

St-John's RC Primary School



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Respect-Achieve-Kind-Ambition

Message from Mrs Kelly

We are looking forward to welcoming families across the school at our Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday. A reminder of the times:
P1 – 4.00-5.00pm

P2-7 – 5.00-6.00pm
Sessions will run twice, once at 5pm and then again at 5.30pm and you are free to drop into the classes your children attend.

This event is primarily aimed at adults, if children are in attendance the teachers would be grateful if they could wait outside the classroom, where possible.

We have our first Mass of the school year, New Beginnings on Wednesday at St John's, led by P7. All welcome.

Parking Update:

The City of Edinburgh transport team parking assistants have identified our school for longer and more frequent visits this term. They will be counting the number of interactions with drivers with the aim of significantly reducing instances of bad parking.

We've attached a leaflet for parents and carers with pointers from them to how they can help improve the situation.

Please take time to read the important information contained within.

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School Commute Safety

The beginning and end of the day, are when the roads around schools are at their busiest. Here are ways to improve the situation.



Get Active

Improve roadsafetyand reducecongestionby walking, wheeling or using public transport to get your child to school.



Considerate and Safe

Ifyouare dropping offorpicking up atthebeginningorendof the school day, be considerate and safe:

- 1. Pull up safely and legally at the side of the road so your child can get out or in safely.**
- 2. If needed assist your child.**
- 3.Pull away safely and legally without delay.**

Consider Park and Stride to ease congestion and walk the last stretch.



— Indicative only — the signs and lines on the street always win.

Orange (solid) — don't PARK

Yellow lines and SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR markings. These are enforced by **council parking attendants**. A parking ticket may be issued if a vehicle is seen to be in contravention of the restrictions. This is issued at £100, reduced to £50 if paid within 14 days.

Blue (dashed) — don't DRIVE

A **School Street**: these are in place to reduce traffic in the streets outside schools at key times. Do not drive within these streets during the times below, whether or not you intend to stop. School Streets are enforced by **Police Scotland**.

Hamilton Drive Hamilton Park Hamilton Terrace

⚠ **Hamilton Terrace carries both** — no parking, and no driving during School Street hours.

THE ORANGE STRETCHES

🚫 Where not to park

- **Duddingston Road** — restricted on *both* sides along the whole frontage, continuing east to the Durham Road corner — main road, bus route, and the pedestrian crossing sits in the middle of it.
- **Hamilton Terrace** — the marked stretch on the Treverlen Park side, running north from Duddingston Road.
- **Mountcastle Drive North** — the marked stretch at the western junction end, by the bus stop.
- **The Durham Road corner** — a bend and a junction together — the worst possible place to leave a car.

POLICE ENFORCED

The School Street: don't drive here

Driving prohibited: Hamilton Drive, Hamilton Park and Hamilton Terrace

**MON-THU
MORNING**

8:20 – 9:00am

**MON-THU
AFTERNOON**

2:35 – 3:40pm

**FRIDAY MORNING
8:20 – 9:00am**

**FRIDAY
AFTERNOON**

**11:30am –
12:15pm**

Exempt: permit-holding residents, Blue Badge holders with the badge displayed, and emergency services.

 If the amber signs are flashing and you don't live there, don't drive in.

OTHER RESERVED BAYS

Other reserved bays — check before you stop

Not a controlled parking zone, so there are no **permit holder** bays here. But **disabled persons, solo motorcycle, city car club** and **EV charging** bays can be sited on any street in the city, zone or not — don't assume they're absent just because there's no wider zone here. If you see a marked bay, it's reserved for that specific use only, even for a quick drop-off.

USUAL EXEMPTIONS APPLY

Blue Badge holders — what the badge does and doesn't cover

With the badge clearly displayed on the vehicle dashboard, Blue Badge holders **can** park:

- **On single and double yellow lines** — without time limit in Scotland — provided there is no loading ban (yellow kerb marks) and the vehicle isn't causing an obstruction or blocking a sight line.
- **In pay & display and shared-use bays** — free of charge and without time limit.
- **In disabled persons parking places** — any bay marked with the blue wheelchair symbol.

The badge does **not** exempt you from the restrictions most likely to catch you at a school gate:

- **SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR zigzags** during the signed hours — no stopping, badge or no badge.
- **Yellow lines with kerb loading marks** during the marked times.
- **Bus stop clearways, pavement parking, dropped kerbs** and **double parking** — these apply to everyone, 24/7, with instant PCNs.
- **Permit-only bays** — you still need a valid permit for that zone.

 The short version: the badge relaxes *waiting* restrictions where it's safe to do so — it never overrides a restriction that exists to protect a sight line or keep traffic moving. Usual exemptions apply.

CONSIDER BEFORE YOU DRIVE



Alternative routes

While we appreciate that people lead busy lives, please consider whether there's an alternative, more sustainable way your child could travel to school — even on occasional days.

Mountcastle Drive North, a short walk from the school, is served by Lothian bus route **5**.

- **Park and stride** — drop off away from the school and walk the remainder of the way.
- **Walking, wheeling, cycling or scooting** — for all or part of the journey.
- **Public transport or car sharing** — with a neighbour or another school family.

Tea with SLT

is up and running. Children from P1-7 are nominated on a weekly basis for meeting one of our school values: respect, achieve, kind, ambition. The children from P1-3 meet with Mrs Kelly and P4-7 with Mr Burgess for some 'tea' and a chat about their awards. It is the highlight of their (and sometimes the children's!!) week.



Message from Miss Miller

Our Shining Stars Wall of Achievement!

We are excited to share how we celebrate learner success through our Shining Stars Wall of Achievement process! Throughout the year, children are regularly selected to be featured on this special display.

When it is your child's turn, they will receive a note home to let you know.

We invite them to share something they are deeply proud of. This initiative links directly with UNCRC Article 29, which focuses on developing every child's unique personality, talents, and abilities.

Once selected, your child can choose to feature:

- A favourite piece of classroom work
- An out-of-school certificate or medal
- A photo or drawing of a club or activity

When it is your child's turn, please help them select an item. For younger children, you are welcome to write a brief explanation on their behalf. Items can be sent into school or emailed to admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating our children's diverse achievements!

Miss Miller's MusicStars.

28th August 2026

P2 - Christian and Phoebe

P3 - Harrison, Freya, Alex, Mohammad

P4 - Mason, Sophia, Ben, Jannat

P5 - Inigo, Pippa, Silas, Elspeth

P6 - Luiza, Helena, Jack, Claudia

P7 - Reese, Julie, Emma, Oliwia

We listen

We take part

We try our best

We follow directions

We work in a team



Message from Lauren, Active Schools Co-ordinator

Hope you all had a lovely summer and welcome to our new P1 families.

Our extra curricular programme is in the process of being organised. I hope to be able to share Term 1 activities with you in the coming weeks - please look out for this programme and booking information through parent mail. For any new parents, please click here: [Register | Edinburgh Sports Unit](#) to create an account as this will help when you come to book any extra curricular activities for your child. As usual our programme will be split into the following terms:

- Term 1 (Sep - Dec 2026)
- Term 2 (Jan - Mar 2027)
- Term 3 (Apr - Jun 2027)

Over the next two weeks during curricular time, pupils will receive some taster sessions for local community sessions delivered by our partnership clubs, some of which will take place at Holy Rood RCHS. Look out for any flyers that come home with the pupils for further information. See below details regarding training sessions for City of Edinburgh Basketball Club for all nursery and primary aged pupils.

I look forward to another fun packed year of activities. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch.

Many thanks,
Lauren

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KEEN TO PLAY BALL?

City of Edinburgh have you covered!

2.5-5 YRS	MONDAYS 10:00 - 10:45 AT BELLFIELD
P1-3	SUNDAYS 10:00 - 11:00 AT HOLYROOD HS
P4-5	SUNDAYS 11:00 - 12:30 AT HOLYROOD HS
P6-7 BOYS	TUESDAYS 18:00 - 19:30 AT PORTOBELLO HS CURRENTLY AT CAPACITY - WAITING LIST
P5-7 GIRLS JR. WNBA	TUESDAYS 17:00 - 18:00 AT PORTOBELLO HS FRIDAYS 14:00 - 15:30 AT HOLYROOD HS

City of Edinburgh Basketball Club
www.cityofedinburghbasketball.net
Email: cityofedinburgh@gmail.com to book

BEGINNERS AND EXPERIENCED BALLERS WELCOME TO ALL SESSIONS



Conversation Café



A warm, friendly drop-in space
for women of all ages and nationalities.



Come for acuppa, a chat
and a chance to meet new people.
Whether you're new to the area, want to practise
speaking English, or are just looking for friendly
conversation, you are very welcome.

When?

The first Wednesday of every month
1.30–3pm
Starting Wednesday 2nd September

Where?

Northfield Community Centre
10 Northfield Road, EH8 7PP

No need to book, just come along and say hello.

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