

St-John's RC Primary School



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10th October 2025

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Message from Mrs Kelly

Our thanks this week to all our former pupils, now S4, who came for Work Experience this week, they were a credit to their school and a big help to the classes they worked with. Thanks also to the S6 Pupil Leadership Team from Holy Rood who came to support our two parents consultations, they represented their school so well.

Our newly elected House Captains have been working very hard with Mr Burgess setting up their role and events for the year.

Abercorn: Rhia and Ellis
Brighton: Stas and Hema
Figgate: Carter and Jasmina
Quarry: Luca, Millie and Phoebe
Rosefield: Rumaysa and Issac

Congratulations to all the children who put themselves forward for this leadership opportunity, we are delighted to offer them roles as Team Leaders for some of the other groups we have in school and they received their badges today.

I hope all our families enjoy a well earned break, for once our P7's are looking forward to the end of the hols as they head off to Benmore on Monday 20th, can't wait to hear all about their adventures. Good luck to them and staff who are supporting.

Finally, congratulations to Mr Diffley on his wedding last weekend, he and his new wife Michelle had a great day and thank everyone for the good wishes.



Halloween Disco

Something spooky is brewing... and it's happening right here at St John's RC Primary School!

We're thrilled to invite all our little witches, wizards, ghosts, and goblins to our Halloween Disco – a frightfully fun afternoon filled with music, dancing, and spooky surprises!



Event Details:

Date: 26/10/25

P1 to P3 - Time: 2 to 3.15pm

P4 to P7 - Time: 3.45 to 5pm

Location: School Hall

Dress Code: Spooktacular costumes encouraged! (No masks or weapons, please)

What to Expect:
Monster mash dance-offs
Creepy crafts and games
Ghoulish goodies and snacks



Tickets are just £4 and can be purchased from

[Buy Tickets – Halloween Disco – St John's Primary School](#)

Please note: To make these events possible we rely on parent and guardian volunteers. If you can help please register on here

<https://forms.gle/s6QshhmBUE4kM2Bc6>.

Let's make this an afternoon to shriek with delight!

Best wishes,
St John's RC Parent Council



Dance Discovery October Holiday Camps

Dance Discovery is offering a 5 week block of FREE dance lessons at their studio (107C Restalrig Road, Edinburgh EH6 7N). If your child is interested in attending these sessions please click the link below to register.

You will be asked to create an account prior to booking your child on, the registration is done by Dance Discovery and parent/carers are responsible for drop off and pick up.

Monday 3:45-4:30pm Acro/Gymnastics P1-3 (15 spaces)

<https://app.classmanager.com/portal/dance-discovery/enrolment/classes/active-schools-acrogymnastics-class-for-primary-1-3>

Monday 4:30-5:15pm Commercial dance P1-3 (15 spaces)

<https://app.classmanager.com/portal/dance-discovery/enrolment/classes/active-schools-commercial-modern-dance-for-primary-1-3>

Tuesday 3:45-4:45pm Modern and Tap P1-2 (20 spaces)

<https://app.classmanager.com/portal/dance-discovery/enrolment/classes/active-schools-modern-and-tap-class-for-primary-12>

If your child enjoys these trial sessions the club has a pathway into their regular weekly sessions and information will be shared at the end of the block.

If you have any issues booking please contact - "Clare Conafray"
clare@dancediscovery.co.uk

Many thanks,

Lauren

Lauren Gibson | Active Schools Co-ordinator – Holy Rood Learning Community | Sports and Outdoor Learning Unit | Schools and Lifelong Learning | Communities and Families | Holy Rood RC High School, 55 Duddingston Road West, Edinburgh EH15 3ST | Mobile 07799 868 054 | lauren.gibson@ea.edin.sch.uk | [@ActiveSchoolsED](#) |

The camps are themed and have various Halloween themed activities alongside the dance element, where they will have the opportunity to learn new dance styles, make new friendships, have fun with Halloween games and burn energy. These are open to all children aged 2 and up and priced at £16 for a half day, £36 for a full day.

Please use the link below for further information and to book:

<https://bookwhen.com/dancediscoverycamp>

Active Schools work closely with Dance Discovery as one of our partnership community clubs, if you require any financial assistance for your child to attend a camp, please get in touch with your Active Schools Coordinator.

October Dance Camp Leith

WITCHES & WIZARDS

Join us at dance discovery for a journey to Hogwarts, where we will create our own magic and make exciting potions. Our young witches and wizards will dive into their studies of spells and of course, dance!

Thursday 16th - 8:30-4:30pm

Half day options
9:30-12:30pm
1:00-4:30pm

 



October Dance Camp Leith

K-POP DEMON HUNTERS

- 🎵 Dance along to your favorite songs from the film
- 🎮 Play fun games and activities based on the story
- 🔥 Learn a special K-Pop dance routine together

Friday 17th - 8:30-4:30pm

Half day options
9:30-12:30pm
1:00-4:30pm

 

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 48 hours notice where possible.

[Pupil Appointment Notification
\(office.com\) link](#)

Holiday requests during term time should be put in writing at least 2 weeks prior to Mrs Kelly and sent to our admin address.
admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk

Lateness - Gates open at 0840 and close at 0850



School gates are opened from 0840 each morning for parents to drop their children off. 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 or you miss the gate closing, please bring your child through the main office where they will be recorded as late on the register or contact the school on 0131-669-1363.

Otherwise, we look forward to seeing all our children at 0850 each day.

Mrs Kelly
Headteacher

October 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
			National Poetry Day	Parents Evening 1300-1500		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Parents Evening 1600-1900				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Inservice Day P7 Benmore	P7 Benmore Children resume	P7 Benmore	P7 Benmore	P7 Benmore		Halloween disco 1330-1445 P1-P3 1515-1630 P4-P7
27	28	29	30	31		
				Hallowe'en Nursery Halloween Party		

November 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Nursery Parent Consultations week		P1 Open Day for 2026 Intake	Nasal Flu Vaccination			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sacramental Meeting P7	P1 Sharing the learning	P1 Sharing the learning				
P1 Sharing the learning 1400-1425	1400-1425	1400-1425		Children In Need		P7 Sacramental Enrolment Mass
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Book Week Scotland	P1 Sharing the learning	P1 Sharing the learning	UNCRC : World Children's Day			
P1 Sharing the learning 1400-1425	1400-1425	1400-1425	Justice & Peace Concert - school choir at St-John's Church 7pm			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	P7A Trip to Pizza Express	St Andrew's Day &		P4 Shared Learning 1100-1145		

		Catholic Fortnight Mass at St-J's P6				
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December 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	P4 singing at Older People's Project - details to follow	Advent Service led by P5 P4 singing at Older People's Project - details to follow	P3 Shared Learning - Ancient Egyptians Max 2 adults per child 1430-1520			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		P1 Nativity				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Porty Panto					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday		
29						
Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday		

January 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
			Holiday	Holiday		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Inservice Day	All resume					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Feast of St-John at St J's P4 The Risk Factory Trip P7				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Pizza Express Trip P7B		Robert Burns Celebration			
26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Children's Mental Week						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Strings Music Showcase P4-P7 11am in school hall				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Holiday Ramadan	Holiday Lunar New Year	Holiday Ash Wednesday	Holiday	Holiday		
23	24	25	26	27	28	
	International Mother language Day					

March 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			World Book Day			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation, 7pm						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Eid al Fitr	Eid al Fitr P2 Shared Learning 1100- 1145		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
God's Loving Plan Fortnight		Parents Evening 1600-1900		Parents Evening 1300-1500		
30	31					

April 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
		Stations of the Cross		Good Friday		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Holiday						
27	28	29	30			

May 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
Holiday	Inservice Day	All resume				
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Ascension Mass P3, St MM	P7 Sacrament of Confirmation		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Eid al Adha	Eid al Adha				1 st Holy Communion St MM

June 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sports Day	Back up Sports Day			Mini Marathons		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		P7 Assembly and Mass	P7 Leavers Event			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	P7 Transition Day	P7 Transition Day Meet New Teacher	P7 Transition Day	Reports		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Last day of term		
29	30					
Holiday	Holiday					