

10 November 2023



St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Our second topics have now begun and our children are excited to be learning about UK in year 3, Antarctica in year 4, Liverpool in year 5 and Syria in year 6. On our website, you will find the topic maps for each year group in more detail. Please take the time to browse through these to appreciate the wealth of knowledge and skills your child/ward will be acquiring during the next seven weeks.

In Monday's assembly, Miss Walton introduced our new PHSE topic to celebrate our differences and our similarities. The children enjoyed reflecting on this and learning some very interesting facts about animal differences.

This week, we have had two class assemblies. Well done to 5J for their rescheduled assembly celebrating their class saint – St Josephine Bakhita. The children shared many aspects of her life and also expressed just how proud they are to have her as their class saint. 6T shared a thought provoking and emotional assembly on Remembrance Day and its importance on our calendar. The assembly was delivered with such respect and empathy for those who have given their lives for our country and for those who are remembering the loss of loved ones around this time.

On Thursday, children enjoyed a special performance from Altru Drama to mark Anti-Bullying Week. The show was based around a story that follows Max, a science-mad primary school pupil, who is facing bullying and wishes he was different. One morning everything in Max's routine changes – and he finds himself at the Superhero School where he must work out what makes him special and help others too! If you have not made your payment of £3, this should be made by Parentmail. Please be advised that there is quite an outstanding amount for this event. Whereas we want to provide as many experiences as possible for the children of St John's, it will not be possible if we do not receive the appropriate payments.

Wishing you a lovely weekend and a respectful Remembrance Sunday.

Kind regards,
Mrs Mullins

Key Information

New dates added!

Friday 17th November -
9.15am

4T Class Assembly

Wednesday 22 November

Year 4 Violin Performance for parents

4A: 2pm—2.30pm

4T: 2.30pm—3pm

Friday 24th November -
9.15am

4A Class Assembly

Friday 1 December

Whole school own clothes day—details to follow

Friday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 13 December

Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 15th December

Christmas Showcase-All Years

Performance 1 9.15am

Performance 2 2.00pm

Tuesday 19 December

Christmas Party Day

Wednesday 20 December

Whole school Pantomime trip

Thursday 21st December

Open Classroom from 2.30pm Celebrate Topic 2

Thursday 21st December

School closes for children

School re-opens

8 January 2024

Class Weekly Attendance:

3PA: 98.7%
3PE: 97.1%
4A: 97.5%
4T: 98.7%
5J: 98.4%
5V: 98.1%
6O: 94.7%
6T: 98.7%

St John's Catholic Junior School—Attendance

Every Child: Every Day!

Whole School Attendance

30th October 2023 — 3 November 2023

97.3%

Congratulations to

3PA, 4T & 6T

“Attend today and achieve tomorrow!”



Times Table Rock Stars!

School Averages:



Average Speed:
5.49s

Active Pupils:
37%

Average Minutes:
0.31s

School Accuracy:
93%

Coins earned by each class

3PA: 772	3PE: 595
4A: 693	4T: 772
5J: 787	5V: 878
6O: 861	6T: 797

Congratulations to:

St Paul's & St Thomas' class in Lower Key Stage 2 & St Vincent De Paul's class in Upper Key Stage 2 on earning the most coins this week!

Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the following children, who have all achieved certificates this week for using their Thinking & Learning Powers!

3PA: Jaxon H & Lucia S

3PE: Charlotte S & Nina W

4A: Adrian B-H & Mason W

4T: Iris D & Taylor O'C

5J: Evie P & Orla W

5V: Hannah C & Frankie K

6O: Erin B & Emelia O

6T: Whole Class

Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel

Matthew 25: 1-13

"Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."

Thought for the week

"Are you ready for the coming of Christ?"

Mass Times

Mass times at St John's Saturday 5pm & Sunday 9.30am/11.00am.

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

Wednesday Word

Each week Wednesday Word 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>

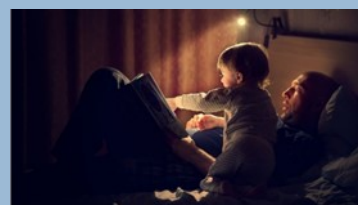
Groundwork

School is having some new groundwork in December.

The main pedestrian entrance will be closed off from 11th—14th December. The entrance by the shop will be the only pedestrian entrance and exit route.

This Week's Reading Top Tip

Bedtime Stories – Regularly read with your child or children at bedtime. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time together.



Sacramental Preparation

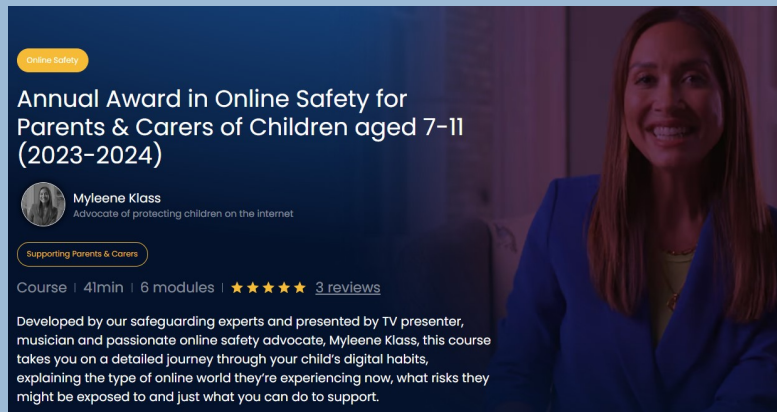
Information regarding Sacramental Preparation has been made available to our year 3 parents. If there are any children from other year groups who have not made their First Forgiveness or Holy Communion and would like to take part in this year's programme, please email Mrs. Storer for further information.

schooloffice@stjohns-junior-wirral.sch.uk

Annual Award in Online Safety for Parents and Carers aged 7-11

We are inviting our parents to create an account with National Online Safety and complete a short course learning about how to keep your child safe online.

Once you have created your account, please search for this course:



There are 5 short modules to browse through.

Module 1 Parenting in the digital world (5 mins)

Module 2 What are children accessing online? (7 mins)

Module 3 Common risks Part 1 (12 mins)

Module 4 Common risks Part 2 (12mins)

Module 5 Reflection and impact goals (5 mins)

Final QUIZ

When you have finished the course, you will be able to download a certificate. School can print this out for you!

All parents who complete the course will be put into a prize draw for £30 Asda voucher

Winner announced on 1st December 2023

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/st-john-s-catholic-junior-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type. You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via our brand- new smartphone app.

To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store. Answers to frequently asked questions and customer service can be accessed at <https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre>.

Fostering

Fostering comes in many different forms and the attached leaflet gives information and sign posting to the appropriate agencies for more in-depth information.

Music Opportunities

Edsential are offering our children the opportunity to join their Seedlings Strings violin group. Attached is a leaflet with all of the information. We would love our Year 4 students to join this and continue to develop their violin skills. This would be free to the Year 4 pupils as they are having lessons currently within school.

Also attached is information on the following:

Junior Choir - this is free for our pupils to attend.

Junior Band - see leaflet for details and cost.

School lunches

Next week, we will be following **WEEK 1** menu. Please visit: <https://www.stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk/school-meals> for more details. At this current time there are no changes to the coming menu.

Please ensure that you top up your accounts for the week ahead to avoid a build up of outstanding monies. **As stated on our website, if your child has an outstanding dinner debt, they must bring a packed lunch until the debt is cleared.** If you are struggling or need support from school, please email the school office.

PTFA Film Nights—LAST CALL BEFORE WE CANCEL!

23 November 2023 3.15pm—6pm Years 3 & 4

30 November 2023 3.15pm—6pm Years 5 & 6

The PTFA are planning two Christmas film nights and would be very grateful if any parents are able to help either beforehand (purchasing necessary equipment or making popcorn bags up) or on the night (preparing the food).

Should you be able to help, please email lisalloyd@stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk. Thank you in advance for your support.

If we are unable to secure enough helpers, the event will not go ahead.

Sporting News

8 November 2023

Well done to our Year 3 & 4 basketballers who played in a competition at Beechwood Recreation Centre. They played really well in some exciting end to end matches and scored lots of points.

Emily B

Noah M

Alex P

Ollie T

Caleb W

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sofia R who is a member of Danza Rascals. They took part in their first competition and came first in both overall & age category. Well done Sofia.

Another busy week at St John's Catholic Junior School!

