

"Our Mission - At St. John's we grow and learn in the footsteps of Jesus"



St. John's Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

X (formally Twitter) of the Week from Pope Francis (@Pontifex)

The [#WordOfGod](#) invites us not to close ourselves off or think that we can do it alone, but to grow together. Let us listen to each other, talk together, and support one another. [#ChristianUnity](#)



Parking near the school

Please can we remind parents and other family members to park safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting pupils. The Health Centre next door have expressed their concern that their carpark is being used as *"many patients, including those who are elderly with reduced mobility, are finding it difficult to get to their appointments as a direct result of parents using parking spaces at the Health Centre or parking too close to the entrance and this is causing anxiety and distress to members of our community"*. Thank you for your assistance.

Please also refrain from parking on the yellow 'zig zag' lines outside the school gates. It is illegal to do so and very dangerous. Cars parked on the lines will be reported.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 22nd Jan - 3.30pm - Years 3 & 4 Multiplication Tables Session
- 4pm - Year 4 Skern Meeting

Thurs 25th Jan - Year 2 Roller Skating workshop during school day

Fri 26th Jan - Classes 3 & 10 cake sale after school. Please take any cakes to classes in the morning.

Sun 28th Jan - 10.30am: Children's Mass at St John's Church.
All welcome.



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Online Safety Workshops

On Wednesday afternoon we were again visited by Richard Pomfrett of the Stay Safe Initiative who ran two excellent workshops for parents to help navigate online safety. The sessions were well attended and gave parents the opportunity to ask questions and pick up useful hints and tips to support their children to be safe online. We are aware that a number of parents were unable to attend these sessions and Richard has kindly provided some resources which are linked below.

Parents resource pack.

[https://thestaysafeinitiative.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Parents Online Safety Advice Sheet.pdf](https://thestaysafeinitiative.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Parents%20Online%20Safety%20Advice%20Sheet.pdf)

Parenting in the Digital World – Getting help Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXfjT_CTYul

Mental Health & Wellbeing Survey

Thank you to those of you who have responded to our mental health survey. If you haven't completed the survey and would like to please use the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/hacbbZf7MB>

Toys from Home

Please may we remind you that pupils should not bring toys into school from home. They may get lost and cause upset to you and your child.

Thank you



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Children's Author visits Key Stage One

On Wednesday, KS1 were fortunate to receive a visit from the author Gareth Edwards. He read some of his books and talked to them about his job as an author. He read 'The disgusting sandwich' and we got to meet some of the characters 'Badger and Crow'!

The children had a great time listening to the story and engaging with the characters.



We would like to thank Gareth for his time and wonderful storytelling.

Children's Mass

Children's Mass will be celebrated at **10.30am on Sunday 28th January** at St John the Baptist Catholic Church - all welcome! The children will be leading the readings and singing, it would be wonderful to see as many families as possible.

Medical appointments/Late Arrivals to School

We are having an increasing number of children with appointments being arranged during the school day. Whilst we appreciate this cannot always be avoided we ask whenever possible to please book dental and other routine appointments outside of school hours or during the holidays. When this is not possible please give the office at least 48 hours notice of the appointment. We will also require proof of the appointment e.g. text or letter shown prior to the day. Absences without proof will not be authorised.

If your child is going to be late for any reason, please call the office before 8.45am. If a child arrives after 9am this is classed as an unauthorised absence.



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Birthdays This Week

We would like to wish all children who have had birthdays last week, this week, or will celebrate over the weekend a very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**. Also to one of our new starters who's birthday was in November.

Pupils will receive their pencils in Celebration Assembly today.

Antoni S
Precious M
Georgia R
William F
Thea R
George B



Wednesday Word

Please find below the link to this week's copy of the **Wednesday Word** which can be copied and pasted into your browser.

We hope you enjoy sharing the Bible Scripture together with your child.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/community?pid=MTA101634&v=116.3>

Suitable outdoor clothing

Please ensure your child has suitable warm clothing to wear outside during this cold weather. Please send a coat every day and if appropriate a hat, gloves and scarf. Please also ensure your child has suitable outdoor PE kit including a jumper/hoody and tracksuit trousers. We will encourage children outside unless conditions are not suitable.



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Stars of the Week



House points

St. Rose - 224

St. Dominic - 190

St. Therese - 166

St. Anthony - 144

Class 1: Iwin J	For his all round growing independence - becoming independent in his reading, writing, speaking and involvement in the classroom.
Class 2: Johnboy M	For displaying an independence in his play for learning. designing and building kites with paper and string. inspiring others to try the same.
Class 3: Maia P	For showing real independence with her writing across all subjects. Well done Maia!
Class 4: Lacy G	For taking so much care to be independent in her learning.
Class 5: Niamh D	For showing great independence when coming into school this week and starting her morning task. Well done!
Class 6: Zofia W	For being independent with her learning and always going the extra mile.
Class 7: Louis C	For doing more of an activity more of the time in class.
Class 8: Toby F	For showing great thoughtfulness in every independent action, playground and classroom.
Class 9: Joshua S	For always being an independent learner and looking for ways to improve his own learning, especially with his trusty purple pen.
Class 10: Bea E	For taking initiative and responsibility for her own learning inside school and extending her learning outside school by setting herself projects.
Class 11: Daniel M	For the independence and resourcefulness he demonstrates in his maths learning.



Leaders in Faith Award

Congratulations to Nathania E who has earned her Bronze Award.