# St-John's RC Primary School

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2nd November2026

**Respect-Achieve-Kind-Ambition**

## Message from Mrs Kelly

Nursery to P6 had great fun on Friday and P7 dressed up today due to their ongoing participation in the Holy Rood Transition project, photos below.
They were joined by Cllr James Dalgleish, Education Convener and Conor Garlan, President of Ooni Pizza Oven and former pupil of Holy Rood. Conor provided with P7 with a masterclass in baking pizzas and then set them to task to make their own. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and no wonder, who wouldn't relish a full size pizza for breakfast!!
The project P7 are engaging in has seen them make the dough for the pizza, make the pizza boxes and create an advert and logo for their pizza company. They have worked across three faculties: Business, Food and Technology and Art and Design.
You see can some snaps of the event, below.







Today, P4 began some cycling safety lessons, delivered by Mini Riders in partnership with Active Schools. Pupils will receive a 6 week block designed to fill the gap in the current pathway between learning to ride a bike, and joining and engaging in club activity, the programme provides fun cycling sessions for children to develop their cycling confidence and learn new skills. Can't wait to hear how they get on.

# Children's Rights Day - November 20th

Celebrate Children's Rights Day with us on November 20th!

This special day marks the anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, a global promise to protect, support, and empower every young person. At St John's, we believe that empowering students means ensuring they know their rights—including the right to be safe, to learn, and to have their voices heard.

Our school is joining communities around the world to mark the anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. To show our collective solidarity and commitment to protecting, supporting, and empowering every young person, we are asking all students and staff to wear blue on Friday, November 20th.

We encourage you to talk with your child at home about what they are learning. Together, we can create a supportive community where every child feels valued, respected, and heard!


















P2A




P5A


P6B


P5B


Nurture
Inspire
Flourish
Pray
P3B


P2B


Who are these treacherous traitors?

# Nursery















# Message from Miss Miller

Please find photos for the children who attended pronto as part of the 'Me and My World' section of the Join in Award Scheme. Learning about local businesses in Portobello.















# Parent Council Update

The Christmas Fair Stall Challenge – We Need You!

Our Christmas Fair is fast approaching on Friday 4th December, and preparations are well underway!

A huge thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to lead stalls. We are still looking for stall leads for Nursery, P4 and P7.

This doesn't have to be anything extravagant and is a fantastic opportunity to get creative, bring people together and help raise funds for our school. If there are any questions, please email us.

Additionally, we are seeking volunteers to support some other stalls. Please reach out if you would like to get involved in organising or helping on the day.

St John's RC Primary Parent Council




The fair will run from 12-1:30 and the PC will run a quiet time 11.30am-12 for our younger nursery children.

# ST JOHN'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

*Can you help spread some festive cheer?*



## JOLLY JAM JARS

Fill a clean jam jar with wrapped sweets, little toys or festive surprises. Decorate it and make it jolly!



## CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

Outgrown your Christmas jumper? Donate clean, pre-loved jumpers for our festive sale!

**Please hand donations in to the school office. by Friday 27th November.**

*Thank you for supporting our school!*

# ST JOHN'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Working together to support our school community

We are a group of parents and carers who volunteer our time to work in partnership with the school to support all our children and strengthen our school community.

## WHO WE ARE

A friendly and inclusive group of parents and carers from our school community.

## WHAT WE DO

- Work with the school and families to support our children's learning and wellbeing
- Plan and organise events and fundraising activities
- Provide a voice for parents and carers
- Help the PTA raise funds to enrich school life and resources

We warmly welcome you all to join our next

## PARENT COUNCIL MEETING!

**DATE:** MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

**TIME:** 7PM

**WHERE:** MICROSOFT TEAMS

Our meetings are used as an opportunity to get an update from Jackie Kelly as well as to discuss upcoming events, fundraising ideas and how the PTA can best support the school.

*We would love your input!!!*

## PLEASE CAN YOU CONTACT



KATY GRAHAM (SECRETARY)



TAYLOR SPEARS (TREASURER)



AMY DICK (INTERIM CHAIR)

or email us on Stjohnsrcpc@hotmail.com


Christmas at St Mary's
Children's Come and Sing Carols!
Saturday 12 December | 9:30-11:45am
Arrival from 9am, with performance at 11:30am
Refreshments provided | Fully supervised | Free
To book visit:
Or go to cathedral.net/christmas-2026
St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral
Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, EH12 5AW T: 0131 225 6293
cathedral.net
Scottish charity No. SC014741

Sara - Thoughtful contributions in class

Amelie - Always showing kindess

# TEA WITH SLT
## 26TH OCTOBER 2026
## P4-7



Aniyah- Achieve - Showcasing great maths skills

Jasmine- Ambition - Fantastic ambition in numeracy

Oran - Ambition- Using ambitious voabularly in poetry

Blair - Respect & Kindness- Representing our school well

Sameer - Achieve - Challenging himself in maths

Aoife - Ambition - Approaching all learning with huge ambition!

Kexin - Showing kindness and respect

# TEA WITH SLT
## 2ND NOVEMBER 2026
## P4-7

Kexin - Writing a fantastic poem




Shay - Achieve - Completing addition work indepdently

Orla - Ambition - Fantastic ambition in writing

Lillie - Kindness - Always showing kindness to others

Abiha - Kindness- Consistently showing kindness to others

Dua - Achieve - Working hard in numeracy

Elise - Ambition - Fantastic ambition in sentence stacking lesson!

# Message from Mr Burgess

A reminder that the P5 Thanksgiving Mass for last year's First Holy Communion children is on 22nd November, 11.15am at St Mary Magdalene's.

We would appreciate volunteers for roles at the Mass, candle bearer, readers and offertory procession and look forward to seeing all the communicants at Mass.







A correction to a Groupcall I sent out last week, Michael the Lollipop man turns 80 on the 8th November, not the 5th as originally shared. We plan to bring him into school on Monday 9th to sing happy birthday during assembly. Apologies for the miscommunication.

# Miss Miller's Music Stars

## 30th October 2026

P3 - Leo, Blake, Maeve, Agostino

P4 - Harris, Oran C, Sameer, Luca

P5 - Florence and Terry

P6 - Abiha, Marta, Mason, Seth

P7 - Sara O, Oliver, Kirsty, Delight

We listen

We take part

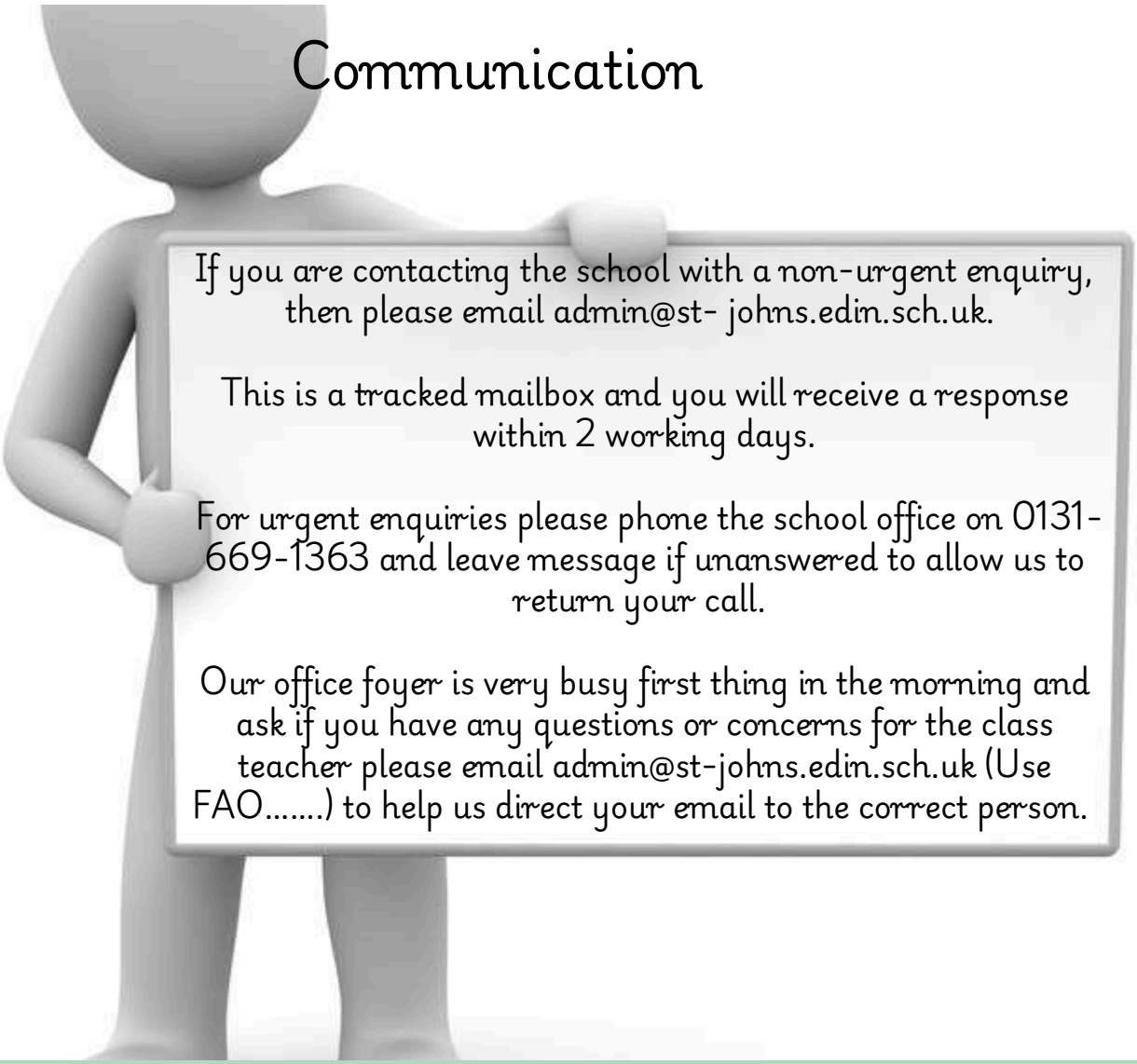
We try our best

We follow directions

We work in a team



# 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