

St-John's RC Primary School

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15th September 2026

Respect-Achieve-Kind-Ambition

Message from Mrs Kelly

Thanks to our families for the patience shown last week when we had to suddenly close the school. It is no mean feat ensuring that 400 children are dismissed safely and we appreciated your support. Thanks to all the staff for managing this.

We also had our first Parent Council meeting last week, great to see some new faces and to hear of their plans for the year, please do support them by getting involved whenever you can. Halloween Disco on 25th Oct can only take place with volunteers in place.

Good luck to our football teams this weekend as the Soccer 7 fixtures resume, in particular P5 who are playing their first set of matches.

Pic below of our P1-3 Values awards winners this week.

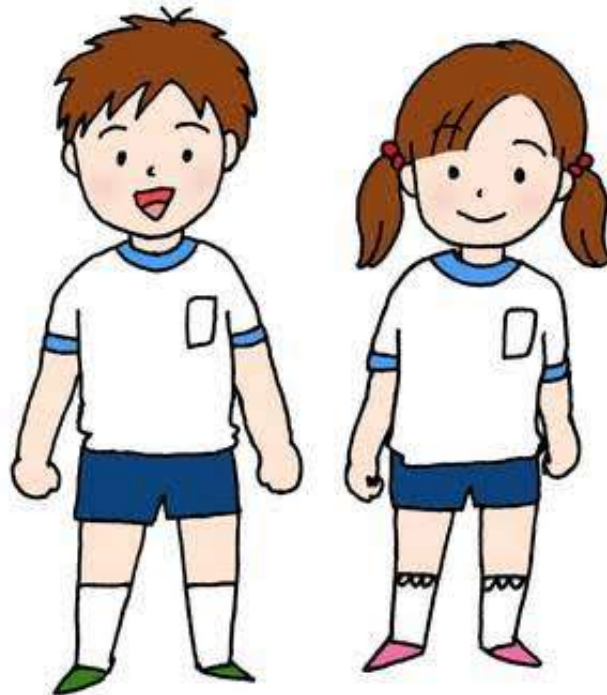


Please see the link for this week's Wednesday Word below.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

Blessings and best wishes,

Susan Firth (Mission Office Manager)
The Wednesday Word Trust
www.wednesdayword.org



PE Reminders

Our P.E. kit consists of:
Dark shorts or joggers
House coloured or white T-shirt
Gym shoes or trainers

As P.E. is an important part of our curriculum, all pupils are expected to wear a P.E. kit as part of our school uniform. For health and safety reasons, pupils should not wear jewellery, false nails, nail extensions during P.E. lessons. In addition, belly tops/crop tops, sports top including football/rugby tops are not permitted as part of P.E. clothing. Branded items are discouraged.

We appreciate your support in ensuring children are dressed safely and appropriately to take part in all physical activities.



Parent's Evening

You are invited to make appointments for the school's next parent-teacher meetings.

The parent-teacher meetings are on 07/10/2026 and 02/10/2026.

To make your appointments please login at: <https://parents-booking.co.uk/stjohnsportobello>

To login just type your email address into the login web page and press Login. You will be emailed a magic login link, which you can then click on to login (without requiring a username and password).

Appointments will be available to book from 13:00 on 15/09/2026 until 13:00 on 22/09/2026.

After you have made your appointments you can choose to print or e-mail confirmation.

If you cannot login please contact the school office.

N.B. The email address field on the login page is only used to send your appointment confirmation. If you have problems logging in, it will not be because of the e-mail address you entered.

You can download a guide if you would like some detailed instructions on how to use Parents Booking, using link

<https://knowledge.parents-booking.com/downloads/Parent%20Booking%20-%20Parent%20Guide.pdf>

We look forward to you joining us for parents' evening.



ST JOHN'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

HALLOWEEN DISCO

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER

P1-3 FROM 2PM-3.15PM

P4-7 FROM 3.45PM - 5PM

TICKETS £5

INCLUDES:



DJ DISCO



PARTY
GAMES



THEMED
GAMES



TATTOOS



SLICE OF
PIZZA



& A DRINK

The Parent Council are delighted to bring back our spooktacular Halloween Disco this year! 🎃👻

Unfortunately this is currently at a reduced capacity due the volume of volunteers. If you are able to help, that would be much appreciated. Please email: stjohnsrcpc@hotmail.com

 Date: Sunday 25th October
 Time: P1-3: 2-3.15pm, P4-7: 3.45-5pm

 Tickets: £5 per child

Includes:

 DJ disco

 Party games

 Halloween-themed games

 Spooky tattoos

 A slice of pizza

 A drink

There will also be a tuck shop available on the day, at an additional cost (2 items for £1).

Fancy dress is encouraged, so get those costumes ready! 🧛‍♀️🧛‍♂️🧛‍♀️ No weapons or anything too scary please.

Tickets are available below:

P1-3 Disco:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/p1-3-halloween-disco>

P4-7 Disco:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/p4-7-halloween-disco>

Thank you as always for supporting the Parent Council and the events we put on for our children.

Kind regards

St John's RC Primary Parent Council

A young girl with dark hair and a surprised expression, holding a large sign. She is wearing a green sleeveless top and a plaid skirt.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS OPEN DAY

Wednesday 4th November 2026

0930-1030

1315-1445

Ready to register your child for school? Then take this chance to visit your local catchment primary school. All parents, carers and children welcome!

To find out more, please contact your local catchment school.

Visit www.edinburgh.gov.uk/catchmentmaps

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Individual and family School Photographs



Tempest Photography will be in school next Thursday, 24th and Friday, 25th September to take our individual and sibling photographs.

If anyone would like to purchase a tie, please email admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk
Ties are priced at £5 and will be available to buy via Parent Pay.

Please note:- we only have the full length style in school.

Miss Miller's Music Stars

11th September 2026

P2 - Wynter and Elliot

P3 - Arthur and Humna

P4 - Olivia, Leo, Panos, Mohammad

P5 - Michael, Ava, Innes, Zuzanna

P6 - Haram, Maisie, Claire, Maira

P7 - Elise, Kani, Gregory, Rosa

We listen

We take part

We try our best

We follow directions

We work in a team



P6 had a great trip to the Outdoor Learning challenge at Holyrood park. They learnt different skills from drumming to learning a language. We were lucky to have the weather which made the event even more enjoyable.



Message from Mr Burgess



Ellis - Achievement - Sharing great ideas

Harris - Achievement - Explaining your thinking

Haram - Achievement - Producing fantastic writing

Dola - ambition - Showing great ambition in learning

Innes - Ambition - Excellent creativity in art

Grace - Respect - Outstanding positive role model

Congratulations to this week's winners of Tea with SLT with a range of school values on display!
Mark Burgess

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