

St-John's RC Primary School



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Respect-Achieve-Kind-Ambition

Message from Mrs Kelly

Thanks to everyone who came along this week to meet with teachers and to share learning conversations. This is the last of the 'formal' meetings for this session, a summative report will be issued in June, highlighting progress made across the year.

Next week is Holy Week, one of the most important weeks in the

Church calendar and often a week when we are on holiday so it will be a lovely opportunity to share this week with the children and P3 in particular who are leading the school in a reflective Stations of the Cross next Thursday morning.



Stations of the Cross

Holy Week

Fr Jock would like to invite families to join the parish community on Palm Sunday for Mass marking the start of Holy Week. Mass will take place at St John's at 0930 and Primary 3 and 4 children from St John's primary will read the story of the Passion during mass at St Mary Magdalene's at 1115.



This will be the last newsletter of term and on behalf of all the staff we'd like to wish you Happy Easter and Vaisakhi to families celebrating.



Please see the link for this week's Wednesday Word below.

Lent & Easter Special - Magazine - Page 1

It was lovely seeing so many families on Wednesday at the first of our Parent meetings and look forward to seeing many more this afternoon.

Can you please complete the link below to allow us to gather and share feedback.



[Parent's Meeting March 2026 - Fill in form](#)

THANK YOU



YOU DID IT! WE COLLECTED 216 EASTER EGGS THANKS TO YOU ALL.



ST JOHN'S, PORTOBELLO, & ST MARY MAGDALENE'S, BINGHAM

A WARM INVITATION

to join us for our Services during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday

*28/29 March - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- with Entry into Jerusalem*

6.30pm - St John's - Vigil Mass

9.30am - St John's - Mass

11.15am - St Mary Magdalene's - Mass with P3/P4 Children

Monday 30 March

7.30pm - St John's - Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

Thursday 2 April (Holy Thursday)

*7.30pm - St John's - Mass of the Lord Supper (and Watching in
Gethsemane - concluding with Night Prayer at 11.00pm in the
Hall)*

Friday 3 April (Good Friday)

9.30am - St John's - Children's Stations of the Cross

10.20am - Walk of Witness towards PJPC and back to St John's

10.45am - St John's - Ecumenical Service

*3.00pm - St Mary Magdalene's - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's
Passion*

7.30pm - St John's - Stations of the Cross

Saturday 4 April (Holy Saturday)

10.00am - St John's - Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

*8.00pm - St John's - Easter Vigil with Baptisms, Receptions,
Confirmations and First Communions*

Sunday 5 April (Easter Sunday)

7.00am - Beach at Joppa - Ecumenical Service

9.30am - St John's - Easter Children's Mass

11.15am - St Mary Magdalene's - Easter Children's Mass

*You are most welcome at any - or all! -
of our services*

Swimming Gala

11 pupils from P7 represented St John's at the Edinburgh Primary Schools swim Gala, accompanied by Mrs Gillespie. It was very competitive and these pupils did St - John's proud. Well done to all who were selected and to those who were able to support.



Finnie the Commonwealth Games mascot made an appearance and was there to cheer on the swimmers.

SAVE THE DATE



World Cup

Fun Day

Friday, 12th June 2026

More info to follow:



No St John's, No Party!

Swimming Gala

The flowers are starting to bloom, and the days are getting longer. The children are keen to go out to play and explore but the costs continue to soar. You can find a list of free and low-cost activities to do in the run up to and during the Spring school holidays on the Family Holiday Activities webpage of the Support for Families website. The City of Edinburgh council are updating the webpage all the time, so please keep checking back in for new activities.

Edinburgh.gov.uk/familyholidayactivities



**FAMILY
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

Information on free and low-cost fun activities for families in Edinburgh over the school holidays.

edinburgh.gov.uk/familyholidayactivities

You can also find support for families at edinburgh.gov.uk/supportforfamilies



SERVING ACES – MARCH 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

FREE PARK TENNIS

Every weekend, 10.00 – 11.00am at the following park venues:

Inverleith Park: Sundays

Leith Links: Saturdays

St. Margaret's Park: Saturdays

Victoria Park: Saturdays

INVERLEITH PARK TENNIS PROGRAMME

EASTER CAMPS

Monday 13th – Friday 17th April
£25 + Free racket for every player

P3 – 7: Girls Only Camp

P3 – 4: Girls and Boys Camp

P5 – 7: Girls and Boys Camp

TENNIS CLASSES

£2 per session + Girls only class
Starting Wednesday 29th April

P2 – 4: Girls Only Session

P2 – 4: Girls and Boys

P4 – 7: Girls and Boys

Adult Beginners

ASN TENNIS PROGRAMMES

Tennis sessions for pupils with additional support needs.

Craiglockhart Tennis Centre – Contact Easter Camp

Oriam Tennis Centre – Contact Classes

WALKING TENNIS PROGRAMME

A slower-paced version of the game and a great way for seniors or players with restricted mobility to keep both their body and mind active.

Starting 22nd April at Joppa Tennis Club – Info Contact

SERVING ACES

MARCH 2026 - NEWSLETTER

Tennis clubs, coaches and venues providing inclusive tennis programmes in Edinburgh

Click the **buttons** below for info & the pin points on the map to view your local tennis club programme



FREE TENNIS:

[INVERLEITH PARK](#)

[JUNIPER GREEN](#)

[LEITH LINKS](#)

[ST. MARGARET'S PARK](#)

[VICTORIA PARK](#)

Free, social tennis sessions at your local community park venue. Click the buttons above for info / booking.



EASTER TENNIS CAMPS at Inverleith Park:

[P3 - 7: GIRLS ONLY](#)

[P3 - P4: MIXED](#)

[P5 - P7: MIXED](#)

Free racket for every player!



NEW JUNIOR TENNIS club starting at Inverleith Park:

[P2 - 4: GIRLS ONLY](#)

[P2 - P4: MIXED](#)

[P4 - P7: MIXED](#)

Starting April 29th - brand new tennis programme for primary aged pupils - including sessions specifically for girls.



FREE WALKING TENNIS programme starting at Joppa Tennis Club:

[REGISTER](#)

[INFO](#)

Starting 22nd April, 2.00pm-3.30pm-registryourinterest.



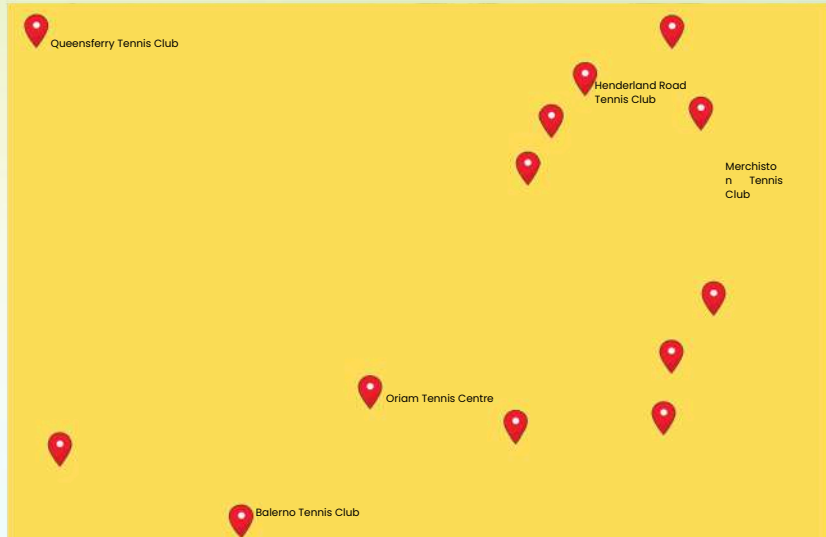
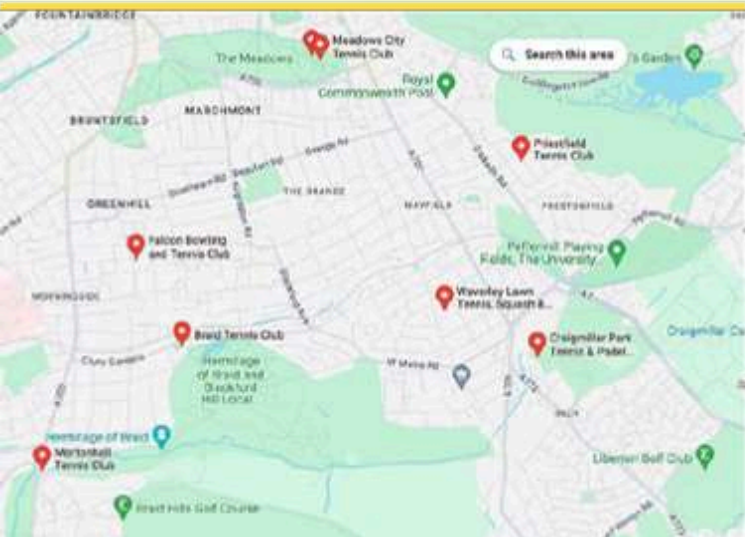
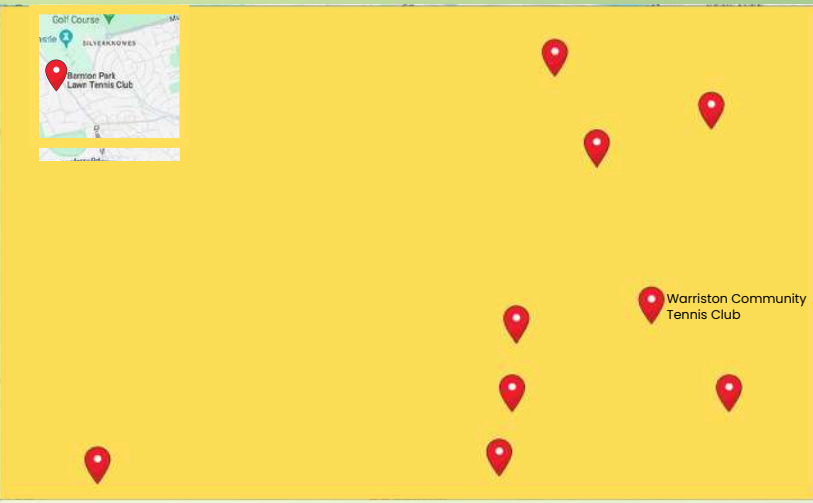
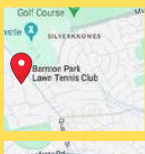
TENNIS PROGRAMMES for ASN pupils:

[ASN EASTER CAMP](#)

[CRAIGLOCKHART](#)

[ORIAM TENNIS CENTRE](#)

ASNclubsessionsatOriamandCraiglockhart Tennis Centres + Easter Camps



[CLICK TO CONTACT](#)



SERVING ACES

TENNIS @ INVERLEITH PARK

EASTER CAMPS

DATES	AGE / TIME	CLICK TO BOOK
MON 13 - FRI 17 APR	P3 - 7: Girls Only 9.00am - 11.00am	CLICK HERE
	P3 - 4: Girls and Boys 12.00pm - 2.00pm	CLICK HERE
	P5 - 7: Girls and Boys 2.30pm - 4.30pm	CLICK HERE



TENNIS CLUB SESSIONS

DATES	AGE / TIME	CLICK TO BOOK
29 APR 6, 13, 20, 27 MAY	P2 - 4: Girls Only 4.00 - 4.45pm	CLICK HERE
29 APR 6, 13, 20, 27 MAY	P2 - 4: Girls and Boys 4.45 - 5.30pm	CLICK HERE
29 APR 6, 13, 20, 27 MAY	P5 - 7: Girls and Boys 5.40 - 6.30pm	CLICK HERE



PARENT AND CARER PROGRAMME SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Do you need help to support a child or young person through family change and loss?

Who is it for?

Parents and carers looking to support their children through family change and loss.

What does it do?

Helps parents and carers to better understand the experience of death, separation and divorce and bereavement from a child's perspective. The programme allows parents and carers to learn about:

- How children react to change and loss.
 - What parents can do to help their child.
 - Communicating with their child
- The Seasons for Growth. approach to understand and manage change, loss and grief.
- Caring for themselves as a parent/carer and a person.

Dates and Times

Valley Park Community Centre, EH17 8EU,
13/20/27th March 9.45am-11.45am

Carrickvale Community Centre, EH11 3HH,
8/15/22nd May, 9.45am-11.45am

Gate 55, EH11 4PB,
4/11/18th June, 9.45am-11.45am

Tollcross Community Centre, EH3 9QG,
10/17/24th June, 6.30pm-8.30pm



Please sign up here
<https://forms.office.com/e/fF26BSejD4>

For further details email
engagingfamilies@edinburgh.gov.uk

Outcomes

- Learn about how children respond to change loss and grief.
- Understand that it is normal to have a range of grief reactions.
- Explore new approaches to change, loss and grief in the lives of their children.
- Build communication, decision making and problem-solving skills
- Participate in a supportive network of adults.
- Integrate their new learning into their relationships with their family

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

April 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
AGM Meeting 7pm on TEAMS https://teams.live.com/meet/933202461812?p=tk8RC3TuwCMcc1I7M	P2 Shared Learning 1330	P6 Shared Learning	Stations of the Cross	Good Friday Holiday		
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		P1 and P7 Group Photographs				
27	28	29	30			
God's Loving Plan Cross Country Inverleith Mr Devine and selected pupil's						

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
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June 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Sports Day	2 Back up Sports Day	3	4	5 Mini Marathons	6	7
8	9	10 P7 Assembly and Mass	11 P7 Leavers Event	12 World Cup Fun Day	13	14
15	16 P7 Transition Day	17 P7 Transition Day Meet New Teacher	18 P7 Transition Day P5 & P6 Choir Big Sing	19 Reports	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Last day of term	27	28
29 Holiday	30 Holiday					