

St-John's RC Primary School



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Message from Mrs Kelly



This week the Junior Road Safety Team (JRSO) and Miss Steele have been out at drop off times in the morning at a few locations across the school.

They surveyed instances of inconsiderate and illegal parking, such as, cars that do U-turns on Duddingston Road, cars parking on double yellows, cars parking on the opposite side of the road and children being dropped off onto the road. They are currently analysing their results and making a plan of action for the next step in their campaign to make arriving at school a safer experience for everyone. More to follow next week>



We encourage all parents and carers to report inconsiderate or illegal parking using the link below:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/reportincorrectlyparkedvehicles>

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>

All children in P1-P7 are learning a Scots poem in class. If you would like to help your child learn this at home, you can request a copy from Mrs Kelly on Monday 2nd February

Scots Poetry

WHA'S LIKE US AND KIN YE RECITE US?

P1-7 POETRY COMPETITION



AYE

Learn one of the two poems selected for yur class.

JAMMY

Win the class heat and stoat tae the final - you can dae it!



READ OOT LOUD

Dae a turn for the mammies and daddies on 11th February.

DANCE A JIG

Gie yersel a clap, whit an achievement. Braw prizes for the winners.





We all know that the brain needs lots of "brain food" to learn.

Successful learners:

- Drink plenty of water
- Eat their "5-a-day" fruit and vegetables
- Eat a healthy breakfast



A piece of fruit is a great snack however some children may need more than this so some great additions with more protein can include veggies with hummus, oatcakes, flapjack bars (also made of oats), yoghurts or even a small sandwich. The great thing about fruit is that there is little packaging or waste, meaning less to be recycled or ending up in landfill!



Please!
 Due to several children with allergies

We encourage all children to bring healthy snacks and lunches from home.

This supports the children to have the energy they need for learning throughout the day. Choosing nutritious options helps pupils stay focused and supports their overall wellbeing, and we ask that foods high in sugar are avoided as snacks or as part of packed lunches. Water is always available and milk/water is on offer to those who eat a school lunch.

We have also noticed that some children are bringing unhealthy food/large quantities, and we would appreciate your support in discouraging this.

Teachers may return items, such as a whole tub of Pringles or full pack of biscuits.

This is also a reminder that nuts or products containing nuts should not be brought into school as some of our children have serious allergies. This includes items containing hazelnuts, like Nutella or Kinder Buenos, and items containing peanuts, such as satay sauce. A reminder that children should also not be sharing food of any kind within school – your help to remind them about this is much appreciated. We also ask that children do not bring sweets, cakes, or other food items to share in school, as we are unable to distribute these, including as part of birthday celebrations. Thank you for helping us keep all pupils safe.

It is also known that fatty foods, junk foods or sugary foods have negative impacts on learning and stop the brain working at its best and can disrupt concentration.



With these points in mind we encourage all children to come to school with a water bottle filled with just water.

Pupils should have a re-useable bottle with plain water during classtime, and may save any other suitable drinks for break or lunch.



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



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS – check your emails for more information from the Holy Rood Learning Community about our school attendance focus for this term. Important learning and socialising happen from the start of every school day! #Article28 #Article29 #EveryMinuteCounts

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

January/February 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Jan 26th	Jan 27th	Jan 28th	Jan 29th	Jan 30 th	Jan 31 st	Feb 1st
P4 Parents Reflection Meeting (Part One) Monday 26th January at 7pm in St John's Church Hall.						P3 Children's Mass @ St-Mary Magdalene's 1115-1230 P4 DTIM Mass at St-John's Church 0930-1100
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Children's Mental Health Week						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Strings Music Showcase P4-P7 1130-1215 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	1 March

	<p>International Mother language Day</p> <p>P7 and Choir attending St Mary's Cathedral for P7 Transition Mass</p> <p>1100</p>	<p>Great Athlete Visit to school</p>				<p>P3 Children's Mass @ St-John's Church</p> <p>0930-1100</p> <p>P4 DTIM Mass at St-Mary Magdalene's</p> <p>1115-1230</p>
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March 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	P7b visit to Waterstones 1000-1100		World Book Day	P7a visit to Waterstones 1000-1100		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation, 7pm						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Eid al Fitr P6 Shared Learning 1430	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					