

St-John's RC Primary School



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26th October 2026

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Message from Mrs Kelly

A mini newsletter to share some important updates. I hope that the October week went well, we have enjoyed welcoming the children back to school.

It is important to recognise that the recent bomb hoax across Scottish and Northern Irish Schools on Monday may have caused anxiety and uncertainty for our families and wider community. James Dalgleish Convenor: Education, Children and Families and Amanda Hatton Corporate Director Children, Education and Justice Services sent a communication out to all parents/carers to confirm that immediate action was taken with relevant policies followed.

From a St John's viewpoint we know that incidents of this nature can be unsettling and worrying. Please be assured our staff will continue to listen to any concerns from our children and ensure that they feel safe and supported. We recognise the trust you place in us to care for your children and thank you for your continued support and partnership working between home and school, particularly at times like these.

The safety and wellbeing of pupils and staff are paramount and we continue to respond to significant occurrences in line with Council policy.

Huge thank you to the Parent Council for organising and hosting such successful parties yesterday. They went above and beyond, ensuring they could issue additional tickets. We are grateful for their efforts on behalf of the children of St John's.

Message from Support for Learning

FROM DYSLEXIA SCOTLAND -

See below details of our parent masterclass this week.

We're pleased to invite you to an online Parent Masterclass with Sharon Hall on Thursday 29 October from 6.30 - 8.30pm.

Full details and free tickets on Ticket Tailor: <https://buytickets.at/dyslexiascotland2/2430188>

Best wishes
Dyslexia Scotland South East

Parent Council Update

A massive thank you to everyone who came along to our Halloween Disco! We had a fantastic time, and the costumes were absolutely exceptional! 🥳👻

A special thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who did such a fantastic job helping everything run smoothly.

We're very excited that this year we will be holding a Christmas Fair on Friday 4th December! More details on how you can get involved will be shared next week. If you would like to know more now, please reach out to our mailbox.

We're also really excited to get the whole-school booked into the pantomime on Wednesday 16th December, and this year fund all costs.

Thanks again for your continued support!

St John's RC Primary Parent Council

Parent Council email
stjohnsrcpc@hotmail.com

Message from Mr Burgess

FRIDAYS MATTER – check your email tomorrow, Tuesday, 27th October for more information from the Holy Rood Learning Community about our school attendance focus for this term. Important learning and socialising happens every day, including Fridays! #Article28 #Article29 #EveryDayCounts



**Excellent learner raffle
winners
Dola & Theo P5B**



EDUCATION WELLBEING SERVICE
PARENT DROP-IN

COME AND CHAT TO US!

The Education Wellbeing Service will be hosting 2 Parent Drop-in sessions in November & December.

This is an opportunity for parents / carers to:

- Seek advice
- Meet the team
- Gain practical support tips
- Signposting on to relevant services
- Share any concerns

**FIND US IN: CRAIGENTINNY COMMUNITY
CENTRE ON:
WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 1-2.30pm &
WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER
1-2.30pm**



Miss Miller's Music Stars

9th October 2026

P2 - Rumaysa and Ethan

P3 - Heer, Hallie, Marley S, Leon

P4 - Elsie, Hashim, Ivy, Ellis A

P5 - Aoife, Jakub K, Leo, Amber

P6 - Valentina, Sandie, Sienna, Remaya

P7 - Ava, Finley, Eden P, Cillian

We listen

We take part

We try our best

We follow directions

We work in a team



Miss Miller's Music Stars

23rd October 2026

P3 - Lewyn and Kian

P4 - Kexin, Isabella, Noor, Joseph

P5 - Amelie, Katie, Honey, Sara

P6 - Lenny, Gray, Aniyah, Sofia

P7 - Aahan, Sara A, Alice, Tartor

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P7 THINK AHEAD DAY



Meet Professionals



Explore Careers



Discover Your
Strengths



Try New
Experiences



Build
Connections

Our P7 Learning Community **"Think Ahead"** Day was a fantastic success, helping pupils explore the exciting opportunities that await them as they transition to Holy Rood.

Through a range of interactive workshops, pupils learned about secondary subjects, the skills they will develop throughout their school journey, and the pathways that can lead to future careers.

We were delighted to welcome a variety of industry partners, including representatives from Engineering, Hospitality, Police Scotland, Science and other sectors. They provided engaging, hands-on experiences and valuable insights into the world of work.

The day was a great success, leaving pupils inspired and looking forward to their transition to Holy Rood and beyond.

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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