



Respect-Achieve-Kind-Ambition

Message from Mrs Kelly

Newsletter Plea

The newsletter is the first place to look for dates and find out what is happening in school. Several families called to ask about wearing red last Thursday and about P4 Mass, all this information and updates to the yearly calendar will be communicated via the newsletter.

We had the first of our learning conversations on Friday and look forward to welcoming more families on Wednesday. It was great to be joined with reps from the Senior Leadership teams, pupils and staff from Holy Rood . If you are along the top corridor and want to ask any transition to high school questions, please do speak to them on Wed.

Thank you for the donations for Re-Start a Heart Day, the children enjoyed learning some life saving skills. We collected £182 for Little Hearts Matter - thanks to all who donated.



Little Hearts Matter

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

<https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/messenger?pid=MTA101634&v=221.8>

Miss Miller's Music Stars

2nd October 2026

P2 - Aoife and Rory

P3 - Huw, Manraj, Esmee, Musa

P4 - Kenan, Willow, Daniel B, Alice

P5 - Jakub E, Shay, Ruhaan, Arizona

P6 - Rohan, Yasmin, Ander, Anvi

P7 - Hunter, Kory, Grace, Lewis

We listen

We take part

We try our best

We follow directions

We work in a team





Szymon - Achieve- Writing all his letters and numbers

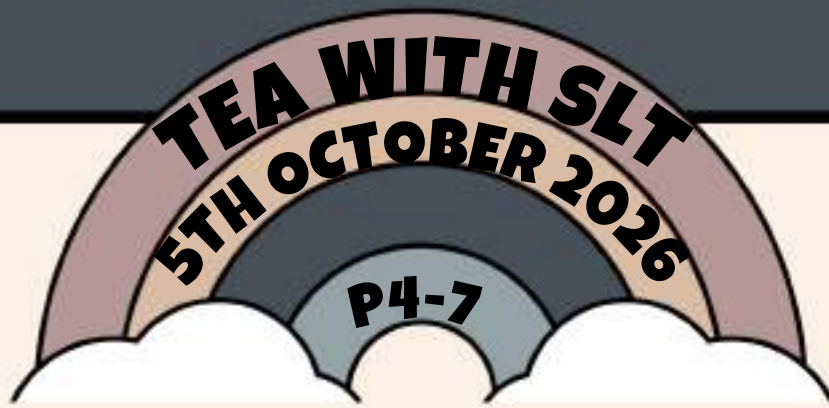
Dehryn - Kind - Being so helpful in class

Elliot - Ambition -Fantastic effort in writing

Valentina - Respect- being a responsible and helpful member of the class

Lewyn - Ambition- Challenging himself to write 6 sentences independently

Harry - Ambition - Excellence in numeracy with 100% focus



Jack- Achieve - Fantastic detail in writing

Diego - Achievement - Dedicated effort in writing

Masie - Achieve- Amazing progress across all learning

Hunter - Achieve - Great teamwork in P7 visits to Holyrood

Maryam - Ambition- Fantastic creative story

Elsie - Achieve - Creative sentences and ambitious vocabulary



Exclusive to NHS Lothian

Parenting Smart – Online Course

Parents and Carers of 4-11 year olds are invited to join our **free** online course offering extra parenting tools to **support children's wellbeing** and help them **deal with childhood challenges**.

These tools are proven to help children manage their emotions better, follow routines and improve relationships with friends and family.

Designed to fit around busy family lives, this 4-week course consists of **8 short online modules of 30 minutes each**, easily accessible from a mobile phone, at any time.

Place2Be Family Practitioners will be on hand throughout your time on the course to guide your learning and **answer your questions**. You will also have the opportunity to join discussions with other parents and carers from across the Lothians and learn from each other.

- ✓ **Free**
- ✓ **No fixed times**
- ✓ **Accessible from any device**
Hear from other parents
- ✓ **around the Lothians**
Place2Be professional on hand to support learning
- ✓



Learn more at
place2be.org.uk/NHSLothian

Or scan me



FREE Support for Parents

of Neurodivergent Children Aged 5-10

Practical support to help you better understand and support your child at home and at school

- **Scottish Government funded**
- **Programme value: £900+**
- **£1,000+ of learning resources for child's teacher**



Who can apply?

- ✓ **Parent / carer of a child aged 5–10**
- ✓ **Your child is on the waiting list for diagnostic assessment for: ADHD • Autism • DCD/Dyspraxia • FASD**
- ✓ **You haven't previously accessed an EPIC Think Learn paid programme**
- ✓ **You live in an eligible postcode area, including some rural, remote and priority areas**
- ✓ **Your child can engage through two-way conversation**

What's Included?

12 months access to:

- ✓ **Practical guides, videos & audio**
- ✓ **Live expert-led webinars & recordings**
- ✓ **A supported online parent community**
- ✓ **Live topic-based peer support sessions**
- ✓ **Regular new content & updates**

Sign up for your funded place:

Complete our short survey to check eligibility and apply

Funded places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis



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GINGERBREAD OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUB!



FUN DAYS • NEW FRIENDS • AMAZING MEMORIES!



CLUB RUNNING DATES:
Monday 12th to
Monday 19th
October 2026

THAT'S
6 DAYS
OF FUN!



TIMES:
8.30am to 5.30pm



GINGERBREAD IS BASED AT:
Tollcross Primary School
118 Fountainbridge Ed.
EH3 9QG

JOIN US FOR
FUN, ADVENTURE
& CREATIVITY
THIS OCTOBER!

NEW FAMILIES:

REGISTER AT:

contact@gingerbreadedinburgh.co.uk



CURRENT FAMILIES:

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR
INTENDED DATES YOU
WOULD LIKE TO USE.



WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!



Additional Support Needs Mass

A chance for those with additional support needs to attend Mass with their family and carers in a quiet, beautiful chapel.

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

Sunday 11 October at 2:00pm

Chapel of St Albert the Great
23/24 George Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9LD

Celebrant: **Fr Jamie McMorris**

For more information, please email
Sister Mary Benedicta Maier RSM
smary.benedicta@stanned.org.uk
or on 0131 370 0017

Followed by teas/coffees at the adjacent
SPRED Centre, 26 George Square

Entrance to the chapel is on George Square Lane, behind George Square. Parking is free on Sundays in George Square Lane and in the SPRED Centre car park adjacent to the chapel.



**OCTOBER
BASKETBALL
CAMP**

**Tuesday 13th and
Thursday 15th**

**£6
per
session**

P1 - P4	9.00am - 10.15am
P5 - P7	10.30am - 12 noon

To book a space, please go to:

www.westedinburghwarriors.com

and fill in the form under "Holiday Camps" tab.



Tynecastle High School
3 McLeod Street
Edinburgh
EH11 2ND

Our camps are suitable for everyone -
those who already enjoy basketball &
those who would like to try a new
sport & make friends.

www.westedinburghwarriors@gmail.com

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