

1st December 2023



St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, we have certainly had a shift in seasons this week with the drop in temperature! With this in mind, please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat, named hat and gloves for the rest of the term. We continue to give the children as much fresh air and daylight as we can during the school day in spite of these temperatures!

On Monday, Year 5 and 6 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> We are very grateful to Ann and her CAFOD team for their help with this important mission. As a result of this visit, the Mini Vinnies will be raising money for CAFOD with a bake sale very soon – details to follow.

On Thursday, many year 5 and 6 pupils stayed to take part in our 'Film Night' enjoying pizza, popcorn and juice whilst watching Elf. Thanks again 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. From the two film nights the PTFA raised an incredible £714. I am also delighted to inform you that we have now purchased a stage from the PTFA funds. This will be used for our Christmas Showcase on Friday 15th December.

Finally, this morning we celebrated Mass at St John's Church. The children sang beautifully and participated fully in the Mass. Thank you to our parents/carers who were able to join us at church and to those who walked with us. A special thank you to Father Mario and Deacon Mike who always make us feel so welcome in church. We are looking forward to joining them for Mass again on Tuesday 19th December.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards
Mrs. Mullins

Key Information

New dates added!

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

Whole School Mass

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: 98.3%
3PE: 98.6%
4A: 96.6%
4T: 96.1%
5J: 91.1%
5V: 97.5%
6O: 94.1%
6T: 95.3%

Attendance

Every Child: Every Day!

Whole School Attendance

17th November—24th

November 2023

97.5%

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: Cleopatra O & Joshua C

3PE: Beau E & Ella D

4A: Aoife H & Olivia M

4T: Oliver H & Georgina HT

5J: Daisy F & Nathan T

5V: Jess J & Fleur St C

6O: Artemis G & Sophia C

6T: Evie N & Jacob S

Times Table Rock Stars!

School Averages:

Average Speed:
5.12s

Active Pupils:
32%

Average Minutes:
0.25s

School Accuracy:
93%



Coins earned by each class

3PA: 767	3PE: 406
4A: 735	4T: 935
5J: 460	5V: 1216
6O: 1228	6T: 1764

**Congratulations to:
St Thomas in Lower Key Stage 2 & St Theresa
De Lisieux class in Upper Key Stage 2 on
earning the most coins this week!**

Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel

Mark: 13:33-37 The Watcher at the Door

"Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come."

Thoughts for the Week

The four weeks of Advent are a good time to clean things up for the Lord's coming. What would you like to change about your life in preparation for the coming of the Lord?

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

Protecting children, blocking illegal material, removing harmful content on major platforms. Those are the three main goals of the [Online Safety Act](#), which entered UK law in October. While demanding more accountability from social media companies in particular, the act revises – rather than replaces – the current digital safeguarding duties placed on schools.

With changes including the creation of new criminal offences and greater options when raising an issue with a platform, there's plenty for educators to take on board. Our [#WakeUpWednesday](#) guide this week provides a bite-size introduction to the Online Safety Act – and highlights some of the key points that schools need to be familiar with in the short term.

Water bottles.

For Health & Safety reasons, children should not bring glass water bottles into school. Plastic water bottles can be purchased from the school office for £3.00.

This Week's Reading Top Tip

For many children, non-fiction books are more interesting than fiction, so make sure that you are choosing a range of books to share. Also, see which books are available in the local library to match your child's interests.

Remember Libraries are free!

Online Safety Course

Thanks to all of the parents who completed the Annual Award in Online Safety for Parents and Carers aged 7-11. I trust that you found it useful. I am delighted to announce that Mrs Heather Richards has won the £30 voucher.

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.

School lunches

Next week, we will be following **WEEK 1** 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.

W/C 4th December Half Price Book Fair

We are delighted to welcome back the Scholastic Book Fair the week beginning 4th December. We have been given an additional book fair this year because we have been offered a huge 50% discount on all books. We thought this might be a good time to grab a bargain or two for Christmas stockings. Hopefully, many of you can take advantage of this huge discount. Children will be able to purchase books and stationery throughout the school day using cash.

After school, the book fair will be open until 4pm every day in the Annie B room. May we ask that any parents making purchases after school do so by card. This is via a QR code. Please be advised that there is no option for apple pay on the website so you will need to bring your card along with you.

Please be advised that it is only books and not stationery that is half price.

Thank you for your continued support.

Well Done

Maci L 6T, Lottie L 5V and Matilda 3PE, who worked alongside New Ferry Community group collecting rubbish. They collected a whopping 336Lbs of rubbish.

Sporting News—1st December 2023

Well done to our Year 4 Indoor Athletics squad, Olivia H, Isla H, Oliver H, Fleur H, Evan H, Sofia R, who competed in a competition at St. Anne's Primary School. They competed in many different field events and finished off with some very competitive relay races, which they won out of the 3!

Shamelia B played her debut game for Liverpool ETC on Thursday 16th November against Wigan and played against Bolton on Monday 20th November.

Well done Shamelia.