

St-John's RC Primary School

21st March 2025



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Message from Mrs Kelly

It was great to see the school busy and bustling this week as families attend their Parent Consultation meetings. We hope you found them useful. Thanks to everyone who donated this morning to Mary's Meals, our Lenten charity.

We are still collecting so please send money to the office if you would like to support.

Tonight we are looking forward to watching the choir at St John's church. Good luck to them in their evening of Irish 🍀 song and dance 🎭

Here is a quick round up of our 80's morning - some fantastic outfits on show, it was such a fun morning, thanks to all for supporting and donating. Please see the school website for more photos in class pages.





Message from Mr Burgess

Over the past few years our main school fundraising for charity, has taken place during Advent or Lent, where we look to support those who are making a difference/align with our school ethos and values.

This year our chosen charity is Mary's Meals and we have two events in which families within the school community can contribute.



Friday, 21st March, 7pm – the school choir will participate in a charity concert at St John's Church, all funds received will go towards Mary's Meals (school) and SCIAF's appeal for the people of Gaza (parish).

On the same day, we are having a dress up/down day (with an 80's theme) in school, any funds we raise will go directly towards Mary's Meals urgent appeal for Southern Africa, more info here: [Emergency in Southern Africa](#)

If you can donate to either event, we would be most grateful.

Masses During Lent

Fr Jock has invited classes to participate in Mass during Lent and families are most welcome to accompany us on the dates below:

please email admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk **if you are able to help out**

- P3,4&5 **Wednesday, 19th March, 10am** Mass at St John's
- P2&6 **Thursday, 3rd April, 10am** Mass at St Mary Magdalene's Church
- P1 **Wednesday, 2nd April 2pm** Mass at St-John's Church

P7 have their own, special Mass with all other Catholic Primary 7's and high school reps. This takes place at St Mary's Cathedral on **Tuesday, 25th March at 11am.**

Dyslexia Scotland

Dyslexia Scotland South East is pleased to host a Dyslexia Masterclass for parents with Sharon Hall on Thursday 27 March at 7 – 8.30pm on Zoom.

Full details and free tickets here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/dyslexiascotland2/1614252>

Wednesday Word

Please see the link for this week's Wednesday Word below.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

Oscars Holiday Club

Easter Holiday Clubs

No minimum booking required



Childcare Vouchers



We accept children from any school



Tax-Free Childcare



Dates:

7th - 17th April

Book now

Booking Deadline: 28/3/2025

Locations:

- **St Johns**
- **Carrick Knowe**



Day Trip:

16th April

East Links Family Park *Leaving From Carrick Knowe

*Limited Spaces Available & Booking Cost Applies



Bookings will only be taken through
oscarsholidayclubs@actionforchildren.org.uk

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by Action for Children

Friday Football and Mini Kickers

Please see below information regarding our upcoming block of term-time football classes for boys and girls.

All sessions take place at our Forrester / St Augustine's Community Sports Hub and range from age 3 to S1.

Friday Football

- Friday Football is a fun, developmental football programme for boys and girls aged P1-S1. The sessions focus on developing confidence and enhancing competence on the ball through dribbling, passing, scoring and control. Sessions are outdoor on 3G astroturf so please bring footwear and clothing suitable for being outdoors.
- P1-P4 : Fridays 2.00-3.00pm <https://getedinburghactive.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=177171>
- P5-S1 : Fridays 3.00-4.00pm <https://getedinburghactive.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=177182>

Mini Kickers

Mini Kickers is our fun, developmental introductory programme, which focuses on building motor skills and physical literacy through the enjoyment of football. These sessions are indoor.

- Age 3-4 : Saturdays 9.00-9.45am <https://getedinburghactive.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=177149>
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- Age 4-5 : Saturdays 10.00-10.45am <https://getedinburghactive.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=177160>

Key Dates

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3rd	P4 Sacramental parent Meeting Parent Consultation bookings open – link sent, booking opens at 5pm
5th	Ash Wednesday
6th	World Book Day – Dressing up optional

10th	P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation @St-John's 7pm P7B Trip to Surgeon's Hall
11th	P7A Trip to Surgeon's Hall
13th	Nursery Pre-school Eye screening
18th	P1 & P7 Dental Inspections
21st	Choir performing at St-John's Church for St Patrick's Day
19th-21st	Parent Consultation's
24th	P6/7 Cross Country Finals - Inverleith
25th	P7 Transition Mass
26th	P2 visit from Cosmos Planetarium
27th	Parent Council Meeting at 7pm link will be sent out next week

A p r i l

1st	P7B Art of Listening
7th-21st	Easter holidays
22nd	All resume
23rd	P1 & P7 Vista Style Photographs P2 and P2/1 Shared Learning - Information to follow
28th	P4 Parent Sacramental Meeting
29th	Holyrood Year Heads visiting P7

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5th	Monday holiday- All	3rd	P7A Trip – Pizza Express
13th	P7 Holyrood transition visit		
27th	P7 Holyrood transition visit		
		3rd	P7 Holyrood transition visit
		10th	P7 Holyrood transition visit
6th	Inset Day –children off	4th	School Board Cup- Semis P1 Trip to Dynamic Earth
7th	School Board Cup – Round 1	9th	Sports Day – further details to follow
8th	P7 Confirmation Evening 7PM at St- John’s Church Hall		
12th	P6&P7 Interscholastics	11th	Football Finals Night – P1 Transition – class assembly
14th	Inspectors Cup – Round 2 P7 RRSA Cluster Group – St John Vianney’s	13th	End of year reports – New P1 transition activity, all new P1 children
19th	Monday holiday- All	16th	P7 Confirmation @ St John’s
20th	P7B Trip to Pizza Express	17th–19th	P7 Transition days at new High School
21st	New P1 Transition –St John's Nursery	18th	Meet the Teacher
21st	School Board Cup – Round 2	19th	New P1 Transition – Meet the Teacher/lunch

		20th	P5-P7 Choir Usher Hall
		21st	Mass, Ceilidh and Pizza at St-John's Church Hall - confirmation children
26th	P6/P7 Interscholastics : Meadowbank	23rd	P7 Leaver's Event
28th	New P1 Transition -Partnesrship Nurseries P4 Shared Learning - Info to follow	25th	P7 Leavers Mass
28th	Insepctors Cup Semis	26th	Last Day of term
29th	Ascension Thursday Mass : Led by P2 with P6 support@ St MM		
29th	P4 Reconciliation service and St MM rehersal		

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)

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 - Gates open at 0840 and close at 0850

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