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# St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

## Key Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

How lovely to see the sun shining this week! Despite only being in school for four days, we have managed to cram a lot in!

Our visitor from Dogs' Trust delivered an information-packed assembly to the whole school and workshops to year 3 and 4. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about this. Here are some of their comments:

Y6 *"The assembly was really good and interactive because our visitor involved the children and the teachers!"*

Y4 *"It was really good because she told us how to behave around dogs and how to stroke them correctly."*

Y3 *"It was good because I learned how to be safe around dogs by leaving them alone and giving them some space."*

Year 5 enjoyed some debating workshops with one of our former teachers, Mrs Cuthbertson. Year 5 pupils told me-:

*"It was fun because we practised our debating skills in a fun way. We learned some new vocabulary: proposition, opposition and motion. We debated whether we should ban homework or not and whether plastic should be banned or not. We definitely said that we should ban homework!"*

Well done to 5J who shared their People of Outstanding Character assembly about Jesse Owens - a challenger of racism on the world stage at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Pupils confidently shared their information about his life and the impact his actions had on the world. Well done 5J for raising awareness of racial justice in such a sensitive way.

We hope that you enjoyed our Open Afternoon to celebrate the end of Topic 4 today. Details of Topic 5 can be found on the website this coming week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Mullins

w/c 13/05/2024 -

School Lunches

Week 1—see below  
about Census Week

May 24

People of Outstanding  
Character Assembly

9am start

24/5 4T, 7/6 4A

13/5/24

Topic 5 begins

SATS for Yr6

16/5/24

Census Day—see lunch  
menu pg. 3

24/5/24

School closes

4/6/24

Sacramental Preparation  
for Yr3 Parents

8/6/24

Holy Communion

For Yr 3

12/6/24

Sports Day at The Oval  
Track

### Class Weekly

#### Attendance:

3PA: 98.0%  
3PE: 91.1%  
4A: 98.1%  
4T: 90.3%  
5J: 97.2%  
5V: 94.9%  
6O: 95.2%  
6T: 98.3%

### Attendance

**Every Child: Every Day!**

#### Whole School Attendance

**29/04/2024—3/05/2024**

**95.4%**

**Congratulations to**

**6T for a great week!**

**Please remember school starts at 8.50am and classroom doors open at 8.45am**

### Class Certificate Winners

3PA: Grace A, Isaac F

3PE: Beau E, Cora T

4A: Aoife H, Arnau N

4T: Alex P, Connie W

5J: Whole Class

5V: Frankie K, Lottie L

6O: James C, Lucas R

6T: Jamie G, Jessica S

## Times Table Rock Stars!

### School Averages:

Average Speed:  
5.7s

Active Pupils:  
36%

Average Minutes:  
27s

School Accuracy:  
88%

### Average coins per person earned by each class

3Pa:	801	3Pe:	302
4A:	651	4T:	857
5J:	866	5V:	1,067
6O:	5,810	6T:	322

### Congratulations to:

**St Thomas' class in Lower Key Stage 2 & St Oscar's class in Upper Key Stage 2 on earning the most coins this week.**

### This Sunday's Gospel - Care

#### John 17:11-19

In this week's Gospel, Jesus is praying with his disciples after the last supper. Jesus has cared for his disciples and now asks God to care for them. Jesus wants us to be united with one another and with God. We show that we are united and part of God's family when we care for each other.

#### Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, Please help us to see the needs of others, to care for creation, and to continue your work in the world with a loving and caring heart. Amen

#### A Word from Pope Francis

"The family's strength lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love. Let us ask the Lord for the grace to love everyone."

#### Mass Times at St John's

Mass times at St John's Saturday 5pm & Sunday 9.30am. Children's liturgy is always available at Sunday 9.30am Mass

#### Wednesday Word

Please follow this link <https://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

for more information on this week's Gospel

## #WakeUp Wednesday

### This week— What Parents and Carers Need to know about Helldivers 2

With a peak simultaneous player count of almost 500,000, it's safe to say that Helldivers 2 has taken the games industry by storm, attracting a wide array of fans from all over the world and – more importantly – from various age groups. Many young gamers are actively playing this title, both with friends and with strangers via online multiplayer – despite the games' 18+ rating .

Unfortunately, the gore and violence of Helldivers 2 (combined with its in-game purchases and the ability to play with unfamiliar people online) present significant online safety concerns for its younger players. This Wake up Wednesday, our guide explores these issues in detail and advises on minimising the risks to children and young people.

### This Week's Reading Top Tip

Use the following sentence starters to help with predictions:

This text will be about ...

I think this because ...

This text reminds me of ..... because ....

Next, I think the character will ....

### Sports News

Tuesday 7th May

Well done to our year 3/4 footballers who had a very long day of football. Firstly, they went to Prenton Park to compete in a tournament for the afternoon. Following this, they went straight to Gayton Primary School to compete in the next round of the year 3/4 cup. The team did so well and managed to reach the final at Prenton Park. They showed a lot of character in what was a very competitive competition.

Leandreu B, Teddy-James C, Frankie J, Bobby K, Mason L, Reuben M, Mikkell M, Liam O, Thomas S, Jude T

Sports Day this year is at The Oval Track on Wednesday 12th June. All parents are cordially invited to spectate, details of timings to follow. Please remember to keep off the track or grass.

### Census Day Thursday 16th May —Tex Mex Themed Lunch Menu



Southern Fried Chicken Tacos with Homemade Tomato Salsa

Or

Bean & Cheese Quesadilla served with Tangy Mexican Slaw

Served with Mexican Fiesta Curly Fries & Maize Dulce (Sweetcorn)

Mexican inspired Cinammon Cookie

Or

Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter

### Eco Club — Hedgehog Competitions



Please see attached a flyer regarding some exciting competitions, open to all Wirral schools taking part in the Hedgehog-Friendly Award. We would love pupils to take part. Competition entries by Monday 20th May to the school office please.