

24 November 2023



St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Many thanks for your lovely comments regarding our OFSTED report. We too are delighted to read that:

Pupils enjoy attending St. John's Catholic Junior School, where everyone is made to feel welcome. They appreciate and benefit from the positive relationships that they have with each other and with staff. Pupils are confident that staff will listen to them and help them with any concerns they may have. This helps pupils to feel safe in school. The school has high expectations for pupils' achievement, including for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Pupils do their best to live up to these expectations. During lessons, most pupils work hard, and they learn with interest and enthusiasm. Staff encourage pupils to be proud of their successes. Mostly, pupils achieve well. The school has similarly high expectations for pupils' behaviour. Pupils are eager to follow instructions from staff. They are polite and respectful to each other. This creates an environment in which pupils can learn the curriculum successfully.

If you have not managed to read the full report yet, you can view it on our website <https://www.stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk/ofsted-reports>

This week, Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a visit from Ann McCarthy from CAFOD and learned about Catholic Social Teaching and what they can do to make the world a better place. You can find some of their resources for children here: <https://cafod.org.uk/education/primary-teaching-resources/cst-pack-for-children>
Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in their workshops this Monday.

On Wednesday, our wonderful year 4s celebrated the end of their 10-week Violin course by performing in a concert for their families. The event was very well attended with many proud parents and pupils. We may possibly have a few future maestros in our midst!

On Thursday, many year 3 and 4 pupils stayed to take part in our 'Film Night' enjoying pizza, popcorn and juice whilst watching Elf. Thanks to all who supported the event and to those who gave their time to ensure the evening ran smoothly. Without our volunteers and the dedication and commitment of Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Burnell events such as these would not be possible.

Finally, thank you to Miss Roche and the children from St Anne's class who shared a lovely assembly this morning that celebrated the life of St Anne. Once again, our pupils have worked extremely hard this week on learning their lines, singing the song and performing their dance. Their enthusiasm was uplifting and contagious!

Wishing you a lovely weekend. Kind regards. Mrs Mullins

Key Information

New dates added!

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: 94.7%
3PE: 96.8%
4A: 94.1%
4T: 97.4%
5J: 98.8%
5V: 94.6%
6O: 95.9%
6T: 92.7%

Attendance

Every Child: Every Day!

Whole School Attendance

13th November—

17th November 2023

98.8%

Congratulations to

5J

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: Leandreu B & Esme S

3PE: Majella McG & Cecelia M

4A: Evan H & Neave M

4T: Ella S & Max T

5J: Tymoteusz B & Millie P

5V: Lottie L & Isabella T

6O: Lucas R, Patsy R & Jack W

6T: Izabel R & Daisy S

Times Table Rock Stars!

School Averages:

Average Speed:
5.76s

Active Pupils:
56%

Average Minutes:
0.26s

School Accuracy:
93%

Coins earned by each class

3PA: 1,663 3PE: 1,523

4A: 1,984 4T: 1,820

5J: 1,911 5V: 3,281

6O: 3,084 6T: 2,967

Congratulations to:

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

Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46: The Last Judgement

"I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

Thoughts for the Week

What does it mean that Jesus is in all other people, especially the stranger, the sick, the comfortless, even those in prison? How does this teaching of Jesus change my attitude to people I despise or avoid or just ignore?

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>

#WakeUpWednesday

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have ballooned in popularity during the past few years, as prices on almost everything are slashed for a few precious days. With consumers in the UK alone spending a staggering £9.4 billion over last year's discounted digital shopping weekend, it can often become a frenetic rush to grab tech, games and other products at knock-down prices.

Such radical reductions are especially welcome at this time of year – but Black Friday and Cyber Monday are also peak season for scammers, who bet on a sense of urgency blinding shoppers to the red flags in their 'offers'. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide highlights some common warning signs to help you bag the goods without being left out of pocket. Please see the attached leaflet for further information.



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

Don't be afraid to try different voices or try out your acting skills! While you may not win an Oscar, your child will enjoy your performance and appreciate the story even more!



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

FINAL CALL!

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/>

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.

PTFA Film Nights

30 November 2023 3.15pm—5.45pm **Years 5 & 6**

Thank you to those parents who have offered to help on these evenings.

Should any Year 5/6 pupils still wish to purchase a ticket, please send £5 into school in a named envelope.

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

Whole School Own Clothes Day—1 December 2023

The Fundraising Team are holding a whole school own clothes day on Friday 1 December for raffle prizes. We would be grateful if any of the following could be brought in:

bottles (alcoholic/non alcoholic); chocolates/sweets; pocket money toys; Christmas food items with long dates ie crackers, biscuits, mince pies, Christmas puddings, nibbles etc or £1.50 which can be used to purchase items.

Please do not go to any great expense. Thank you for your continued support.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Evie F in 3PE who is a member of Glenavon Belles Football Club. Evie recently won the Parents Girl of the Game trophy and will captain the next match.

Sporting News—23 November 2023

Well done to our Year 5 Indoor Athletics squad who competed in a competition at Beechwood Recreation Centre. They competed in many different field events and finished off with some very competitive relay races. They were all amazing!

Ella D, Sean H, Matthew I, Marley J, Hayden L, Cody M, Mayah M, Millie P

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

