

15th September 2023



St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you are all enjoying the slightly cooler weather! The children have worked really hard in their first full week after the summer holidays and were able to share all of their learning in our Friday assembly! It's been lovely to see a range of extra-curricular clubs starting this week too: Mad Scientists, Choir, Basketball, Girls' Football, Boys' Football, Tag Rugby! More lunchtime and after-school clubs will be added throughout the year. I am very grateful to staff who give up their time to ensure that our pupils have a range of opportunities to develop further during their time at St John's Juniors.

I am delighted to inform you that we are now a **National Online Safety Certified School**. This celebrates that we have a whole school approach in online safety that protects and educates staff, pupils, parents and governors in the safe and effective use of the internet and technology. It equips trusted adults with the essential information to identify online risks, and escalate any incident where appropriate. If you have not created an account yet please do so by following this link <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/st-john-s-catholic-junior-school>

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mrs Mullins

Key Information

Thursday 21st September

Family & Individual Photographs

Friday 6th October

5J Class Assembly

WC Monday 9th October

Swimming Year 5

Tuesday 10th October

Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm

Wednesday 11th October

Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm

WC Monday 16th October

Swimming Year 5

Friday 20th October

6O 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

Friday 17th November

4T Class Assembly

Friday 24th November

4A Class Assembly

Friday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Class Weekly Attendance:

3PA: 97.5%
3PE: 97.3%
4A: 96.0%
4T: 93.3%
5J: 99.2%
5V: 94.9%
6T: 90.0%
6O: 95.5%

St John's Junior Attendance

Every Child: Every Day!

Whole School Attendance

5th September—9th September

99.2%

Congratulations to 5J

Attendance - Every day matters

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. Please also take a look at this document to support your decision making <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Times Table Rock Stars!

School Averages:



Average Speed:
4.78s

Active Pupils:
13%

Average Minutes:
22s

School Accuracy:
91%

Coins earned by each class

3PA: 231	3PE: 198
4A: 3747	4T: 212
5J: 1119	5V: 910
6T: 1522	6O: 806

Congratulations to:

St Anne's class in Lower Key Stage 2 & St Therese De Lisieux 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: Noah M & Imogen C

3PE: Olivia S & Joshua W-P

4A: Ava B & Alannah E

4T: Jaxon W & Isabella A

5J: Caiden F & Marley J

5V: Lucas L & Charlotte F

6O: Double certificates next week

6T: Ruby D & Jessica S

Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel

Mathew 18:21-35

"Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times"

Thought for the day

Do we forgive often enough?

Mass Times

Mass times at St John's Saturday 5pm & Sunday 9.30/11.00am.

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>

Curriculum

The children have enjoyed starting Topic 1 this week. To find out what your child will be learning during the 7 week topic, please follow the link below.

<https://www.stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk/curriculum-plans-202122>

Family & Individual Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 21 September for family and individual photographs. If your child has PE on Thursday, on this occasion please send them into school in school uniform together with their PE kit for them to get changed into after Photographs have been taken.

If you wish to have a family photograph of your children, please bring them into school between 8am and 8.50am only. Staff will not be collecting children from the Infant or Pre School.

Congratulations

Sophia R in "4T" for winning the "Girls can play" trophy for scoring the first goal and working hard in football.

#WakeUpWednesday

Almost half (46%) of 8- to 11-year-olds in the UK play online video games with people that they don't necessarily know. While 55% of parents of young gamers worry that their child might be pressured into making expensive in-game purchases.

Most children find gaming immensely enjoyable, but its volume of potential risks – and capacity to influence behaviour – often make it problematic for parents. Our **#WakeUpWednesday** guide suggests some sensible ground rules for promoting safer, healthier gaming habits. Download the attached pdf for more information.



Snacks and Lunch Reminder

Children are allowed a healthy snack at break times e.g. fruit, toast. Our school menus have changed for 2023-2024 and are available to view on our school website.

<https://www.stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk/school-meals>