

St-John's RC Primary School



16th September 2024

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Dates for the diary

P5A Parent Consultation's

Tues

Monday 23rd September at 1600 - 1900

Thursday 26th September at 1600 - 1900

P7 Benmore TEAMS Information

Evening

Thursday 26th September at 1800 - 1845

P6 Empowered Learning Launch

Event

Thursday 26th September at 1530- 1600

This Week

1

Parent Consultation bookings are live and will close

Tuesday 24th September at 1730

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Anyone who has not booked has been sent new link today.

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P1 Evening News photo deadline for pre - order **Monday 23rd September**

4

Day of Peace Mass Led by P7 at St MM **Wednesday 25th September**

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Any adults who wish to join us should meet at the school office at 09:15

New dates added to calendar

P4 Parent Meeting - Communion

P6 Empowered Learning Event

P4 Communion Meeting

Message from Headteacher

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Meet the Teacher event this week on such a beautiful evening.

Our Parent Consultations will start next with for P5A and all other classes the following week.

We were so proud of all of our P7 pupils who were interviewed for House Captains this week. Each candidate came prepared and enthusiastically answered questions. We will announce the successful candidates next week.

Message from Mr Burgess

Our P6 families have been sent an email today inviting you to our Empowered Learning Launch Event. Can all User Agreements be completed as soon as possible.

Please see attached link to the Minutes from our Parent Council Meeting.

<https://stjohnsportobello.com/2024/09/20/parent-council-minutes-9-09-24/>

Please see attached link to join our P7 Benmore online Information Evening

[Benmore Teams Meeting Link](#)

Asda Cash for Schools



Great news for our school and a fantastic opportunity to generate money for the children!

Asda have launched an amazing new initiative from now until 30th November called the 'Asda Rewards Cashpot for schools! It means that during this qualifying period, Asda will donate 0.5% of your shop (online or in store!) to the school of your choice!

We are really keen to communicate this to our whole school community and get as much support as possible!

All you need to do is Download the Asda rewards app (if you haven't already) and follow these steps -

- Go to 'Cashpots'**
- Select 'Join cashpots for schools'**
- select 'Great, count me in'**
- Select 'I have a school I want to choose'**
- Type in 'EH15'**
- Select St John's RC Primary School**

This will link the school to your app and Asda account. In store you just need to scan the barcode on your app when you pay and as it's now linked the donation should also be made if you shop online!

We would love to get as many people using this as possible in the next 81 days. Please feel free to tell family, friends and neighbours alike. Every penny helps!

Holiday Club 14th -18th October



BREAKFAST CLUB

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

HOLIDAY CLUB (14-18TH OCTOBER)

ST JOHNS OUT OF SCHOOL Clubs



OPEN FOR BOOKINGS!



**Open your
camera and
scan here:**



Location:

St.John's RC Primary School,
18 Duddingston Road,
Edinburgh,
EH15 1NE

We Accept:

- Blue Light Discount ✓
- Childcare Vouchers ✓
- Tax-Free Childcare ✓

WE FOCUS ON EACH CHILD'S
INDIVIDUAL NEEDS AND OFFER A
RANGE OF ENGAGING AND INCLUSIVE
ACTIVITIES TAILORED TO THE
CHILDREN'S INTERESTS.



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by Action for Children

St Johns October Schedule

14th - 18th October

Monday



Make your own games, getting to know you!

- Act 1, cardboard boxes make games
- Act 2, play each others games
- Act 3, make your own medals
- Act 4, quiz? Team challenge



Tuesday



Reach for the stars

- Act 1, rockets
- Act 2, moons and stars
- Act 3, alien
- Act 4, night sky



Wednesday



Nature day

- Act 1, leaf painting
- Act 2, bird feeders
- Act 3, design pumpkins
- Act 4, walk and play at figgy park



Thursday



MESSY DAY !!!!!!!!!

- Act 1, chalk paint
- Act 2, slime
- Act 3, foam paint/ edible foam
- Act 4, gloop



Friday



What's your talent?!?

- Act 1, microphone making
- Act 2, practice talents
- Act 3, show of talents



DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER	
13th	Roald Dahl Day
16th	Monday Holiday
17th	Parent Consultation bookings live
17th	House Captain Interviews &
19th	
18th	Meet the Teacher
25th	Day of Peace Mass Led by P7 @ MM
23rd	P4 Communion Meeting at St John's 7-8pm
26th	P6 Empowered Learning Event 3:30-4pm
26th	Benmore Teams meeting 6-6:45pm
DECEMBER	
5th	Advent Service P4 In school
9th	P7 Benmore Residential
13th	
11th	P1 Nativity
13th	Christmas parties P1-P6
20th	Last day of term
MARCH	
5th	Ash Wednesday
6th	World Book Day
10th	P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation @St-John's 7pm
19th	Parent Consultations
21st	
JUNE	
9th	Sports Day
13th	School reports
13th	New P1 Transition activity
16th	P7 Confirmation @ St-John's
17th	P7 High School Transition
18th	
19th	
18th	Pupils meet the new teacher
23rd	P7 Leavers Event
25th	P7 Mass
26th	Last day of term

2nd	Parent Consultations 4-7pm
3rd	National Poetry Day
4th	Parent Consultations 1-3pm
10th	School Photos
14th	Mid Term holidays
21st	
22nd	All pupils resume
30th	P1-P7 Flu Immunisation

JANUARY	
7th	All pupils resume
15th	Feast of St John: Whole school Mass led by P3 @ St-John's
24th	Robert Burns Celebration
29th	Lunar New Year

APRIL	
7th	-Easter holidays
21st	
22nd	All pupils resume

NOVEMBER	
1st	All Saints Mass P6 @ St-John's
	P1 2025 Open Day
	Outdoor Classroom Day
13th	World Kindness Day
15th	Children In Need
18th	Book Week Scotland
22nd	
28th	St Andrew's Day Mass P5 @

FEBRUARY	
3rd	P6/7 Cross Country
10th	Mid-term break
16th	
28th	Ramadan

MAY	
5th	School holiday
6th	School in-service day
7th	All pupils resume
19th	School holiday
21st	New P1 2025 St John's Nursery Transition event
28th	New P1 Transition event
	Partnership Nurseries
29th	Ascension Thursday Mass led by P2 with P6 support @ MM

P1 Evening News Photograph Ordering Deadline



PRIMARY ONE SOUVENIR ISSUE
ON SALE 2nd & 3rd OCTOBER 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Evening News is delighted to announce the return of our hugely popular primary one 'First Class' souvenir edition marking your son or daughter's all-important step up to primary school.

Due to the huge number of schools participating, we have to publish the supplement over two days - Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd October. The supplements will be split alphabetically by school and we will know nearer the time which day their picture will appear.

Like previous years, the supplement will feature full colour pictures of primary one classes from schools across Edinburgh. I am sure you will agree that this will be popular and we are delighted to be able to offer you the chance to purchase copies. These copies will be delivered direct to the school on the day your school features for your child to bring home.

You can purchase copies via our contact centre on 0330 403 3004 or via our partner website edinburghnews.eventbrite.co.uk at a reduced cost of £1 per copy (normal price £1.30) before 23rd September. Please note that website orders are subject to additional fees which are charged by Eventbrite.

Our phone lines are open Monday to Friday 9am – 4.30pm. Website orders can be placed until 11pm on 23rd September 2024.

If you do not want your child to appear in the photograph, please contact your school office.

Photographs will be published in paper, on our website and available to purchase online from 2nd October.

Yours faithfully

Julie Levitt
Edinburgh Evening News



Communication

If you are contacting the school with a non-urgent enquiry, then please email admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk. This is a tracked mailbox and you will receive a response within 2 working days.

For urgent enquiries please phone the school office on **0131-669-1363** and leave message if unanswered to allow us to return your call.

Our office foyer is very busy first thing in the morning and ask If you have any questions or concerns for the class teacher please email admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk (Use FAO.....) to help us direct your email to the correct person.

Absence and Request for absence

If your child is unwell and will not be able to attend school, you must phone the Office on **0131-669-1363**, by **8:30am**, to let us know otherwise you will receive an absent text. The school has a rigorous policy of checking that all children are in school and will contact you directly should they fail to attend.

If your child is going to be absent for any medical appointments, please use the link to notify the school office giving at least **48hours notice** where possible.

[Pupil Appointment Notification \(office.com\)](https://office.com)

Holiday requests during term time should be put in writing to Mrs Kelly and sent to our admin address. admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk

Lateness

Through our regular lateness and attendance monitoring we are sending out Late texts daily to any children who are not in class by **0850**.

School gates are opened from **0840** each morning for parents to drop their children and go. At **0850** children are brought into school, they get organised for their learning and look at the plan for the day ahead. This is also a good time for your child to build up relationships with staff and friends in class.

If there is a reason why your child cannot get to school on time, please contact the school office on **0131-669-1363**. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing all our children at **0850** each day.

Mrs Kelly

Headteacher