

10 November 2023



St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that our OFSTED report has now been finalised and I can share with you that St John's Catholic Junior School is a GOOD school! The report is attached to this newsletter and I am sure that you will agree that there are many wonderful comments about our pupils, curriculum and learning environment.

This week we began with an assembly about Diwali – the Hindu festival of light. Pupils learned about the story of Rama and Sita and how people prepare for the festival. They were able to make many links between our Christian festivals and celebrations throughout the year. Here is a link that was shared on Monday should you wish to find out a little more: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02n5hl0>

On Wednesday, we welcomed Mrs. Cuthbertson back to school as she worked with Year 6 on their oracy skills through the art of debating. All year 6s had the opportunity to plan for and prepare for a debate. It's safe to say that we have some very confident and articulate children here at St John's. Well done year 6! A special thank you to 4T who shared a beautiful assembly with us about their class saint – St Thomas. The children have worked extremely hard this week on learning their lines, singing the song and performing their dance. The strong message from this assembly was that we should all put our trust and faith in the Lord and perhaps never more so than these troubled times.

Please be reminded that we are running our National Online Safety competition again this year. By completing this short course, you will be eligible for entry in to our prize draw for £30 Asda voucher. This competition is only open to our families so you are in with a great chance of winning! The winner will be announced on 1st December!

See below for further details.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs. Mullins

Key Information

New dates added!

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: 95.7%
3PE: 94.6%
4A: 95.3%
4T: 96.1%
5J: 95.6%
5V: 96.8%
6O: 93.8%
6T: 93.7%

St John's Catholic Junior School—Attendance

Every Child: Every Day!

Whole School Attendance

6th November—10th November 2023

96.8%

Congratulations to

5V

“Attend today and achieve tomorrow!”



Times Table Rock Stars!

School Averages:



Average Speed:
5.97s

Active Pupils:
29%

Average Minutes:
0.29s

School Accuracy:
92%

Coins earned by each class

3PA: 598	3PE: 825
4A: 588	4T: 745
5J: 712	5V: 1704
6O: 3726	6T: 425

Congratulations to:

St Peter class in Lower Key Stage 2 & St Oscar Romero 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: Mathew S & Neve N

3PE: Esme O & Frankie C

4A: Isla H & Evie -Mae Mc

4T: Whole Class

5J: Ella H & Peter C

5V: Nathan F & Sam C

6O: Mason V, Sophia C & Tiana V

6T: Georgia A & Max H

Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel

Mathew 25: 14-30

"You have been faithful in small things; come and join in the master's happiness"

Thoughts for the week

What is your best talent? Is it a gift, skill or humour which brings joy and happiness to those around you? Are you like the man who buried his talent in the ground, or do you use this skill or gift or wisdom to bring joy to others?

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

Ask questions – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read such as: 'What do you think will happen next?' 'Can you remember what has happened so far in the text?'



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

Anti-Bullying Play

Thank you to those who have paid their outstanding amount this week.

If you have not made your payment of £3, for the Anti-Bullying Play 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

Water Bottles Reminder

All children should bring in their water bottle every day. We do not encourage single use plastics.

If needed water bottles can be purchased from the school office, at a cost of £3.00.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you so much for the donation of 30 Christmas Shoe Boxes. These boxes will be going to the poorest children in Eastern Europe. You have made this Christmas one to remember.

#WakeUpWednesday

Smart TVs are the future of home entertainment ... but how safe is that future? The percentage of UK households that own a smart TV has leapt from 11% to 74% in less than ten years – and that proportion is only expected to increase further as more viewers discover the various benefits of these sophisticated systems.

While the technology is impressive, fun and increasingly affordable, the flip side is that the number of people (especially young ones) who need to be aware of their risks has risen commensurately. This week's [#WakeUpWednesday](#) guide outlines how to avoid some common smart TV hazards, so that you can relax a little when your children do.

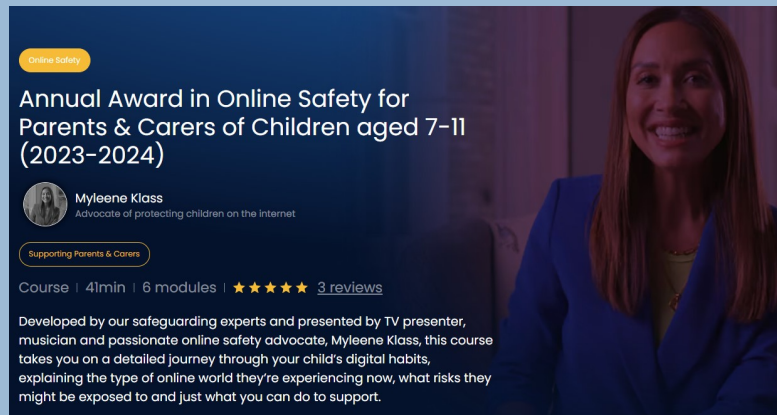
Please see the attached leaflet for more information.



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>.

School lunches

Next week, we will be following **WEEK 2** 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

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

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

Thanks to those parents who have offered to help on these evenings.

Ticket sales close on Monday 20th and are £5 each. Please put the monies in a named envelope for the class teacher.

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

Sporting News

10th November EFC Tournament

Well done to our year 5&6 footballers who competed in a tournament hosted by Everton in the community last Friday. They were very competitive and scored some amazing goals.

Alessandro B

Shamelia B

Peter C

Sam C

Congratulations

Congratulations to Isla H in 4A who competed in Extreme Dance Events and came first in her first dance solo. Well done Isla.

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.

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.

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

