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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Halloween, celebrated on October 31st, combines ancient pagan customs with Christian traditions. Today's Halloween festivities, such as wearing costumes, trick-or-treating, and carving pumpkins have their roots in old practices like lighting bonfires and donning disguises to scare away evil spirits.

Spooky Lunchtime at SJS!

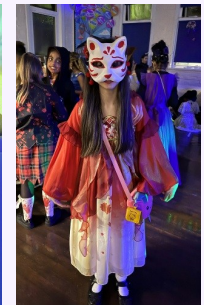
Our lunchtime manager transformed the hall with fun Halloween decorations and themed snacks for the children to enjoy! The spooky setup brought smiles all around and helped everyone get into the spirit.



SJS AUTUMN DISCO

The Autumn Disco held on Wednesday was a fantastic event, and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves! There were some amazing fancy dress entries, and it was wonderful to see everyone getting into the spirit. The children loved the pizza, treats, and, of course, the dancing! A huge thank you to all the staff and parents who helped to organise the event and support on the night.

We raised over £600, which will go towards organising future events for the children!



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Our School, Our World – Consumption and Waste - Whole School Competition

Research your favourite football team’s kit – how eco-friendly is it? What materials do they use? Where are they produced? How often do their football kits change? What could they do to make it more eco-friendly?

Design a new football kit using recycled material, e.g. recycled plastic, and write a letter to persuade your football team to make their football kits in an eco-friendly style! Be imaginative and have fun!



Bring your work to school by Friday 12th December 2025.

FLU IMMUNISATION

We held our flu immunisation session in school on Wednesday. Thank you to all the parents who provided consent for their child to be immunised. If you did not complete the consent form but would still like your child to receive the vaccine, please contact the Immunisation Service on **0300 3000 007** to arrange a catch-up session at a local community clinic. Please note that no further immunisation sessions will be held in school.

JUST ONE TREE NON-UNIFORM DAY

Our school took part in Just One Tree Non-Uniform Day last week. Thank you to all those who donated £1 to plant a tree, helping unite families across the globe in taking positive action for our climate.

We collected £173 in total, thank you all!

REDUCE SPREAD OF ILLNESSES

As the colder months approach, we can expect to see increases in common airborne viruses. Illness is the biggest single reason for school absence; while some absences due to illness are unavoidable, many can be reduced through simple, proactive measures that minimise the spread of infections. Scientific evidence demonstrates that vaccination, disinfection (cleaning), handwashing, and ventilation can significantly reduce the transmission of infectious diseases. All these measures are practised and promoted in school to reduce the spread of seasonal illnesses, helping keep pupils and staff healthy, supporting healthy learning environments and regular school attendance. Some basic hygiene practices go a long way in preventing infections. Remind your child to:

- Wash their hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water.
- Use tissues for coughs and sneezes then throw them in the bin. Avoid touching their face, particularly their eyes, nose and mouth.

Please see the NHS [guidance](#) to help you decide whether your child is well enough to attend school, including information on a range of common childhood illnesses and conditions, such as coughs, colds, chickenpox, measles and headlice. Most mild illnesses such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough do **not** require time off school, unless a child has a temperature.

Christmas Card Competition 2025

Pupils are invited to draw Liz Kendall MP a picture which can be used on her official Christmas card for 2025.

The drawing might be a traditional Christmas scene or relate to her role as a Member of Parliament - whatever takes your imagination.

The winning entry, across all schools, will be chosen by Liz, and a prize will be given to the overall winner, with a prize for runners up too.



All entries need to be returned to Mr Page (Year 5) or the Office by no later than Friday 14th November.

JESUS
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Light Party

SATURDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2025
3PM- 5PM

All children welcome for an afternoon of fun, creativity, and celebration of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World

Martyrs CHURCH

🍴 A "LIGHT" MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED.

👤 A RESPONSIBLE ADULT MUST ACCOMPANY CHILDREN

VENUE: 19 WESTCOTES DRIVE LE3 0QT

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WEEKLY AWARDS AND ATTENDANCE

CLASS ATTENDANCE

3J: 99.0%
 3T: 95.0%
 4K: 95.5%
 4W: 98.7%
 5G: 95.7%
 5P: 92.3%
 6P: 97.1%
 6S: 93.5%

Overall Attendance from
 28.08.25 - 31.10.25:
 96.4%

WOW AWARDS

3T: Sam
 3J: Tiche
 4K: Etienne
 4W: Zara
 5G: Lena
 5P: Jannat
 6P: Richard
 6S: Kareema

TOP ATTENDANCE: 3J 99.0%
 PUNCTUALITY: 4W
 LUNCHTIME: 6S

HOUSE POINTS

1st: Tyndale 198
 1st: Ridley 184
 2nd: Latimer 175
 3rd: Cranmer 164

WEEKLY HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Every week, two pupils from a year group are chosen for an outstanding piece of work. This is our celebration of their efforts. WELL DONE!



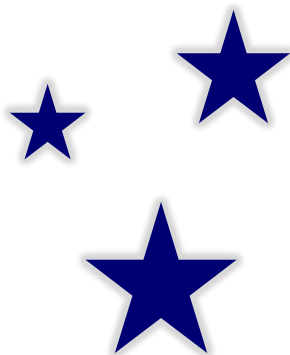
3T - Fatima
 For trying in all areas of school live and being passionate about her learning.



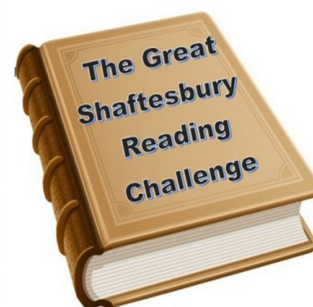
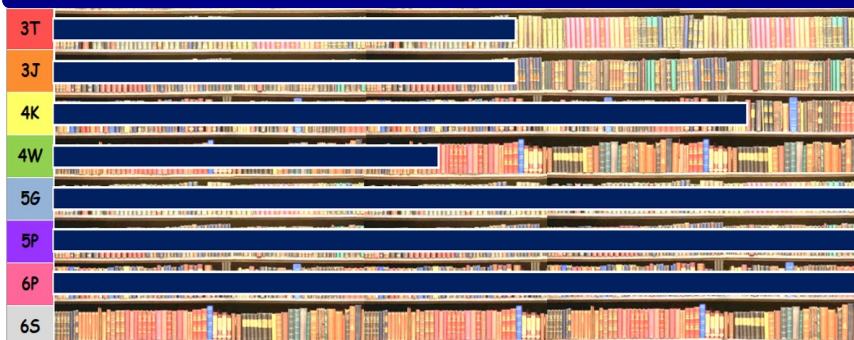
3J - Cristian
 For your endless enthusiasm, kind soul and for really working on your self-awareness.

WE ❤️ LUNCHTIMES

- Ahmed 6P: Honesty and self-respect
- Eunice 5P: Reflection
- Jonathan 3J: Co-operation
- Tiche 3J: Sharing
- Erin 5G: Communication
- Rebecca 3J: Kindness
- Sola 5G: Perseverance
- Andrei 6S: Kindness
- Elvin 4W: Independence
- Jalal 6P: Sharing



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