

St-John's RC Primary School

30th May 2025



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Message from Mrs Kelly

The school was busy this week, good busy; as we opened the doors to welcome our new P1's from our partner nurseries and hosted two successful sharing the learning sessions in P4 and P5. We have introduced these this session as an alternative to an assembly, it would be good to receive some feedback. There are two remaining sessions for this term and all parents/carers are warmly welcomed:

P1 Tuesday 17th June from 2.00pm and

P6 Monday 16th June from 2.15pm

Huge thank you to Emmy McCulloch, Rhia Turnbull and Jasmina Khiralla from P6B who not only supported the office preparing Welcome Packs, they also supported Mrs Kinsella and Mr Burgess at our P1 event this week.

P7 are having their final assembly on Wednesday 11th June, from 2.15pm

A special shout out to Emmy, Jasmina and Rhia from P6B who welcomed all our new families on Wednesday and who helped organise the morning – they are now ‘unofficially’ part of our admin team!!



Good luck to P6 in the Semi-finals of the School Board Cup at Meggetland on Wednesday. Sending lots of positivity.

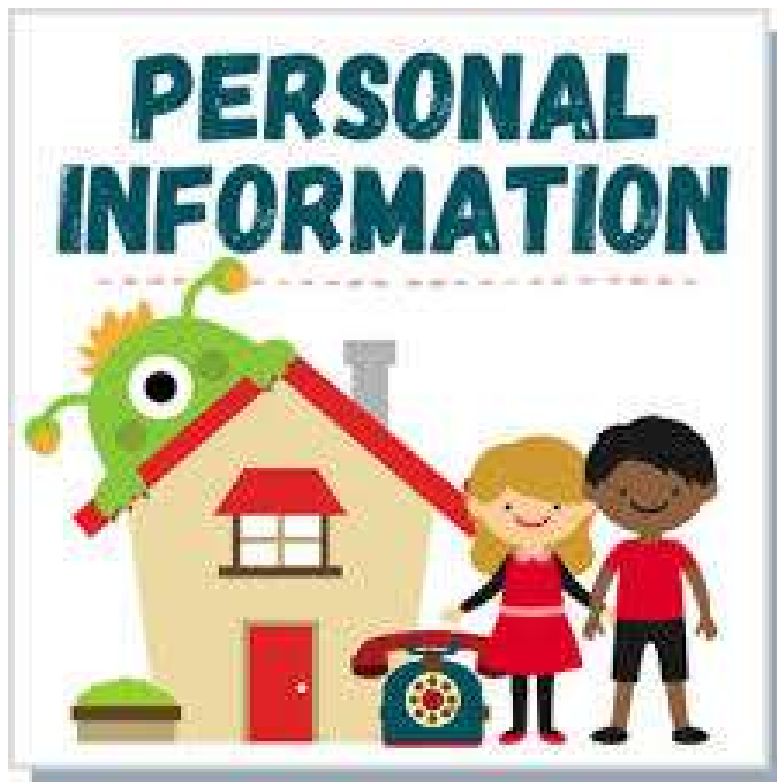
Message from Mr Burgess

Fr Jock would like to say well done to all the boys and girls for the way they took part in Thursday's Ascension Day Mass. P2 led the Mass beautifully and the music was led by Frances and Miss Miller. Thank you also to the adult helpers who supported classes to and from Mass. We were very proud of the way the children represented our school.

House Captains held the penultimate meeting with Mr Burgess today. As well as preparing the application forms and interview questions for next year they built the new infant House Point Collector unit which they have been waiting patiently to arrive. There is much excitement about the new house points on the P1-3 corridor!



Message from School Office



A huge thank you to everyone who has returned the Annual Data, KIC annual/KIC medical forms that were sent home a few weeks ago. We still have quite a high number of these outstanding and ask that they are returned to the office as soon as possible.

It is crucial that every child's records are accurate and ask that any changes to personal information is communicated to the office so we can update our systems.

Message from Portobello Swim baths

I would like to take this opportunity to signpost Portobello Swimming and Water Polo Club which is your local swimming club with sessions at Portobello Swim Centre and at Portobello High School.

Parents and carers should contact Sally at Portobello -
portyascjuniorwp@gmail.com

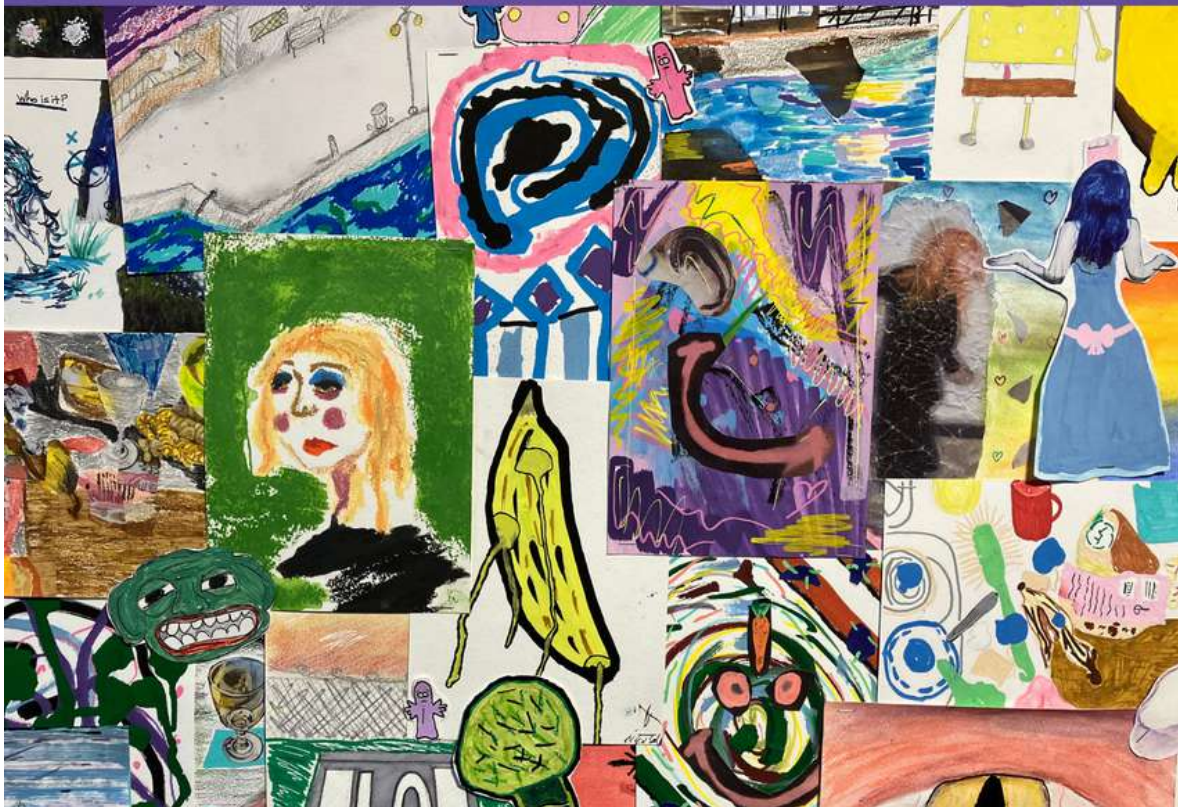
This is a great opportunity to stay active make friends and take part in a very exciting sport.

Parenting across Scotland, a network of charities which offer support to children and families in Scotland. We are a national organisation who work together on issues that affect parents and families.

One of our main policy areas is around leisure and play, with a current focus on children and young people's access to hobbies. We know taking part in hobbies can have huge benefits for children and young people, but there are various reasons which make hobbies inaccessible. We are looking to do some research to collect the views of parents and carers of children and young people aged 4-17 years to see what they feel about hobbies and the barriers to them. Some countries, such as Finland and Iceland, have national hobby policies in place which support children and young people to access free hobbies – something we are interested to see if people would support if introduced in Scotland.

Hobbies across Scotland

& we'd love to know what parents & carers think about their child's access to them



Tell us via our survey

Scan this QR code to
access the survey:




Parenting
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Message from Parent Council

Our summer fair takes place this year on Saturday 14th June 2025. For ease of access we have opted to sell tickets in advance for the Alpaca Experience.

The Alpaca Experience is intended for all nursery and primary school ages, each experience will last for 10 minutes and be in groups of 10 kids. The children will be given the chance to meet and greet the alpacas and to learn more about these cuddly creatures. Please meet in the back playground near the gate that leads to Treverlen Park, 10 minutes before your session is due to start.

<https://buytickets.at/stjohnsrcprimaryschool/1719170>

Buy tickets – Make friends with Alpacas – St John's RC Primary School



Please can any tombola , plants or filled jam jars be handed into the main office. The class with the most jars handed in will win an extended break in the month of June

Free STEM Summer Club P4-P7

The Hearts Innovation Centre are excited to welcome back Digital Movers + Shakers this summer, and we've got a fresh lineup of hands-on activities that bring football and technology together like never before!

Designed for young people in P4-P7, this 4-day club explores how STEM is shaping the future of football – from performance analysis and smart equipment to the science behind the game.

There are three weeks to choose from, each running Monday to Thursday, 9:30 am–3:30 pm:

 Week beginning July 14th

 Week beginning July 28th

 Week beginning August 4th

Please note: participants may attend only one week to ensure fair access for all.
Here's what's included:

 Hands-on projects using real-world tech

 Fun, football-themed STEM challenges

 No prior experience needed – open to all interests and ability levels

 Soft drop-off from 8:30 am with breakfast included during the morning window

 Soft pick-up available until 4:30 pm

It's the perfect way for kids to stay active, get inspired, and have fun this summer – all in a supportive, stress-free environment.

 Spaces are limited – reserve your place today! Tickets are available from Friday 30th of May at 5 pm. As always, these clubs are free!

 Register Here: [Heart of Midlothian Football Club – Digital Education - Universe](https://heartofmidlothianfootballclub.co.uk/digital-education-universe)
or linktr.ee/HeartsInnovate

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3rd	P7 Holyrood transition visit/ P7A Trip - Pizza Express
4th	School Board Cup- Semis P1 Trip to Dynamic Earth P4 - Trip to beach
9th	Sports Day - further details to follow P1-P3 am (0930-1115) P4-P7 pm (1330-end of day)
10th	P7 Holyrood transition visit
11th	Football Finals Night P2 trip to Botanic Gardens P7 Final Assembly 1415-1520
12th	P5 Trip to Dynamic Earth
13th	New P1 transition activity, all new P1 children
16th	P7 Confirmation @ St John's P6 Shared learning 2:15-3:15
17th-19th 17th	P7 Transition days at new High School P1 Shared learning - details to follow P3 Trip to Craigies Farm
18th	Meet the Teacher Nursery Sports Day P6 Trip - Dynamic Earth details to follow
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
23rd	P7 Leaver's Disco 1830-2030
25th	P7 Leavers Mass 1100-1200
26th	Last Day of term - finish at 1pm P7 will be piped out at approx 12:50

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](mailto: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