

13th October 2023



St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to our first parents' evening of the year. Teachers reported how pleased many of you were with how your child/ward has settled into their new class and how they are enjoying their learning. This was great to hear and thank you for sharing this with me and them.

On Monday, the children learned about diversity and how to follow our 'See It, Say it, Sort It' policy. I have attached the poster that is now around our school for you to discuss with your child.

On Wednesday, some children took part in competitions and displayed excellent sporting behaviour. This was commented on by many adults at the venues.

On Thursday, year 4 enjoyed a fabulous trip to Chester Zoo where the sun shone all day despite being mid October. Again, members of the public commented on how polite and well mannered our children were. Well done Year 4!

Our lunch staff have noticed that some children are still bringing products that contain nuts. Please be mindful of all items in your child's lunchbox. The following products are not allowed in school as we have several children with nut allergies:

Kinder Bueno products and similar own brand products.

Nutella spread (or own brand chocolate spread)

Own brand snickers I thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all for the last week of this half term!

Mrs Mullins

Key Information

WC Monday 16th October

Swimming Year 5V

Friday 20th October

60 Class Assembly,

Friday 20th October

School Closes

Monday 30th October

School Opens

Friday 3rd November

5V Class Assembly

Friday 3rd November

Open Classroom from 2.30pm

Celebrate Topic 1

Monday 6th November

Topic 2 Begins

Friday 10th November

Remembrance Assembly - 6T

Friday 17th November

4T Class Assembly

Friday 24th November

4A Class Assembly

Friday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December

Christmas Showcase-All Years

Performance 1 9.15am

Performance 2 2.00pm

Thursday 21st December

Open Classroom from 2.30pm

Celebrate Topic 2

Thursday 21st December

School closes for children

Class Weekly Attendance:

3PA: 96.3%
3PE: 93.9%
4A: 94.7%
4T: 92.8%
5J: 99.1%
5V: 97.4%
6O: 94.1%
6T: 99.0%

St John's Junior Attendance
Every Child: Every Day!
Whole School Attendance

2 October 2023 — 6 October 2023

99.1%

Congratulations to
5J

Attendance - Every day matters

Please remember to inform the school office or ParentMail daily if your child is absent.



Times Table Rock Stars!

School Averages:



Average Speed:
6.73s

Active Pupils:
48%

Average Minutes:
0.52s

School Accuracy:
92%

Coins earned by each class

3PA: 518	3PE: 622
4A: 531	4T: 913
5J: 580	5V: 875
6O: 1,271	6T: 1,994

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!

Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the following children who have all achieved certificates this week for using their Thinking & Learning Powers!

3PA: Isaac F & Layla M

3PE: Emily G & Hanna R

4A: The whole class!

4T: Max C & Fleur H

5J: Alexia B & Harry W

5V: Jessica FCharlotte G

6O: Amelia B & Zak H

6T: Gracie H & Sophia S

Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel

Mathew 22: 1-14

"Invite everyone you can find to the wedding"

Thought for the week

What generous offers do we fail to take up?

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>

National Online Safety

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

St John's Catholic Junior School has shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online by working with National Online Safety - providing resources for all parents and carers. 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 by searching 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/helpcentre>.

Thrive Parent Workshop

For Year 5 & and 6 Parents—all welcome

Monday 16 October 9:15am

St John's Junior School

Mental Health Support Team in schools (Wirral CAMHS) are providing workshops to give parents a general overview about mental health in children and give them some guidance about how to help their child build resilience.

Foodbank donations

FINAL CALL

As part of Harvest Festival, we are supporting Wirral Foodbank. The food bank is based in Birkenhead and provides emergency food parcels for people experiencing a temporary financial crisis.

We are asking pupils to bring into school items of food to support this very worthwhile cause. We would really appreciate it if you could send your son/daughter into school with one or two items from the list below. If you wish to send more it will be greatly received. Donations can be brought into school between Monday 9th and Wednesday 18th October.

Urgently needed items of food are:

Tinned Potatoes	Tinned Fruit
Tinned Tuna	Tinned Vegetables
Coffee (small)	Rice Pudding
Custard	Biscuits
Cereal	

Please ensure that the use by date is at least three months in advance of now.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

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.

Please note that there will be a change to lunch on Monday which will be Fish & Chips & Friday where it will be a 'Halloween Lunch' with Witches hot dog fingers, Dracula French fries & spookghetti hoops!

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.

Understanding Mental Health & Wellbeing

Please find attached information relating to a free accredited 6 week course starting on 8 November at Creating Community Family Centre.

Football & Indoor Athletics News

9th October—Tranmere Rovers

Well done to our year 5&6 footballers who competed in a tournament hosted by Tranmere Rovers on Monday, showing great resilience in a very competitive competition!

Alessandro B, Shamelia B, Sam C, Jamie G, George R, Luca S, Harry W and Luca W

11th October – LFC Tournament

Well done to our year 5&6 footballers who competed in a tournament hosted by LFC Foundation on Wednesday, growing in confidence throughout.

Sam C, Caiden F, Frankie K, Harley O'C, Jacob S, Zack S, Harry W and Luca W

11th October – Girls' LFC Tournament

Congratulations to our girl footballers who competed in a tournament hosted by LFC Foundation on Wednesday. They won 4 and drew 2 and have qualified for the next stage at the LFC Academy later on in this academic year.

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

11th October – Year 3 Indoor Athletics

Well done to our year 3s who competed in an Indoor Athletics competition on Wednesday. They competed in many different running and field events.

Nancy A, Luca B, Tayla C, Samuel E-D, Jaxon H, Paisley M-M, Chleo O'G and Francis S

Congratulations

Congratulations to Shamelia B in Year 6 who played with Wirral School Girls' Football Team against Liverpool School Girls this week. She scored 1 goal and assisted in 2 others. They won 3-2. Well done Shamelia!

Foundation Governor

FINAL CALL

The Governors at St John's Catholic Junior School are currently recruiting Foundation Governors.

The role would suit someone with an interest in serving our community and supporting the needs of our school children.

The role of a School Governing Body is:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and direction of the school
- Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

It is a great opportunity to develop a range of skills in areas such as chairing, setting strategy and financial management as well as contributing to your local community. Access to a range of training is available as well as induction and mentoring. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Bishop, therefore candidates are required to be a practising Catholic. Anyone interested should send an email with an overview of their experience and skills for the attention of Gillian Dyche and Tony Rutherford (Co Chairs) to schooloffice@stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk

An informal chat can also be arranged if preferred by sending an email to this address.