



16 February 2024



# St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

This week marked the beginning of Lent and some of our pupils had the privilege of celebrating Mass twice this week! On Monday, year 1 and year 3 celebrated Mass together for the first time. It was such a lovely experience for both schools that we are hoping to create more opportunities for joint Masses in the future. On Wednesday, the whole school journeyed to St John's Church to attend Ash Wednesday Mass with the parish. This was a beautiful service where all of our pupils received ashes and were asked to 'Repent and believe in the Gospel'. Parishioners, parents and clergy commented on how uplifting this service had been and how much they appreciated the children's singing, reading and active participation within the Mass. Well done to all of our pupils!

On Friday, year 4 enjoyed a Greek Day celebrating all things Greek from fabulous Greek food to fun Olympic sports! All children and staff had a great day!

On our return to school on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**, 4T will be swimming daily with 4A swimming daily the following week. Our classroom doors will be open from 2.30pm on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** to celebrate the end of Topic 4. Please do come along and appreciate the learning that has taken place during this topic.

Wishing you a lovely restful half term and I look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**.

Kind regards.

Mrs Mullins

## Key Information

**w/c 26/2/2024 -**

**School Lunches**

**Week 1**

**27/02/2024**

School re-opens

**27/02/2024 —**

**01/03/2024**

4T Swimming

**01/03/2024**

Whole school own clothes day

**01/03/2024**

**2.30pm onwards**

Open afternoon

**04/03/2024—**

**08/03/2024**

4A Swimming

**05/03/2024 4pm**

**School Hall**

Sacramental

Preparation

First Forgiveness

**07/03/2024**

World Book Day

**14 March 2024**

PTFA Easter Bingo

### Class Weekly

#### Attendance:

3PA: 93.0%  
3PE: 95.0%  
4A: 83.8%  
4T: 94.8%  
5J: 98.4%  
5V: 96.3%  
6O: 86.1%  
6T: 95.3%

### Attendance

**Every Child: Every Day!**

#### Whole School Attendance

**05/02/2024 - 09/02/2024**

**92.84%**

#### Congratulations to

**3Pe in Lower Key Stage 2**

**5J in Upper Key Stage 2**

**Please make every attempt  
to make medical  
appointments outside of  
school hours.**

### End of half term

#### Certificate Winners

**3PA: Charlotte F & Esme S**

**3PE: Alfie H & Olivia S**

**4A: Charlotte L & Mason O**

**4T: Ollie B & Connie W**

**5J: Lloyd D & Isla P**

**5V: Jess J & Phoebe W**

**6O: Amelia B & Emelia O**

**6T: Ben G & Violet T**

## Times Table Rock Stars!

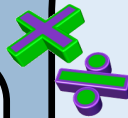
### School Averages:

Average Speed:  
5.38s

Active Pupils:  
35%

Average Minutes:  
36s

School Accuracy:  
96%



### Coins earned by each class

3Pa:	742	3Pe:	435
4A:	393	4T:	1,183
5J:	1,508	5V:	1,287
6O:	139	6T:	3,074

#### Congratulations to:

**St Thomas' class in Lower Key Stage 2 &  
St Therese de Lisieux class in Upper Key Stage  
2 on earning the most coins this week.**

### Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel - Lent

Mark 1:12-15

In this Gospel, we hear about the time that Jesus spent in the desert.

### Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

Please help me and my family to grow in love and strength during Lent through keeping our Lenten promises.

Amen

### Mass Times

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

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

Throughout Lent on Sundays at 3pm - Stations of the Cross

### 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

A number of teen online dating apps have emerged over the past few years and the most popular of these recently hit a huge one million users worldwide. With some teens spending more time online than with their friends - young people are increasingly using the internet to meet new people and form relationships.

Unfortunately, making friends and dating online can come with serious issues - from catfishing, to scammers, to stalking and harassment. With the inherent risk that users might also arrange face-to-face meetups, it's easy to see how these services can present a range of #OnlineSafety risks to their young audience. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide dives into online dating and relationships, detailing the associated risks and offering tools and strategies to keep your child safer online.

### This Week's Reading Top Tip

#### Holiday Time

Looking for a free resource this half term? Visit the library!

Behington Central Library Opening Times

Monday to Saturday

9am-1pm

2pm -5pm

### Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine

Please see attached a letter which Wirral Council Public Health have asked us to share in relation to an increase in measles across the country and the importance of the MMR vaccine.

### World Book Day and Book Fair

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. As part of the celebration we will have a visit from AS Creatives to lead character hunt workshops throughout the day. We would love the children to dress up as their favourite character from a book but please do not go to any extra expense.

There will also be the return of the book fair during the week of World Book Day. More details to follow.

#### PROUDLY ACHIEVED



January 2024

### Rainbow Flag

We are delighted to inform you that we have successfully been awarded our Rainbow Flag. Throughout the process we have had to show evidence of inclusive curriculum, pastoral support, effective policies as well as support and engagement with parents and governors in relation to our LGBTQ+ community. Thank you for all of the support we have received in gaining this accreditation.

**PTFA Family Easter Bingo**  
**Thursday 14 March 2024 3.30pm—5.30pm**

Please join us for a family Bingo event on 14 March 2024 at 3.30pm. Bingo tickets will be available to purchase from Tuesday 27 February until Thursday 7 March.

Please send £4 into school in a **named envelope for your child's class teacher**.  
At the event, there will be a tombola and refreshments available to purchase.

If any parent works for a company that may offer to match fund the amount raised at the Bingo, please could they contact the school office.

**Own Clothes Day—1 March 2024**

We would be grateful if any of the following could be brought in:  
Easter Eggs, Easter cakes, Easter crafts, £1.50



**myHappyMind Parent App**

myHappyMind have developed a Parent App. Information on how to access these resources are attached.

**Sports News**

Congratulations to: Joshua W-P (3Pe) who was awarded Man of the Match at Eastham Rangers on Saturday 10 February because he listened to instructions, tackled, passed and travelled back and forward on the pitch. He gave 100% effort!

Evie F (3Pe) was awarded a Parents' Girl of the Game trophy at Glenavon Belles this week for really good tackles during training.