

8th December 2023



St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas has truly arrived at St John's Juniors this week with our Advent displays, Christmas tree and Nativity scene all appearing in our entrance hall. With the twinkling lights and the flickering candles, it all feels lovely and cosy with a promise of lovely Christmas cheer! As I walk around school, I can hear the preparation for our Christmas Showcase! As usual, we have a lovely range of offerings from poetry to glockenspiels! Please do get your requests for tickets in as soon as possible!

This week, year 5 travelled by train to the Vue cinema in Birkenhead to watch Wish. Vue have kindly donated lots of free child or teen tickets to us to share with you all. Your child should have brought one home this week however if you require any more, do let us know as extras are available from the office area!

On Thursday, some of our MiniVinnies represented our school at the MiniVinnies retreat at Christ the King Parish Centre in Bromborough. A good time was had by all and children shared many ideas to support those who are less fortunate than themselves. These children certainly do turn their concern into action!

It was lovely today to see so many children dressed in Christmas jumpers and other seasonal accessories. Again, it's wonderful that our families are so keen to support Save the Children charity by making a donation.

Thanks to all those who were able to support our half price book sale this week! Once we have totalled up the amount, we will let you know how much commission was earned to spend on books for our school library! Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Mullins

Key Information

New dates added!

Wednesday 13 December

Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Showcase-All Years

Thursday 14th December

2pm

Friday 15 December

Performance 1 9.15am

Performance 2 2.00pm

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: 99.3%
3PE: 92.9%
4A: 93.4%
4T: 90.9%
5J: 96.9%
5V: 99.4%
6O: 89.4%
6T: 94.3%

Attendance

Every Child: Every Day!

Whole School Attendance

27th November—1st

December 2023

99.4%

Congratulations to

5V

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: Elsie H & Michael P
3PE: Matilda L & Frankie S
4A: Gabriela M & Lillie B
4T: Ethan M & Nancy S
5J: Luca O & Sean H
5V: Alexander M & Luca W
6O: Silvia BH & Leighton C
6T: Silvia BH & Leighton C

Times Table Rock Stars!

School Averages:

Average Speed:
5.11s

Active Pupils:
25%

Average Minutes:
20s

School Accuracy:
94%

Coins earned by each class

3PA: 853 3PE: 491
4A: 847 4T: 781
5J: 759 5V: 1021
6O: 748 6T: 525

**Congratulations to:
St Paul 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

Advent—Week 2—Hope

"There is someone else to come – someone who is more powerful than I am. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit"

Thoughts for the Week

"Always know in your heart that God is by your side. Let us never lose hope."

Pope Francis

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 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

More than 150 million subscribers worldwide Disney+ has enjoyed a steady rise in popularity since launching four years ago: the platform's deep library of treasured old-school animated favourites, modern classics and original series means that it can offer a rich seam of engrossing content that caters for young and not-so-young users alike .

Of course, a consequence of this approach is the presence of the sort of age-inappropriate material one might not expect to find on the platform, given Disney's fabled status as a purveyor of family entertainment. There's useful advice in avoiding this pitfall (and more besides) in this week's **#WakeUpWednesday** guide, as Disney+ comes under the microscope.

Gentle reminder:

If there are any issues between children in school, please speak to your child's class teacher and allow school to deal with the issue. We often have a fuller picture of events and are able to sort out issues between children using our behaviour system.

Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

This Week's Reading Top Tip

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Photograph consent

At the beginning of each academic year, parents/carers complete a consent form for photographs to be taken. Should you wish to withdraw your consent or change your permissions, please email the school office and they will update our records.

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.

Well Done!

Emily G 3PE, who performed in "Smile its Christmas" at the Liverpool Empire Theatre, with Wirral Academy of performing arts.

Fleur H 4T who has worked hard, listened and improved her skills in Danza dance group.

Mass 19.12.23

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our Mass on 19.12.23. Please be assured that as soon as we are aware of Mass times at St John's over the Christmas period, we will let you know.

Funded winter activities at Wirral Grammar School for boys.

Sean Bailey Wellness are working with the staff at Wirral Grammar School for Boys to bring four days of Health and Wellbeing Camps over the Christmas period, aimed at children who are joining the school or children who are from the local area.

We have funded and non funded spaces available and would love for as many students to attend as possible.

These sessions are appropriate for children from reception through to year nine.

All information can be found by visiting - <https://seanbaileywellness.com/community-camps-wirral/>

Please could you share the attached flyer via your newsletter or social media so we can engage with as many young people as possible?