

St-John's RC Primary School

August 2025



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Message from Mrs Kelly

How wonderful it was to welcome the children back, last Wednesday, with the sun shining brightly on the first day of the new session. I hope there were lots of good photo opportunities for all our families.

However by the time Friday lunchtime arrived the children and staff were glad to escape a very hot and stuffy school.

A very warm welcome to our new P1's and new families right across the school, we have increased our roll in almost all classes and look forward to getting to know you in the weeks and months ahead.

We had our first assembly last Friday for P4-7 and shared our new vision and values with them. You may remember we undertook a consultation with parents/carers, children and staff. The votes were counted and our new vision is: **Growing in Faith, Learning for Life**

We will do lots of work this session to embed our values and will share this work as we progress.



PE and Music Timetable

This time of year requires a little patience as we iron out some tweaks and establish the final music and PE timetables for **TERM 1**. This year Mr D will continue to teach PE to P3-7, as will Miss Miller but she also has the opportunity to offer some 'taster' music sessions to P1&2.

In addition class teachers will also deliver PE lessons and will communicate these days with you separately.

A reminder that PE kit comprises, a HOUSE COLOURED t-shirt and some shorts or joggers. No sports branded or crop tops.

The timetable for **P3-7 Music and PE** is below. This has changed slightly from information shared by email last week.

PE Mondays	PE Tuesdays	PE Friday
P3A, P3B, P4A, P5A, P7A, P7B	P3A, P3B, P4A, P4B, P5B, P6B, P7A	P6A
Music Thursdays	Music Fridays	
P1, P2,P3A, P3B, P4A, P5A, P7A, P7B	P3A, P4A, P4B, P5A	

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

Message from School Office

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Annual Data, KIC and medical forms. We have a few outstanding and will re print and send home with your child. Please complete and return these as soon as possible to allow us to update your records accordingly.

Our annual flu spray programme will take place on **Tuesday 6th November** and you should have received your permission letter this week. Please note:- we have a lot of new families and changes to our P1 children which meant we were short on blank forms. These have been requested and will be handed out once received. If you do not wish for your child to receive the nasal spray please tick box on form and return to office.

NHS have requested that forms are returned by end of next week, **W/C 25th August**.

A polite reminder regarding medical requests in school.

Should your child be required to take any short term medication - eg antibiotics. Please bring medication to school office where we will ask you to complete the relevant paperwork to allow us to administer.

If your child has a medical condition that requires medication throughout the year - eg asthma. Please also hand this into office and complete relevant paperwork.

Please can all medicines have a prescribed label from GP, hospital or minor ailments excluding paracetamol or non steroid topical creams or emollients.

Lost Property

We receive many emails from families looking for lost property. PLEASE pop your child's name on all removeable items which helps staff and children find them when they are lost, thank you!

Parking

A reminder: The school car park is for **staff** and **blue badge** holders only. Parking is not permitted on double yellow lines, in cycle lanes, across the entrance to the staff car park, residents drive ways and in bus lanes. Please do not park or block entrance to car park during our school day as this is extremely dangerous whilst children commute to and from school.

We have already received several complaints regarding the inconsiderate parking of our families who park in Hamilton Terrace/Drive, this reflects negatively on the whole school community. We would urge you to find a safe place to park which does not inconvenience others.

Permits are issued to residents to maintain access, Blue Badge holders and other permitted vehicles, such as emergency services, are exempt from the prohibition. These restrictions are enforceable by Police Scotland.

By limiting vehicle access at the school gates, it eases congestion, improves air quality and encourages active travel to and from school.

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Hamilton Drive, Hamilton Park and Hamilton Terrace included in prohibition.

Times of restriction: **8:20am to 9:00am and 2:35pm to 3:40pm Monday to Thursday and; 8:20am to 9:00am and 11:30am to 12:15pm Friday**

Polish School

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2025/2026**



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www.zapisypoloniusz.co.uk



School Uniform (updated August 2025):

St John's RC Primary School recognises the Scottish Government guidance on reducing uniform costs and making branded uniform non-compulsory. In a commitment to cost reduction and sustainable practice, we also offer free used uniform. (details below).

Parents/carers are asked to co-operate in encouraging the wearing of basic uniform. Our flexible uniform guidance consists of:

Preferred:

- Navy or bottle green school sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo)

Optional additions:

- White polo shirt
- Grey-coloured bottoms
- 'House' t-shirt in a specific colour. Houses are allocated in Primary 1.
- P7 Hoodies

The appropriate clothing for PE is a t-shirt ('House' or otherwise) and comfortable bottoms. Football strips/sports logos are not allowed. For swimming (Primary 5): a swimsuit and swimming cap.

Uniform can be purchased from various high street retailers and supermarkets. We also have a low cost, local provider, where branded items may be purchased:

<https://stjohnsrc.imagescotland.com/shop>

Please **label all items of clothing** (particularly sweatshirts, which are often mislaid!).

If you have any queries regarding uniform, contact the Office admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk



St John's is committed to offering free used uniform and keeps a pre-loved rail topped up. Donations of new/nearly new items are welcome. There is also a used uniform stall at the Parent Council-run summer fair.

Assistance:

Information on eligibility for free school meals, milk and clothing grants can be found here: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schoolgrants>; and the Edinburgh School Uniform Bank provide bespoke packs of new uniform by referral: <https://edinburghuniform.org/>.

School Session Dates 2025/2026

Staff resume		Monday	11 August *	2025
Staff only Pupils		Tuesday	12 August *	2025
resume Autumn		Wednesday	13 August	2025
Holiday All	Schools closed	Monday	15 September	2025
resume Mid-term		Tuesday	16 September	2025
Staff	All break	Friday	10 October	2025
resume Pupils		Monday	20 October*	2025
resume Term		Tuesday	21 October	2025
ends		Friday	19 December	2025
Staff resume		Monday	5 January*	2026
Pupils resume		Tuesday	6 January	2026
Mid-term	All break	Friday	13 February	2026
All resume		Monday	23 February	2026
Term ends		Thursday	2 April	2026

<i>The Easter break incorporates the following holidays</i>				
Good Friday	Schools closed	Friday	3 April 6	2026
Easter Monday	Schools closed	Monday	April 20	2026
Edinburgh Spring Holiday	Schools closed	Monday	April	2026

All Resume		Tuesday	21 April	2026
May Holiday		Monday	4 May	2026
Staff only		Tuesday	5 May*	2026
Pupils resume		Wednesday	6 May	2026
Victoria Day	Schools closed	Monday	18 May	2026
All resume		Tuesday	19 May	2026
Term ends		Friday	26 June	2026

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Parent and Carer Peer Support Group



PARENT AND CARER PEER SUPPORT GROUP

For parents and carers of neurodivergent children
and young people in Edinburgh.

What are Parent and Carer Peer Support Groups?

These groups are to help parents and carers to share their knowledge and lived experience of supporting neurodivergent children. Peer support is when people use their own experiences to help each other.

What will the Parent and Carer Peer Support Group consist of?

Each monthly online group will have a topic where parents and carers can share information, resources, and strategies.

Where and when will the groups be held?

This monthly parent-led group, supported by Edinburgh Council, is hosted online on Teams by Salvesen Mindroom Centre.

2025/2026 session dates:

Each session will be held on Teams on Thursday mornings at 10.30am -11.30am.

- Thursday 4th September
- Thursday 2nd October
- Thursday 6th November
- Thursday 4th December
- Thursday 8th January
- Thursday 5th February
- Thursday 5th March
- Thursday 2nd April
- Thursday 7th May
- Thursday 4th June



The Teams link for each date will be provided after registering for a session.

There is no requirement or expectation that parents/carers attend every session.

Please email directhelp@mindroom.org or call 0131 370 6730 for information about signing up.

To find out more information about any of our services please email us or go to www.mindroom.org
