St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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Monday, 2nd November, 2026

RE: Welcome Back - Autumn II

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half-term break and had the opportunity to spend some quality time together as a family. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school today, refreshed and ready for another busy and exciting half-term at St John Fisher.

We have lots to look forward to over the coming weeks as we continue to learn, grow and celebrate together as one school family.

Keeping warm as the weather gets colder

As the weather becomes colder, please ensure that your child comes to school each day with a warm, suitable coat. We aim to get the children outside for fresh air and play wherever possible, and it is important that they are dressed appropriately for the changing weather. Please also ensure that coats, hats, scarves and gloves are clearly named to help us return any lost items.

Remembrance - Friday 11th November

As we approach Remembrance Day, we will take time as a school community to remember all those who have lost their lives in conflict and to reflect on the importance of peace. Poppies are now on sale in the school office for families wishing to make a donation.

We will be holding a whole-school Remembrance Assembly on Wednesday 11th November at 10.45am. Parents and carers are warmly welcome to join us as we come together to remember and pray for peace.

Celebration of the Word

Our class Celebration of the Word will continue this half-term. These are special opportunities for the children to share their faith, reflect on God's Word and lead us in

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prayer. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend and share these moments with their children.

The dates for this half-term are:

- Wednesday 4th November - Year 6
- Wednesday 18th November - Year 5
- Wednesday 25th November - Year 3
- Wednesday 2nd December - Year 4
- Wednesday 9th December - Years 1 and 2

All Celebrations of the Word begin at 8.50am.

Key dates for your diary

Please make a note of the following important dates:

- **Thursday 19th November** - Individual school photographs and Class photographs for Reception and Year 6..
- **Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th December** - Parents' Evenings. Further information about booking appointments will follow.
- **Wednesday 2nd December** - Whole-school Mass at 10.30am. All families are welcome.
- **Thursday 10th December** - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner.
- **Wednesday 16th December** - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity. Parents are welcome to attend.
- **Tuesday 15th December** - Whole-school Mass at 10.30am. All families are welcome.
- **Friday 18th December** - Last day of term. School finishes at 1.30pm.

Please keep an eye on School Gateway for further information and reminders about upcoming events.

As we begin this half-term, I am reminded of the words of St Paul:

"Let all that you do be done in love."
1 Corinthians 16:14

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This is at the heart of our St John Fisher family. Through our words, actions and relationships, we want every child and family to feel welcomed, valued and loved.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for the important part you play in our school community.

I look forward to another happy, purposeful and successful half-term together.

With very best wishes,

K. Garrett

Mrs. Garrett
Headteacher