



19th January 2024



St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

What an exciting week we have had with snow and sub-zero temperatures! The children loved seeing the snow and I hope that you were able to have some snow fun in the mornings and after school! Thank you so much for your patience as children entered and exited school through the front doors for the safety of all.

At the start of the week, the children learned about how to be a good friend in our Jigsaw assembly. It was quite clear that many of our children know what makes a good friend and how they can be an even better friend!

Year 6 are enjoying a 6 week programme of yoga for this half term to ensure good health in body and mind. So far, they have loved their sessions and are appreciating the benefits of this practice!

On Thursdays, we are running Personal Best sessions for some of our children to develop self-esteem and resilience. Again, these children are enjoying these sessions and come back to class with huge smiles!

On Friday, 3Pa shared their wonderful knowledge about their class saint - St Paul. The assembly was very informative with some great acting, lovely singing and dancing. Well done to St Paul and Miss Roberts!

Watches

I have noticed that some children are coming to school with watches. This is absolutely fine however some watches are fitted with cameras. For safeguarding reasons, we cannot allow watches with cameras and we appreciate your support and understanding on this matter.

Sacramental Preparation Meeting

The first of our Sacramental Preparation meetings will be on Tuesday 23rd January at 4pm. This meeting is for any parent/carer who would like their child to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. The meeting is for parents and carers only. If you would like any further information, please see Mrs Storer.

Homework Survey

As stated last week, this term we will be reviewing our homework policy and inviting parents to take part in our Homework survey. Please follow the link to access the survey; it should only take a few minutes of your time but your input is invaluable to us as a school moving forward. The survey will be open until Wednesday 24th January only so please be sure to respond before then. Many thanks to those parents who have responded already to the survey.

<https://forms.gle/SPsv8CZbTgHMruGL8>

(Please copy and paste this link into your browser).

Term Dates

Term dates for the academic year 2024/2025 are now available on the website for anyone wanting to plan their holidays! <https://www.stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk/term-dates>

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Mullins

Key Information

23 January 2024 -

4pm

School hall

Year 3 Sacramental Preparation Meeting

Sunday 28 January 2024 - 9.30am

St John's Parish Church

Year 3 Enrolment Mass

30 January 2024

Gillian Seale— author visit

2 February 2024 -

9am

3Pe Class Assembly

13 February 2024

Y3 to attend mass with Y1

14 February 2024

Lent begins

16 February 2024

Close for half term

26 February 2024

Inset Day

27 February 2024

School re-opens

Class Weekly

Attendance:

3PA: 97.0%
3PE: 98.6%
4A: 91.3%
4T: 96.8%
5J: 97.2%
5V: 91.9%
6O: 93.5%
6T: 97.3%

Attendance

Every Child: Every Day!

Whole School Attendance

8th — 12th January 2024

95.45%

Congratulations to

3PE

If your child is absent from school, please remember to report their absence, either via ParentMail or the school office.

Certificate Winners

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

3PA: Isaac F & Neve N
3PE: Frankie S & Caleb W
4A: Tobias P & Rosie R
4T: Joel B & Heidi J
5J: Mya H & Evie P
5V: Elsie T & Phoebe W
6O: Tommy C & Tianaa V
6T: Ben G & Lewis P

Times Table Rock Stars!

School Averages:

Average Speed:
5.48s

Active Pupils:
39%

Average Minutes:
42s

School Accuracy:
91%



Coins earned by each class

3PA: 1,170 3PE: 1,219
4A: 632 4T: 1,452
5J: 1,441 5V: 482
6O: 1,831 6T: 1,571

Congratulations to:

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

Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel – Community

Mark -1:14-20

In this Gospel, we hear about Jesus starting to gather together the first Christian community.

Thought for the Week from Pope Francis

“Dear brothers and sisters, be an active presence in the community”

Mass Times

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

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

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

One in three 8-year-olds in Britain own a smartphone and that proportion rises to more than 90% by the time children reach 12. This concerted increase – driven by factors both personal (blossoming independence) and practical (the transition to secondary school) – makes it all the more valuable for young people to know how to use such devices safely.

Indeed, more than half of parents (52%) surveyed by Ofcom admitted to worrying about their child being bullied via their mobile phone – and with hazards like scams, screen addiction and inappropriate content to consider, that's far from the only risk around. Our **#WakeUpWednesday** guide this week pulls together some simple but solid smartphone safety tips

This Week's Reading Top Tip

Ask questions as you read with your child, e.g.
"How did you feel when the character did this?"
"What would you have done in this situation?"



School lunches

Next week, we will be following **WEEK 3** 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.

Sports News

Wednesday 17th January

Well done to our Year 6 Tag Rugby team who played in a competition at Christchurch. They played brilliantly, scoring lots of tries and tagging lots of the opposition!

Alessandro B, Myles C, Louis E-D, Ben G, Joel H, Lucas R, Violet T, Jack W, Harry W

New access to school

On entrance

Press the button once and wait for reception to answer.

When advised by reception, push gate to open.

On exit

Press the button once and wait for reception to answer.

When advised by reception, pull the gate to open.

Please ensure that the gate closes completely after entry and exit.