

29th September 2023



# St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

I trust that you are well and enjoying the shift in seasons!

This week has been another busy week at St John's with more extra curricular activities starting such as Eco Club and Mini Vinnies. Councillors have been elected and meetings will begin. Our councils benefit the whole school, pupils and teachers, because it provides opportunities for pupils to communicate their feelings as well as influence decisions that are made within the school. Councillors also develop skills such as confidence, communication and negotiation. I look forward to updating you on their progress throughout the year.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be held on 10th and 11th October from 3.30pm-6.00pm.

Appointments will be held in your child's classroom. Each appointment will be 10 minutes and a strict timetable will be adhered to. If you have more than one child in our school, please allow 10 minutes between appointments to allow time to move between classrooms. In order to book your appointment, please log into Parentmail from 6pm tonight.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend and week ahead.

Mrs Mullins

## Key Information

**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

**Friday 15th December**

Christmas Showcase-All Years

## Class Weekly Attendance:

3PA: 93.3%  
3PE: 90.7%  
4A: 97.8%  
4T: 94.7%  
5J: 94.4%  
5V: 91.9%  
6T: 96.3%  
6O: 97.8%

## St John's Junior Attendance

Every Child: Every Day!

Whole School Attendance

25th—29th September

97.8%

Congratulations to

4A & 6O

## Attendance - Every day matters

If your child is absent due to sickness. Please inform us on the first day and keep us updated



## Times Table Rock Stars!

### School Averages:



Average Speed:  
40.05s

Active Pupils:  
58%

Average Minutes:  
24s

School Accuracy:  
93%

### Coins earned by each class

3PA: 1361	3PE: 1852
4A: 2206	4T: 1357
5J: 1379	5V: 1731
6T: 1133	6O: 2181

### Congratulations to:

**St Anne's class in Lower Key Stage 2 & St Oscar Romero 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: Annissa D & Luca B**

**3PE: Thomas S & Caleb W**

**4A: Mason O & Emme S**

**4T: Sofia R & James B**

**5J: Ewan W-M & Mathew N**

**5V: Noah D & Millie B**

**6O: Evlynn B & Theodore R**

**6T: Riley O & Destiny I**

## Gospel

### This Sunday's Gospel

Mathew 31:28-32

The parable of the two sons

"I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and sinners are making their way into the kingdom of God before you"

### Thought for the week

How can you become closer to God this week?

### 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>

## #Wake Up Wednesday

In the UK, the proportion of 11 to 18-year-olds who vape doubled between 2020 and 2022.

That figure has continued to rise – a worrying trend that's not exactly been countered by frequent portrayals of vaping as cool and fashionable on social media platforms.

Many young vapers simply are not aware of the habit's potential pitfalls – but with risks including unregulated products, toxic ingredients and future nicotine addiction, there's plenty for trusted adults to help children understand. This week's **#WakeUpWednesday** guide brings you the essential info.

### Eco Club Councillors 2023-2024

Tuesday 3.20pm—4.30pm

**3PA** Josh C

**3PE** Olivia S

**4A** Aoife H

**5J** Lexi B

**5V** Ella D  
Fleur SC

**6O** Evlynn B  
Erin B  
James C

**6T** Maci L  
Luca S  
Issy T

### School Councillors

2023-2024

**3PA** Paisley M-M

**3PE** Nina W

**4T** Heidi J

**4A** Katrina F

**5J** Indie R

**5V** Frankie K

**6T** Anthony N

**6O** Isabella C

### Snack time

Please be reminded that we are a Healthy Eating and Nut-Free school! Snacks for breaktime should be fruit, toast or other sugar-free products. Please be reminded that grapes MUST be cut in half as they are a choking hazard, The size and shape of grapes means they can completely plug a child's airway. The tight seal produced by the grape's smooth surface makes them difficult to dislodge with standard first aid techniques. The Child Accident Prevention Trust advises that grapes should be chopped in half lengthways and ideally in quarters.

### School lunches

Next week, we will be following **WEEK 2** menu. Please visit: <https://www.stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk/school-meals> for more details.

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.

## Wirral Book Festival 2023

On the 14th of October, Bear Hunt Books will have a number of events, author talks and lots of things to do so we can all celebrate our favourite books! Britain's got Talent's Mama G (pre-school, KS1, KS2) will amuse and enchant you with her inclusive brand of storytelling at Bebington Methodist Church.


Maisie Chang (KS1 & KS2), winner of the Jhalak prize, will be over to share her new book, Battle of the Jade Rabbit, part of the Tiger Warrior series.

Marie Basting (KS2) is there to deliver rather revolting facts with her story 'My Family and Other Romans.' Be prepared to be disgusted and thoroughly entertained!

Thomas Taylor (KS2) is also spooking us with his stories set in eerie-on-sea. He will discuss his fifth and final book in the series: Mer Medusa.

Want to buy tickets? Click here!

<https://tinyurl.com/3db7avw3>



The poster features a blue background with white and black text. At the top left is a small pink monster icon. To its right is a logo consisting of three stacked black rectangles with white text: 'WIRRAL', 'KIDS' ♦', 'BOOK', and 'FESTIVAL ●'. The main title 'WIRRAL KIDS' 2023 BOOK FESTIVAL' is written in large, bold, black letters, with 'WIRRAL' on the left side and 'KIDS' 2023' above 'BOOK'. A larger pink monster icon is positioned to the right of 'BOOK'. Below the title, the date 'Saturday 14th October' is written in white. The names of the authors and activities are listed in white: 'Thomas Taylor / Marie Basting', 'Sally Nicholls / Maisie Chan', 'Jude Lennon / Natalie Reeves Billing', 'Mama G's Storytime', and 'and more...'. At the bottom, there are three logos: 'BEAR HUNT BOOKS' (a circular logo with a bear), 'BEAR HUNT BOOKS & TOYS' (text), and 'LOWER BEBINGTON METHODIST CHURCH' (text). To the right of these are the 'WIRRAL KIDS' BOOK FESTIVAL' logo and the 'WIRRAL KIDS' BOOK FESTIVAL' logo.

**WIRRAL KIDS' 2023 BOOK FESTIVAL**  
**Saturday 14th October**  
**Thomas Taylor / Marie Basting**  
**Sally Nicholls / Maisie Chan**  
**Jude Lennon / Natalie Reeves Billing**  
**Mama G's Storytime**  
**and more...**

**BEAR HUNT BOOKS**  
BEAR HUNT BOOKS & TOYS  
2a Church Road,  
Bebington, CH63 7PH

**LOWER BEBINGTON METHODIST CHURCH**  
Bromborough Road,  
Bebington, CH63 7RA

**WIRRAL KIDS' BOOK FESTIVAL**

## **Foundation Governor**

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](mailto:schooloffice@stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk)

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