St-John's RC Primary School

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Respect-Achieve-Kind-Ambition

Message from Mrs Burgess

Last week was kicked off with the P7 Confirmation enrolment Mass and camp fundraiser at St John's church, well done to everyone involved in the bake sale.

We had our Online Parent Council meeting last Monday night with 11 attendees, as a school community we are really grateful to the office bearers for the time and energy they put into supporting us and organising events such as the Christmas fair, we also thank everyone else who took time to join us.

A big well done to P3 and P5 who were very well behaved on their trips out of school last week, we even got a shout out on Porty People!

ST Johns Primary School Shout Out ...

A whole large class of children boarded the bus so washing this morning and honestly they deserved so much recognition for their beautiful manners and wonderful decorum

They were so polite, calm, and well-behaved, truly such an asset to their school! I wasn't sure where they were off to, but I hope they have the absolute best day wherever their adventure takes them 😉

P5 are enjoying their sewing sessions in school, they've produced some lovely decorations they plan to sell at the school fair on Friday 4th December.

Some hardy classes are venturing out in the cold weather this week, P6 have their excursion to the cinema ,P7A are at the Art of Listening and our JAS group will be out and about den building with Miss Miller. P4 will also showcase their Roman's Assembly.

This week also marks the end of Catholic Education Fortnight, Mr Burgess will be attending a schools Mass at St Mary's Cathedral with some pupil representatives, and we finish the week with our Digital Learners Group sharing our evidence with a Digital Awards Scotland virtual visit and the St John's choir performing at the Justice and Peace concert in St John's church.

It would be great to see you there!
We are looking forward to a great week ahead!



This week's Superstar learners are Yasmin for spelling and Grayson for writing. Well done both of you!





Well done to Lennon in P6 who had an exciting time on Saturday as a Hibs mascot at Easter Road. He had a great time despite the result!



Well done to Orla in P4 who has been chosen as a winner of the Edinburgh's Winter Windows 2026 competition!

Orla will receive her prize at a small ceremony on the 26th November accompanied by her family.

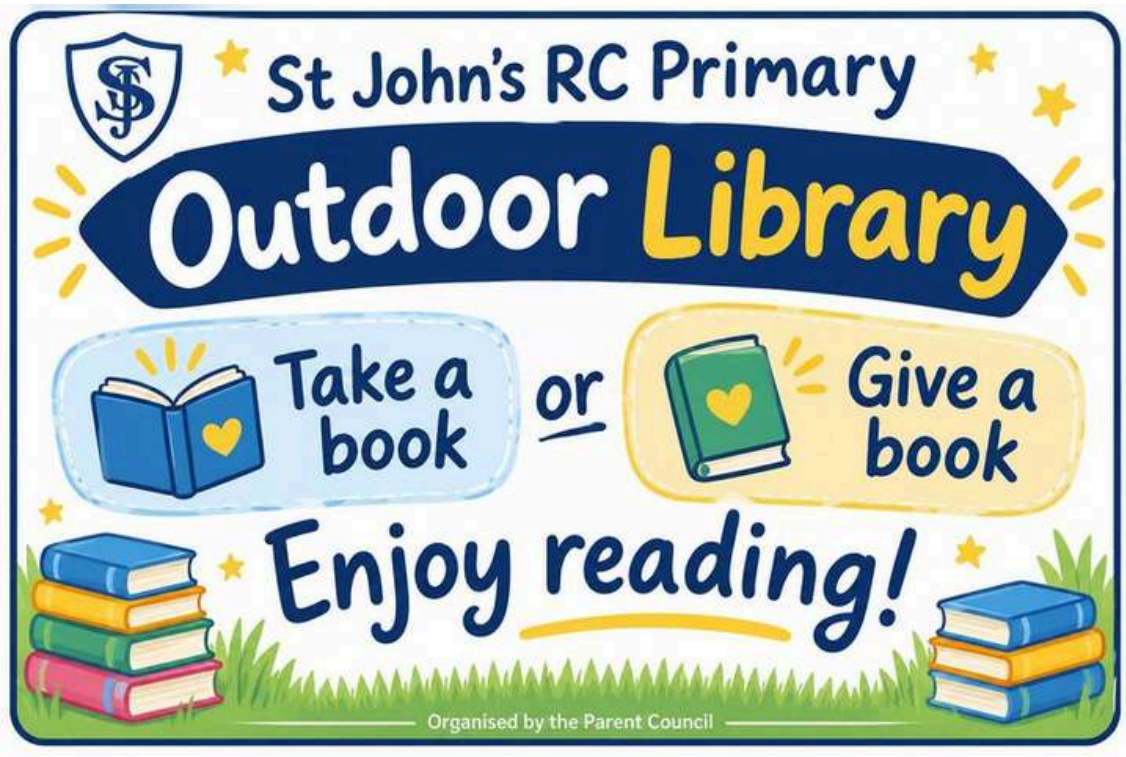
Outdoor Library

Celebrating Reading Schools Week!

With last Friday marking the end of Reading Schools Week in Scotland, we were delighted to celebrate by officially opening our brand-new St John's RC Primary Outdoor Library!
Located at the entrance beside the nursery, our little library is now open for everyone to enjoy.
Take a book, enjoy a read and, if you can, leave a book for someone else to discover!
A huge thank you to Emilia D's dad for kindly building the library for us, and to The Salvation Army for their very generous donation of books for children of all ages.
We hope it inspires lots of little readers and brings plenty of joy to our school community!







Message from Parent Council

St John's Christmas Fair – Friday 4th December!

Just one week on Friday until our Christmas Fair! We're getting ready for an afternoon of festive fun.

Donations still needed! We would be very grateful for any donations of tombola prizes, any type of chocolate, pre-loved Christmas jumpers and Jolly Jam Jars.

Christmas raffle tickets are on sale now, with some fantastic prizes up for grabs!
https://raffall.com/433360/enter-raffle-to-st-johns-christmas-raffle-hosted-by-amydick

Personalised Christmas ornaments are also available to order – a lovely keepsake for the festive season.
https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/friends-of-stjohns-rc-primary-school-edinburghs-shop?impact_chain_source=amycurrie87%40hotmail.com

Story Time with Santa tickets are on sale too! Come and enjoy a magical Christmas story with Santa and his elf. Tickets are limited, no exceptions.
Story Time with Santa:
https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/story-time-with-santa-2

Quiet Story Time with Santa:
https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/quiet-story-time-with-santa

If anyone is able to help on the day, it would be hugely appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support. We can't wait to see everyone there!

Parent Council


St John's Christmas Fair
Story Time with Santa and his Elf!
Santa's Grotto
Come into Santa's Grotto and enjoy a magical group story with Santa and his Elf before collecting your gift from Santa!
St John's Christmas Fair

St John's RC Primary Christmas Fair

Fri 4th Dec, 12-1.30pm
(quiet time: 11.30am-12pm)

Our Christmas Fair is fast approaching, and we would love your help to make it a fantastic event for our children and school community!

There are lots of ways you can get involved, whether you have time to volunteer or can donate something to help us raise funds.

Volunteers Needed!

We are still looking for:

- Santa's elves – a few extra helpers to assist Santa during his grotto.
- Other helpers

Tombola Donations



We are looking for donations of unwanted gifts, toiletries, candles, gift sets, toys and other suitable items to help stock our Christmas tombola.

Chocolate Donations



We are collecting chocolate bags, bars and boxes of chocolates of all sizes to help with our festive games.

Pre-loved Christmas Jumpers



Have any Christmas jumpers your children have outgrown? We would love to give them a new home!

Jolly Jam Jars



We are also collecting our Jolly Jam Jars! Simply fill a clean, empty jar with little treats such as individually wrapped sweets, chocolates or small toys.

Christmas RAFFLE

with AMAZING PRIZES!





Miss Miller's Music Stars

20th November2026

P3 - Kornelia, Callum, Santino, Ekam

P4 - Sophia, Julian, Daniel B, Evan

P5 - Dola, Emilia, Matteo, Ben

P6 - Maisie and Luisa

P7 - Orla McG, Julie, Michelle, Sarah M

We listen

We take part

We try our best

We follow directions

We work in a team



TEA WITH SLT

19TH NOVEMBER 2026

P4-7



Malin - Achieve - Writing an amazing playscript

Joa - Achieve - Excellent Van Gogh Art

Cha Cha - Achieve- High quality work

Sophia - Kindness - encouraging others in drama rehearsals

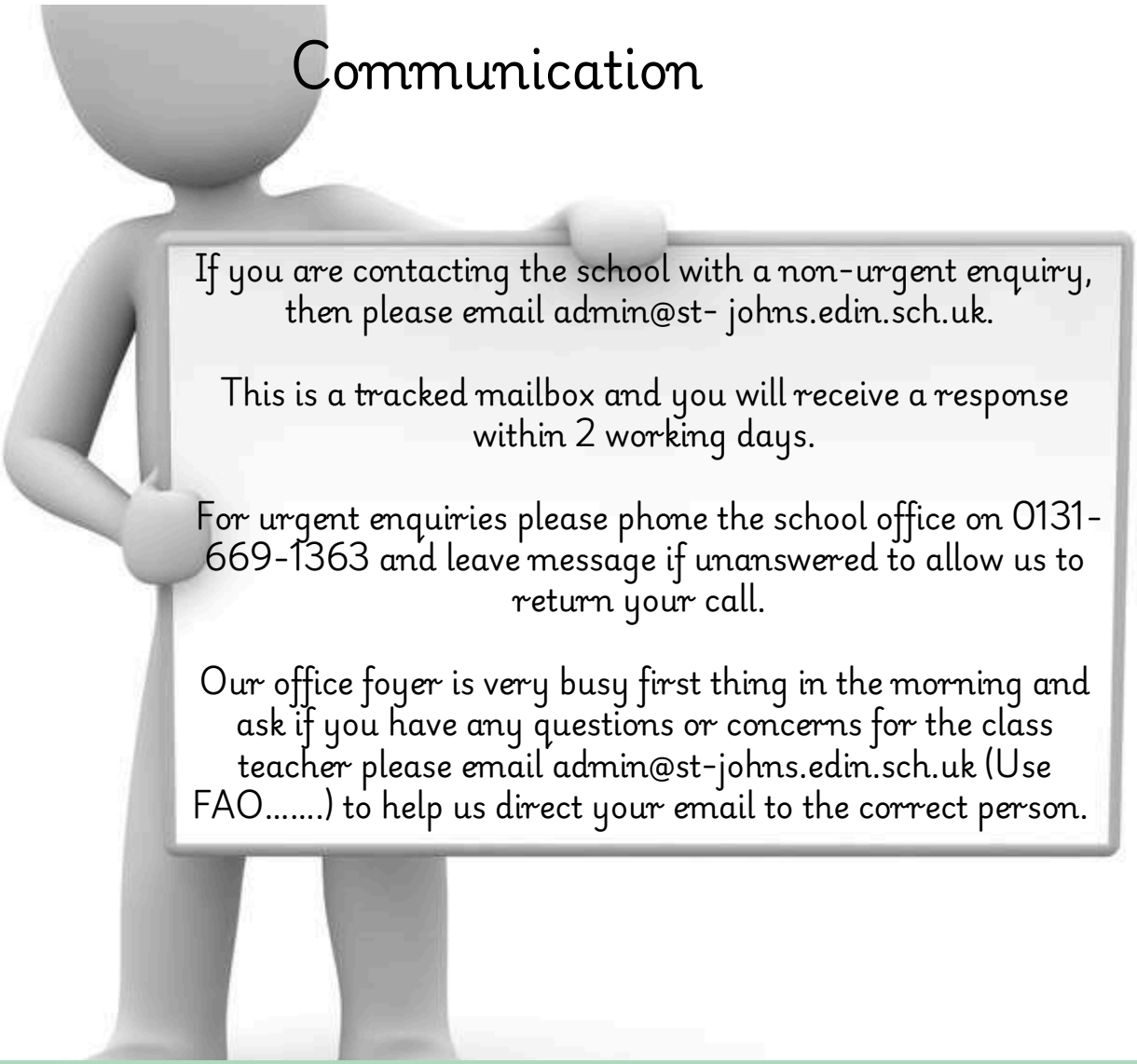
Alex - Kindness - Supporting peers in maths

Theo - Ambition - Passion for Titanic topic

Noor - Ambition - fantastic attitude to learning

Grace - Achieve - Super discussion in reading

Communication



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

registeror contact the school on 0131-669-1363.

Otherwise, we look forward to seeing all our children at 0850

each day.

Mrs Kelly
Headteacher