

6th October 2023



St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a pleasure to welcome our OFSTED team this week to our wonderful school. Pat Speed (HMI) and Sandra Hamilton had many positive comments to make about our pupils, their learning and behaviour. Special thanks to those parents who were able to complete the parent survey; your feedback is always appreciated. The children were amazing on both days talking confidently about their learning and their school. As soon as the report becomes available, I will inform you and make it available on our website.

On Monday, Andy from Tranmere Rovers spoke to the children in assembly and talked about prejudices and in particular, racism.

On Tuesday, Year 6 had an amazing World War II day with Magic Door Education. The children learned so much throughout the day and looked fabulous in their outfits. Thank you for making it so special for them!

On Thursday, Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Port Sunlight to study artwork in Lady Lever Art Gallery and appreciate the many features of the village.

Please note that your child will bring home a letter regarding the **flu vaccination** – further information is attached to this newsletter and has also been uploaded to our school website for you to read.

The online booking system for Parents' Evening closes at midday tomorrow.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs Mullins

Key Information

WC Monday 9th October

Swimming Year 5J

Tuesday 10th October

Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm

Wednesday 11th October

Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm

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

Class Weekly Attendance:

3PA: 96.0%
3PE: 92.9%
4A: 98.8%
4T: 91.3%
5J: 94.4%
5V: 92.6%
6T: 96.3%
6O: 91.7%

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

25 September—29 September 2023

94.3%

Congratulations to
4A

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:
5.82s

Active Pupils:
38%

Average Minutes:
0.45s

School Accuracy:
93%

Coins earned by each class

3PA: 1,116	3PE: 510
4A: 489	4T: 1,014
5J: 434	5V: 1,164
6O: 3,720	6T: 1,040

Congratulations to:
St Paul'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: Charlotte F & Sophia M

3PE: Nancy A & Aoife M

4A: Olivia H & Amav N

4T: Lilly C & Isla-Rose M

5J: Leighton C & Indigo R

5V: Marcie D & Seb H

6O: Tiger-Lily C & Harley O'C

6T: Louis E-D & Tommy H

Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel

Mathew 21: 33-43

"The kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to people who will produce its fruit"

Thought for the week

What does the kingdom of God mean to you?

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>

#Wake Up Wednesday

Among Us: fairly safe, or pretty sus? This scenario of spaceship crew members cooperating to complete tasks and uncover murderous alien imposters has garnered a sizeable and committed following with younger gamers

Though Among Us is presented in a (mainly) sanitised visual style, any children's game which essentially foregrounds the concepts of deceit, betrayal and killing is always likely to cause some concerns. This week's **#WakeUpWednesday** guide gets among it with Among Us. Please see attachment for more details.

Sickness & Diarrhoea Illnesses

Just to remind parents that if your child has a vomiting or diarrhoea bug, they must stay off school for 48 hours in line with Infection Control Guidance from Public Health England. For further guidance, please see the Policies section on our website.

Thrive Parent Workshop

For Year 5 & and 6 Parents

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.

The workshops are delivered face to face and are one hour long

If you would like to attend, please inform the

school office in person or email:

schooloffice@stjohns-juniors.wirral.sch.uk

Grapes

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 3** 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.

Foodbank donations

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 Friday 13th 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.

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

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