



9 February 2024



St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we learned about Chinese New Year in our Monday assembly. The children were amazed at the wonderful colours of this festival and also the different animals for each year. On their trip on Friday to the Philharmonic, year 6 managed to catch a glimpse of the festivities and soak up some of the atmosphere. Here is the link to a video shared in the assembly (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-ks1-ks2-chinese-new-year-festivals-lunar-festival/zp993j6>—copy and paste this into your browser).

On Monday, **year 3** will be joining year 1 for Mass at St John's Church at 9.15am. Please bring year 3 straight to church on that morning at 8.45am. Your child's class teacher will be there to greet them. Year 3 parents and carers are most welcome to stay for the Mass.

On Wednesday, we will be walking the **whole school** to Mass for Ash Wednesday. On this day, classroom doors will be open from 8.30am to ensure a prompt registration and walk up to church. If any parents are available to assist in walking to and from church with us, please do let your class teacher know. Again parents and carers are welcome to stay for the Mass.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Mullins
Headteacher

Key Information

w/c 12/2/2024 -

School Lunches

Week 3

Change to the menu

for w/c 12/2/2024

13/2/2024 Fish &
Chips

16/2/2024 Pizza

12 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

1 March 2024

Whole school own
clothes day

14 March 2024

PTFA Easter Bingo

Class Weekly

Attendance:

3PA: 90.7%
3PE: 95.7%
4A: 96.3%
4T: 97.1%
5J: 97.8%
5V: 98.8%
6O: 92.9%
6T: 92.3%

Attendance

Every Child: Every Day!

Whole School Attendance

29/01/2024 - 02/02/2024

95.2%

Congratulations to

4T in Lower Key Stage 2

5V in Upper Key Stage 2

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 & Chleopatra O

3PE: Francis S & Olivia S

4A: Reuben McA & Evelyn R

4T: Alfie-John A & Olivia A-M

5J: Leighton C & Annie McD

5V: Conor F & Archie M-M

6O: Bella C & Sophia C

6T: Finlay C & Jacob S

Times Table Rock Stars!

School Averages:

Average Speed:
5.38s

Active Pupils:
35%

Average Minutes:
36s

School Accuracy:
96%



Coins earned by each class

3Pa:	1,059	3Pe:	839
4A:	1,176	4T:	1,196
5J:	1,582	5V:	920
6O:	400	6T:	1,343

Congratulations to:

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

Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel - Compassion

Mark 1:40-45

In this Gospel, we hear about the compassion of Jesus for a fellow human being.

Thought for the Week from Pope Francis

"The compassion of God, his suffering-with-us, gives meaning to our struggles and our sufferings."

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

Online video calling with random strangers - it's hardly a new internet phenomenon - but the recent demise of Omegle has prompted the creation of several similar platforms bidding to fill the vacuum. One such contender is Monkey - a service that randomly connects its users for video calls, using their mobile numbers and Snapchat account details

Monkey has surged in popularity since Omegle's shutdown in November 2023: visits to the site more than doubled within a month and have been climbing steadily ever since. Regrettably, it also seems that Monkey suffers from many of the same pitfalls as its notorious predecessor - our **#WakeUpWednesday** guide highlights these possible risks to young people in more detail.

This Week's Reading Top Tip

You could try cooking a recipe you have read together.
Would you recommend it to a friend?



Sports News

Friday 2nd February

Well done to our year 6 footballers who drew 2-2 in their first Houlihan Cup match against Christ the King.

Shamelia B, Leighton C, Myles C, Jamie G, Harley O'C, Riley O, Jacob S, Lucas T, Mason V

Wednesday 7th February

Well done to our girl footballers who had previously qualified in a tournament to play at the LFC Academy. They represented our school tremendously well and were very resilient against very tough opposition.

Alexia B, Shamelia B, Millie B, Alannah E, Matilda L, Sofia R, Nancy S, Elsie T

Wednesday 7th February

Well done to our year 3/4 footballers who played in a competition at Heygarth and won 4 out of 5 matches, drawing the other!

Leandreu B, Joel B, James B, Frankie J, Mason L, Alex P, Thomas S, Jude T

Wednesday 7 February

Well done to our year 5/6 hockey players who competed in a competition at Christchurch. They played 5 matches and won 3!

Sam C, Louis E-D, Charlotte F, Daisy F, Stefanie S, Nathan T

Congratulations to:

Mason L (3Pe) who was awarded Man of the Match on Saturday 3 February for scoring a hat trick for the Little Lions Football Team.

Millie B (5V) who was awarded Goalkeeper of the week on Monday 5th February at Joe Murphy Goalkeeping.