

St-John's RC Primary School



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12th September 2025

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Message from Mrs Kelly

This week we have seen our values of achieve and ambition in practice. Alex, Brodie and Lucas from P7 were selected for the first of the P7 football trials for the Edinburgh Select, the pinnacle of school football and all 3 were successful in making it through to the 2nd phase. We are very proud of them and wish them luck for the next step. Thanks to John' their coach for accompanying them. Elise and Michelle from P6 are heading to the City Chambers on Tuesday to represent us as they become Junior Road Safety Officers, where they will take part in workshops aimed at helping schools with what can be a very thorny issue. Unfortunately this week we have had reports of inconsiderate parkers, setting down vehicles in the bike lane. We work so hard with the children on highlighting the benefits of Active Travel it is a shame to receive reports of dangerous parking and rude, aggressive drivers. We have contacted the Community Police Officer this week and asked for support.

I would urge you to report to the city of Edinburgh Council using the link below:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/parking/reporting-vehicles-parked-illegally>

We have also received a few concerns regarding dogs in our playgrounds/ premises.

Whilst we love to see them, the City of Edinburgh Council's policy is no dogs are permitted in school playgrounds, with the exclusion of assistance dogs.



P6 Football Team

We are looking for new players for the P6 football team. Training takes place on Mondays after school and we would love if new players would like to join our friendly team. Please call Gillian if you have any questions.

Gillian Ramage
07920062907



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>

Raising Children with Confidence

Community Courses

Gate 55 Community
Centre starting 28th
October
West Pilton
Neighbourhood Centre
starting 29th October



Raising Children with Confidence is a free 6 week course for parents and carers.

The course aims to:

- Increase understanding about child development and the importance of relationships.
- Build strategies for empathy and communication to support resilience.
- Prioritise parental wellbeing and recognise the link between this and supporting your child.

BOOK YOUR PLACE
ONLINE

For more information contact
EngagingFamilies@edinburgh.gov.uk

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RAISING
ASPIRATIONS

CREATING
POSSIBILITIES

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EQUITY

MAKING A
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MOTIVATING
& INSPIRING

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St John's RC Primary School

Term 1 Extra Curricular Programme

Sep – Dec 2025

Bookings Open

Thursday 4th Sep at 7pm

Bookings Close

Sun 7th Sep

Book online:

(maximum of 1 activity per child)

<https://getedinburghactive.spydus.co.uk/HOLYROOD>



Holy Rood Learning Community

Active Schools Co-ordinator

Lauren Gibson

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Clubs at St John's RC Primary School this term are:

All Active Schools clubs are FREE of charge. Sessions do have limited spaces available so please ensure you only book your child into 1 activity per child to allow more pupils the opportunity to participate.

Spaces are allocated to targeted pupils first with the remaining spaces released on a first come first served basis. The programme is subject to change, so please check the website on the day of booking for the most up to date information. Extra curricular sessions are off when the school is off on holiday.

Active Schools Sports Sessions						
Activity	Day	Age	Time	Dates	Venue	Code
Fit & Fun Multi Sports	Mon	P3-4	3.20 - 4.20pm	8th, 22nd, 29th Sep 6th, 27th Oct 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th Nov 1st Dec	St John's Gym Hall	HOL-101a
Football	Mon	P6	3.20 - 4.20pm	Full year training 18th Aug 2025 – 22nd Jun 2026 (Not on during the school holidays)	St John's Astro	HOL-102a
Football	Tue	P5	3.20 - 4.20pm	Full year training 19th Aug 2025 – 23rd Jun 2026 (Not on during the school holidays)	St John's Astro	HOL-103a
Netball	Tue	P5-7	3.20 - 4.20pm	9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th Sep 7th, 21st, 28th Oct	St John's Gym Hall	HOL-104a
Basketball	Wed	P5-7	3.20 - 4.20pm	10th, 17th, 24th Sep 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th Oct 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Nov 3rd Dec	St John's Gym Hall	HOL-105a
Musical Theatre	Thu	P1-2	3.00 - 4.15pm	11th, 18th, 25th Sep 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th Oct 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Nov 4th Dec	St John's Gym Hall	HOL-106a
Girls Football	Thu	P3-7	3.20 - 4.20pm	11th, 18th, 25th Sep 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th Oct 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Nov 4th Dec	St John's Astro	HOL-107a
Parkour	Fri	P3-7	8.00 - 8.50am	12th, 19th, 26th Sep 3rd, 10th, 24th, 31st Oct 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th Nov 5th Dec	St John's Gym Hall	HOL-108a

Book online for above activities (1 activity per child)

<https://getedinburghactive.spydus.co.uk/HOLYROOD>

Community Club Sessions (taking place in other local venues)						
Activity	Day	Age	Time	Dates	Venue	Delivered by & Booking Info
Handball	P7-S3	Thu	4.30 - 5.30pm	18 th Sep - 18 th Dec	Holy Rood RC High School Games Hall	Lothian United Handball Club. Complete booking form: Register Here
Jr. WNBA Girls Basketball	P5-7	Fri	2 - 3.30pm	5 th Sep - 19 th Dec	Holy Rood RC High School Games Hall	City of Edinburgh Basketball Club. Email to register: coachcampbell.m@gmail.com



How do I book my child's place?



Book online: <https://getedinburghactive.spydus.co.uk/>

Step 1: Login/Register

Follow the link above and click **Login** in the top right-hand corner if you already have an account with us. For new parents booking any Active Schools activities, click **Register** in the top right-hand corner and remember to please use the same **main contact** email address that you provided for your child's school record (e.g. SEEMIS/ School Database) to register.

This will be the easiest and quickest way to book. **Step 2: Book your child's place.**

To avoid disappointment please book online as soon as possible. Insert the **booking codes**, shown in the activities table within this booklet, into the search box eg. **HOL-2025** Your place will be reserved for 15 minutes while you complete your booking.

Step 3: View booked activities.

A confirmation email will be sent from **GetEdinburghActive@spydus.co.uk** on completion of your booking that includes the dates and times of the session you have booked. This email sometimes goes into junk mail so please add this email address to your approved email list.

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Additional Support Needs

If you feel your child needs additional support to take part in our sessions, please contact me on **07799 868054** to discuss what support is required/available prior to booking. See link below for further info on what opportunities & events are available across the city for pupils with Additional Support Needs.

Equalities and Inclusion | Edinburgh Active
[Schools \(spydus.co.uk\)](https://spydus.co.uk)



Volunteer with Active Schools

Active Schools aim to get more children active through the provision of **FREE** sport & physical activity sessions by recruiting a network of volunteers. We need your engagement for a variety of different roles of which we will provide full training and support for. If you want to find out more please visit the link below or contact me on **07799 868054**

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[Edinburgh Sports Unit](#)



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P6-S1

MONDAYS

6.15 - 8.15



Northfield Willowbrae Community Centre

Monday September 8th– December 8th (6.15pm – 8.15pm)

TosignupcontactClaireonClaire.McGeary@ea.edin.sch.uk & 07719420421

Northfield Willowbrae Community Centre . 10 Northfield Road . EH87PP

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 Latetexts 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