parents welcome
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	School Journey Week - Year 6
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 Act of Worship - 8:50 am - parents welcome
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 return from School Journey
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half-Term

## Advent

During this season of Advent, we invite our school community to slow down and prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Advent is a time of hope, waiting, and joyful expectation, reminding us that God is always with us, even in moments of uncertainty. Through prayer, reflection, and acts of kindness, our children are learning the true meaning of Advent—looking beyond the busyness of the season to focus on love, generosity, and faith. We encourage families to share in this special time together, perhaps by praying as a family, lighting an Advent candle, or finding simple ways to bring hope and joy to others. As we approach the end of the year, we wish all our families a wonderful and joyful Christmas, and we pray that 2026 will be a blessed year filled with peace, good health, and God's grace for you and your loved ones.



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## 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](http://www.sjf.bexley.sch.uk)

If for some reason the school website is unavailable then you can go straight to the Schools Opencheck site <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.

## Parking

Thank you to those parents who continue to park respectfully by pulling into spaces and/or using the car park. Unfortunately, we do have some parents who block other cars at drop off and pick up. We have some parents who stop in the road and let their children out. This is unsafe. It is every adult's job to be a role model for our precious children. Please show them a good example by parking in a safe and responsible way.

**Proverbs 22:6:** "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it".

## Primary Reception Places - September 2026

01/09/2021 - 31/08/2022

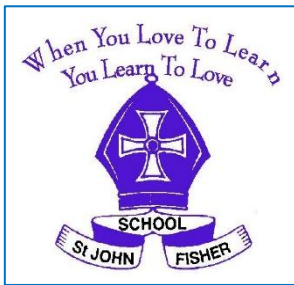
The Bexley online site has now opened - [www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions)  
(for Bexley residents) and closes on 15th January 2026.

Please make sure you complete the Supplementary for St John Fisher if you are applying for a space in our 2026 Reception Class.

Please remind friends and neighbours to put this date in their diary.

The closing date for applications is 13th January 2025.

Please follow us on Instagram. We update Instagram regularly with pictures and videos of all the wonderful things that the children have been up to. You can follow us by clicking the link below:  
<https://www.instagram.com/stjohnfishercps?igsh=MWl0MzA5YWExcWh4dA>



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## Spelling - KINGS and QUEENS

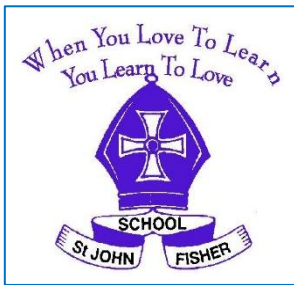
Reception	Haben and Eliana
Year 1	Xavier and Jadyne
Year 2	Rhya and Joshua
Year 3	Danial and Aniyah
Year 4	Chinenye and Gideon
Year 5	Islam and Destiny
Year 6	Chinonso and Eliana

## Tables - KINGS and QUEENS

Reception	Haben and Eliana
Year 1	Xavier and Jadyne
Year 2	Rhya and Daniel
Year 3	Nathan and Elyse
Year 4	Darrell and Analeigh
Year 5	Islam and Ann
Year 6	Danielle and Emmanuel

### School Gateway - Reminder to Parents

We have introduced a school app called School Gateway. You received a letter last week explaining how to access the app. So far, 21 parents have signed up. We will be using this app to communicate with parents. This will help us to ensure that parents have the most up to date information from school. You will also soon be able to pay for school trips, clubs etc on the app which I know will make life easier for parents. Please speak to the school office if you are having trouble accessing the app.



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## Well done St John Fisher!

We are very proud to share that our end of KS2 SATs results have placed us **second in the borough**, which is a fantastic achievement for our school. This success reflects the hard work and determination of our pupils, the dedication of our staff, and the strong support from our parents and carers. We are especially pleased to have achieved this after what has been a challenging year for our community, making the results even more special. While we are celebrating this great news, we say with a smile that we won't be fully satisfied until we reach **number one**—and we will continue to aim high together. Clicking the link below or searching Bexley League tables will take you to the full list.

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools&geographic=la&for=primary&region=303&datasetfilter=final&basedon=%25%20meeting%20expected%20standard%20in%20reading%2C%20writing%20%26%20maths&show=All%20pupils>

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  
PLAIN GREY OR BLACK SOCKS

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.**

**UNIFORM CHECKS WILL HAPPEN IN JANUARY 2026**