

St-John's RC Primary School



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Message from Mrs Kelly

It has been a week of happiness and a few tears. P7 produced a wonderful assembly based on their experiences at Benmore. It was clear to see how much they enjoyed their time away and of memories to last a lifetime.

We say goodbye for now to Miss Sinclair as she embarks on her maternity leave, we send our love and look forward to hearing news of her and Ryan's safe arrival.

Congratulations to Miss Redman and fiancé Neil who are getting married tomorrow - hope Storm Claudia has blown over and the sun shines on their special day.

We also say cheerio, just for 4 weeks, to Mr Burgess who has been asked to help out at another school in the city. We look forward to seeing him back in December and will make sure he's back in time for his Christmas lunch!

Pupil Support Assistant/Worker Supply vacancies

The Supply Pupil Support Assistant and Pupil Support Worker Adverts are currently live.

<https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/city-edinburgh-council/jobs/supply-pupil-support-worker-city-wide-448285> - closes 24th November

<https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/city-edinburgh-council/jobs/supply-pupil-support-worker-city-wide-448285> - closes 18th November

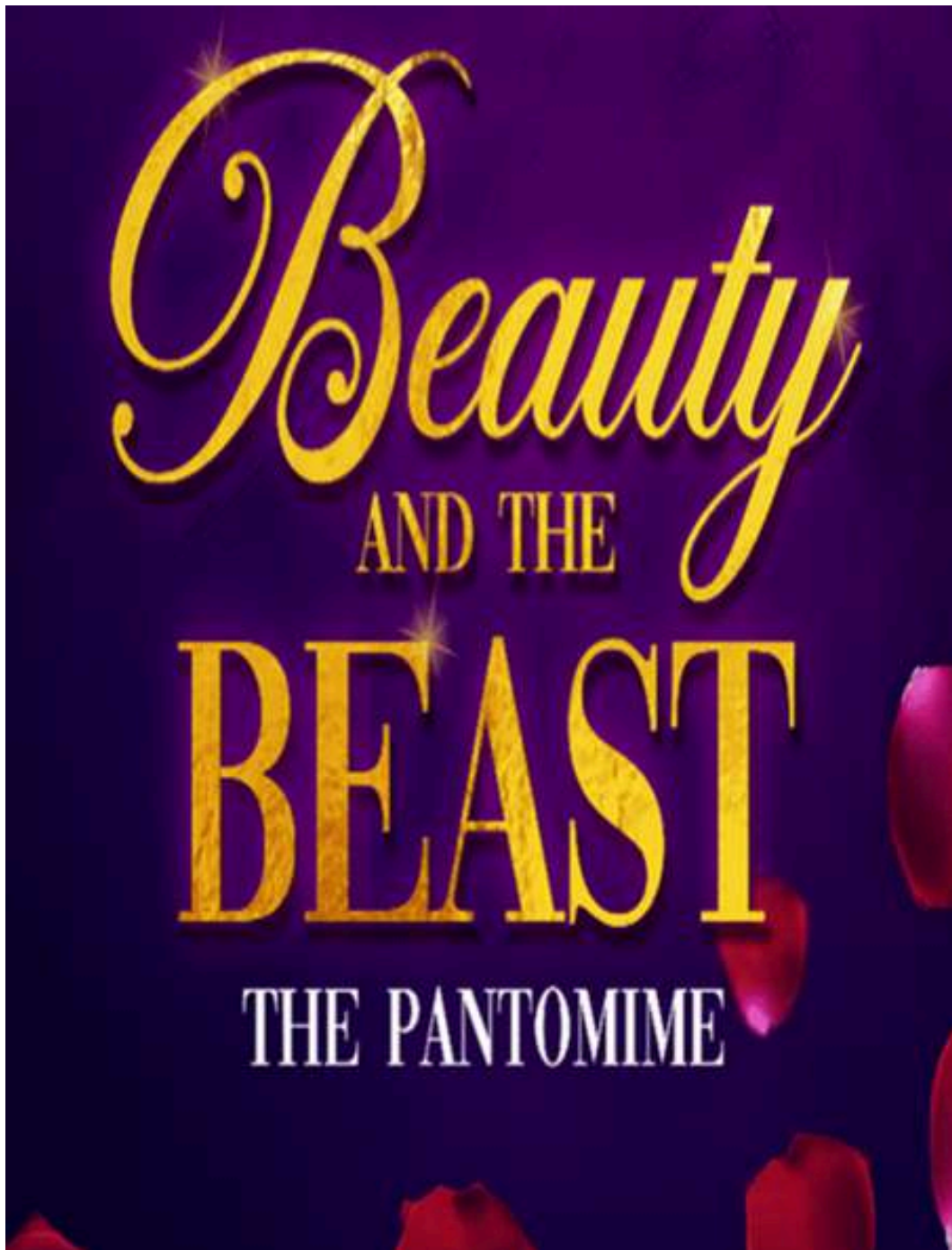
Wednesday Word Link

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>

Trip to Panto - Beauty and the Beast

We are delighted to share details of a Christmas outing for the whole school, P1-7. On Tuesday 16th December we will make the short walk down to Portobello Town Hall to watch Beauty and the Beast. The Parent Council have kindly and very generously subsidised this outing for us to provide a reduced cost of £5.50, with the added bonus of no additional transport. The item has been added to Parent Pay and we hope that all children will be able to attend. If there are any families worried about financial implications, please get in touch, in confidence, we can help to support.



Christmas Rainbow Raffle



This festive season our PTA is organising a magical Christmas Rainbow Raffle- and we need your help to build the most colourful Christmas hampers ever!

How it works:

Each year group has been given a special colour of the rainbow. We're asking every child, who is able to, to bring in one item in their group's colour- it can be anything fun, festive, or useful for a Christmas Hamper.

Colours

P1: Blue, P2: Orange, P3: Red, P4: Purple, P5: Yellow, P6: Green, P7: Pink

When to bring your items into school:

17th- 28th Dec

Then...

Each year group will put together their very own colourful Christmas hamper. All the hampers will be raffled off in December.

Thank you for your support and festive spirit! Let's make the school sparkly with festive colour!

Childhood vaccinations

Childhood vaccinations – Additional social media assets – October 2025

Uptake rates of childhood vaccinations in Scotland remain high at around 95%, however there have been declines across baby and pre-school vaccinations in Scotland over the past decade.

To raise awareness and increase vaccine confidence of childhood vaccinations we've developed additional social media assets and suggested captions.

These additional assets focus on the safety and effectiveness of the vaccines offered throughout early childhood as well as when the vaccines are offered. These have been incorporated into the [social media toolkit](#).

We would appreciate your support by regularly feeding these into your planned activity using the hashtag **#ChildVaxScot**. Using the hashtag is important as it allows us to monitor usage, which informs future campaigns.

Please feel free to share these resources with any relevant channels or networks. If you require additional assets, please get in touch and let us know. For more information visit www.nhsinform.scot/immunisation

Contact Information

PHS Vaccine comms

phs.vaccinecomms@phs.scot

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
\(office.com\) 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

November 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Book Week Scotland P1 Sharing the learning 1400-1425 P1 Library Visit P3 Library Visit	P1 Sharing the learning 1400-1425 P2 Library Visit	P1 Sharing the learning 1400-1425 P7 Cinema Trip 1000-1400	UNCRC : World Children's Day 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 & Catholic Fortnight Mass at St-J's P6 Christmas Strings Concert PHS 5-6pm	P3 Trip to National Museum of Scotland 0930-1500 PTA TEAMS meeting @ 7PM	P4 Shared Learning 1100- 1145 Romans Topic		

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 Sacramental Meeting P7 @ 7pm. New date, changed from 10 th Nov			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		P1 Nativity P2 0945 P1 1345				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Porty Panto - Beauty and the Beast 1000					
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
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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
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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					