



8 March 2024



St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Key Information

w/c 11/03/2024 -

School Lunches

Week 3

See separate section for some changes to the menu.

12/03/2024 1pm-

2.30pm - 3PE

13/03/2024 2024 1pm

-2.30pm - 3PA

First Forgiveness

Service—St John's Church. Parents are invited to attend.

14/03/2024 3.30pm

PTFA Easter Bingo

20 & 21/03/2024

Parents' Evening

3.30pm—6pm

28/03/2024

School closes

15/04/2024 April

School re-opens

Dear Parents and Carers

What a lovely start to March with lighter mornings and evenings! It really feels as if Spring is here!

This week at St John's, we have learned about the Islamic festival of Eid-ul-Fitr and Ramadan. Our guest speaker Imran shared many interesting facts and showed us a range of artefacts related to this very special time in the Islamic calendar. The children were invited to ask questions at the end and many came up with thoughtful questions which showed a depth of understanding and appreciation of another world religion.

This week has also been an opportunity to celebrate books in our school with our March Book Fair and World Book Day! Thank you to all of our families who supported both of these events. As always, the children were fantastic and had a fun book-focussed day with AS Creatives providing workshops for all children across both schools.

A special well done to 4A who enjoyed their swimming lessons this week! They too were very sensible on their walks to and from the Oval Sports Centre and listened carefully to their instructors. Again, it's been wonderful to see their excited faces and hear about their progress in the pool!

This week we continue our Lenten journey with our Friday assemblies being led by our MiniVinnies. Our focus this week is 'Encounter' where we explore the encounters Jesus has with others along his journey with the cross in the fourth, fifth and sixth stations of the cross.

Thank you to all of our families who have purchased tickets for our Easter Bingo event next Thursday. The newly formed PTFA have worked hard to ensure that this is a great event with some amazing prizes. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Mullins

Class Weekly

Attendance:

3PA: 94.2%
3PE: 96.0%
4A: 96.5%
4T: 98.4%
5J: 98.0%
5V: 94.9%
6O: 98.8%
6T: 97.1%

Attendance

Every Child: Every Day!

Whole School Attendance

26/02/2024 – 01/03/2024

96.74%

Congratulations to

4T in Lower Key Stage 2

6O in Upper Key Stage 2

Please make every attempt
to make medical
appointments outside of
school hours.

End of half term

Certificate Winners

3PA: Grace A & Joshua C
3PE: Tayla C & Thomas S
4A: Olivia H & Gabriela M
4T: Bobby K & Ethan M
5J: Harper R & Lauren S
5V: Hannah C & Jessica F
6O: Myles C & Tianna V
6T: Georgia A & Joel H

Times Table Rock Stars!

School Averages:

Average Speed:
5.55s

Active Pupils:
52%

Average Minutes:
0.33s

School Accuracy:
93%



Coins earned by each class

3Pa:	1,452	3Pe:	894
4A:	3,082	4T:	2,981
5J:	2,182	5V:	2,067
6O:	1,312	6T:	3,126

Congratulations to:

**St Anne's class in Lower Key Stage 2 &
St Therese De Lisieux class in Upper Key
Stage 2 on earning the most coins this week.**

Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel – Self-giving

John 3:14-21

In this Gospel, we read about the 'light' that has come into the world. Letting Jesus' light shine in our lives provides a secure foundation for our lives and the lives of our children too.

A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others

Mass Times

Mass times at St John's Saturday 5pm & Sunday 9.30am.

Children's liturgy is always available at Sunday 9.30am Mass

Throughout Lent on Sundays at 3pm – Stations of the Cross

Sunday 17th March at 3pm – MiniVinnies will be leading the Stations of the Cross at St John's Church

Wednesday Word

Each week Wednesday Word for families is uploaded onto the school website to help you to reflect on this week's Gospel

Please follow this link <https://www.stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk/parish-newsletter-1>

#WakeUp Wednesday - This week's online safety guide

£10 million in sales within 10 days - 50,000 simultaneous players: The fighting game Tekken 8 has enjoyed an astounding degree of success since its release in late January. Its impressive presentation and entertaining roster of characters has struck a chord, both with long-term fans and newcomers to the Tekken series – many of whom are children and young people.

Tekken's relative lack of gore distinguishes it from similar titles such as Mortal Kombat, making it seemingly more suitable for under-18s. Its inherent focus on violence, however, plus a highly competitive online play mode against (often older) strangers and some potentially problematic strands of the plot combine to earn it a PEGI 16 age rating. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide has the full story.

This Week's Reading Top Tip

MAKE READING SILLY

Don't be afraid to get silly. Reading should be fun. Meet your child where he or she is, and don't insist on "serious" or "classic" books. Silly books and comics or other art driven books are a good way to get many children interested in reading. If possible, act out or sing the words of stories or find other ways to enjoy books.

School Dinners

Change to the menus

Week 2—Tuesday will now be Pasta Bolognese
Week 3—Wednesday will be Roast Chicken Dinner
Thursday will be Chicken Korma

PTFA Family Easter Bingo

Thursday 14 March 2024 3.30pm—5.30pm

Please join us for a family Bingo event on 14 March 2024 at 3.30pm. Bingo tickets will be available to purchase until 11 March 2024.

Please send £4 into school in a **named envelope for your child's class teacher**.
At the event, there will be a tombola and refreshments available to purchase.

If your child is booked into Extended School Club on this day, they are welcome to attend and a ticket must be purchased in advance. Mrs Challinor, Extended School Club Manager, must also be informed as she will chaperone pupils at the event.

If any parent works for a company that may offer to match fund the amount raised at the Bingo, please could they contact the school office.

Reminder

Currently the Roads Policing Investigation Unit for Merseyside Police are receiving a significant number of reports of people parking on zigzag lines on pedestrian crossings around the schools.

The penalty for this is a minimum of £100 fine and 3 points endorsed on the licence.

Merseyside Police will be increasing high visibility patrols and enforcement in the area.

Sports News

Congratulations to:

Wednesday 6 March 2024

Adrian B-H, Joshua C, Evie F, Alfie H, Cecelia M and Alex P took part in a Y3/Y4 Tag Rugby competition on Wednesday at Christchurch School. They played so well and scored so many tries. They were a credit to our school!

Well done to our year 3/4 hockey players who played in a competition at Well Lane Primary School. They earned 4 points in total in a very tough competition with lots of excitement!

Isabella A, Adam G, Ben K, Neve N, Charlotte S, Sebastian S

Congratulations to:

Sofia R (4T) who represented Danza in "A Stageful of Stars Production" at the Floral Pavillion on Sunday 3 March.

Develop Thru Sport CIC Easter HAF Camp

Please see the attached flyer regarding a Develop Thru Sport Easter Camp.

The Hive Easter Holiday Club

For more information please type the link below into your browser

<https://www.thehiveyouthzone.org/young-people/holiday-club/>



Easter holiday club!

Half day £8
9am-1pm
or 12.30-4.30pm

Full day £15
9-4.30pm

8-12s

Lunch and healthy snacks included

Subsidised places if you receive free school meals

Book: linktr.ee/TheHiveYZ

Tuesday 2nd April-
Friday 5th April*

*Half day holiday club am only on Wednesday 3rd April, with option to stay for open juniors session 1-6pm

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