

# SJSG FRIDAY FLYER

A message from Mrs. Otter — Head Teacher

## Bishop David wants us to share with you on his behalf the focus for this liturgical year.

“This year, 2024 has been designated a year of prayer in preparation for the jubilee year in 2025. During this year we focus on the Our Father. This prayer, given to us by the Lord Jesus himself, is the heart of all prayer. It is worth reminding ourselves, saints used these very words to pray to our heavenly Father.”

We teach the children this prayer when they join our school. Please encourage your child to pray at home, to further develop their relationship with God.

### Faith Life

The children will celebrate the **Feast of Ascension** on Thursday 9th May.

There will be Mass at 9am.

Should any parents wish to join us for Mass, please email the school office indicating your attendance and whether you will be receiving Holy Communion. This will help us to know how many chairs to put out, and assist Canon Seamus with preparing the correct number of altar breads.

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### Curriculum

As part of our Music curriculum, children across the school receive specialist music teaching, provided by Bedford Borough. This enables the children to learn how to play simple musical instruments such as the recorder, the ukulele and the keyboards. Currently, Year 6 are learning how to play the steel pans! The children are absolutely loving the experience, and there is a real buzz in the classrooms during and after the lessons. The leadership team are lucky enough to have their office next door to Year 6 and have heard amazing music moving through the corridor!



### Supporting your Child

Make sure you and your child have all their computer login details for our online platforms. We encourage children to access these regularly. Little but often practice on these platforms supports children's ability to retain learning.

Our platforms are:



### Pedagogy

Questions!

Children need to be asked questions all the time. This enables adults to check children's understanding, but also allows children to consolidate their learning while making links to prior learning.

We always give children the chance to practice their answers, so they are confident with their responses. We give children sentence stems to help them to articulate their thinking.

### Important Dates

Bank Holiday Monday: Monday 6th May 2024 (**school is closed**)

KS1 SATs: Tuesday 7th May—Friday 10th May 2024

**Ascension Day: Thursday 9th May 2024**

KS2 SATs: Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May 2024

**Pentecost: Sunday 19th May 2024**

School Pentecost Festival: Friday 24th May 2:30pm (more details to follow)

Half Term: Monday 27th May– Friday 31st May 2024