

St John's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Once again it has been such a successful term, with so many different things that have been achieved. I must begin by offering my thanks and appreciation to the dedication of Father Peter, Mrs Cairns and our Year 4 staff. This term some of our Year 4 children received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, the children were beautifully prepared and where a credit to our school community.

Also, it is with immense pride that I share this message with our parents and carers. Our Year 6 children sat their SATS tests this term. I am so proud of them, and each and every member of the teaching and learning support teams are also incredibly proud of them too. From their attendance at SAT's Breakfast to sitting their tests so sensibly, they had a brilliant week. Well done Year 6. They deserve to succeed!

I would also like to sign post our parents to an open invitation to attend some exciting Half Term Activities at the Community Hub on Walton Road. The posters detail dates and times for a range of activities you can join in with, some of which look great! [\(click here\)](#)

I hope you all have a lovely holiday and I look forward to seeing you again on Monday 8th of June when school reopens for the remainder of the Summer Term.

Thank you and best wishes.

Mr Davey



We are extremely proud of our Year 6 pupils for their truly outstanding effort during SATs week!

Concept Cat

Concept Cat is a clever cat, who uses stories to help children in Early Years learn concepts.

It is a fun and engaging method to teach children early verbal concepts e.g. more, empty, between and after.

The program has been hugely successful in developing our children's speech and language. The children get fully involved and really enjoy these sessions.



Our Nursery Children found two of the same items hidden in our school Nursery after learning the new word through Concept Cat ,, 'Pairs'



Arriba, arriba



To celebrate Spanish Day we invited children to come to school dressed in something related to Spain or Spanish culture. This included wearing red and yellow to represent the Spanish flag, Spanish football kits, traditional Spanish outfits, or accessories such as Spanish flags or instruments.

This was be a fun and engaging way for the children to celebrate their learning and experience Spanish culture together.

Nearly New & Used Uniforms

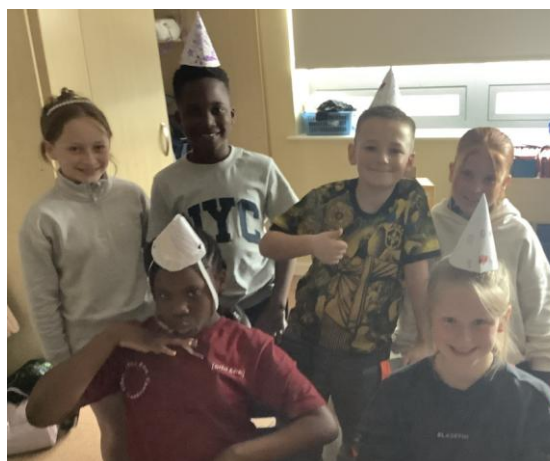
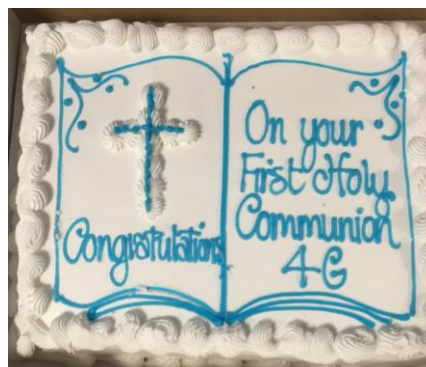


We always keep a supply of nearly new uniforms throughout the year for anyone who may need them. We put some of them on our school yard this term for our parents to take.

Please feel free to enquire if/ when you may need any school jumpers, shirts, skirts etc. at various points throughout the year.

Wearing the correct school uniform is a vital part of school life. Our uniform is more than just clothing; it is a symbol of belonging, equality and pride. When children wear their uniform correctly, they demonstrate respect for themselves, their school and the community they are part of.

First Holy Communion



Some of our Year 4 children celebrated their **First Holy Communion** with their families and staff in Church this Term. The School Photographer came in to school to take professional photographs of the children. They also had a party in school to celebrate. The children enjoyed cake, party sweets and drinks.

Community Hub



Kids Half Term Activities

Come and join us for our Half-Term Activities!
Everyone Welcome - No Booking Needed

Monday 25th May (please be aware that the Café closes at 12 on this day)

10:00am - Family Walk & Scavenger Hunt (Stanley Park)

Meet us at the café at 10am for a lovely walk around Stanley Park. We'll be enjoying a fun scavenger hunt along the way—perfect for little explorers! Plus a snack bag to take with us!

Tuesday 26th May

10:00am - Allotment Visit & Bug Hunt

Meet outside Spellow Lane Library at 10am. We'll head round the corner to the allotment and use magnifying glasses to explore and spot bugs and insects together.

Wednesday 27th May

2:00pm - Spring into Summer Cook Club

Join us for a fun cooking session! Children will make their own fruity ice lollies to take home.

Thursday 28th May

9:30am - Build Your Own Breakfast

Start the day right with a fun breakfast session where children can create their own tasty meal.

10:00am - Story Makers: Draw & Write Together

Come along and help us create a giant group story—using imagination, drawing, and storytelling!

Call Emily if you need more information: 07815028643
211 Walton Road, L4 4AJ

Community Hub

OPEN for more



Community Day!

Friday 29th May • 10am – 2pm

Join us for a welcoming community day where you can meet organisations offering support!

Come along for advice, information, friendly conversations, and a FREE FEAST — all in one place!

Bring your neighbours, friends, family – everyone is welcome!

Come for support, stay for the community.

We'd love to see you there!

211 Walton Road, L4 4AJ

Community Hub

OPEN for more

Fountains Children's Centre
L4 1QH 233 4741

Family Hub Club

No booking required

Join us each week after school for a range of family fun activities suitable for children aged 3-8 years

Mondays 3.30-4.30pm
*closed on bank holidays

FAMILY HUBS
A CHILDREN'S CENTRE
LIVERPOOL

**Monday's After School Family Club
at Fountains Children's Centre**

Liverpool City Council

Family Help in Liverpool

Every family can face challenging times.
Family Help means working with you and your family so that any small problems don't become bigger.

If you would like more information about how to get supported through Family Help in this setting please contact Mrs O'Connell (0151 922 1924 / 0151 922 3106)
Or call the Family Help Support Team on 0151 233 1359

fisd.liverpool.gov.uk

[Click here to read Family Help Leaflet](#)

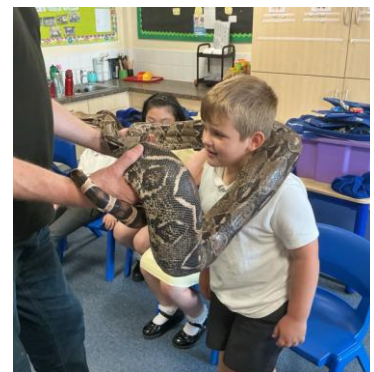
Southport Eco Centre

Year 5 visited the Eco Centre in Southport this term to enhance our geography curriculum. We took part in a day of activities focusing on The Amazon Rainforest and Climate Change. Children had a fantastic day playing 'snakes and lianas' answering quiz questions, creating their own solar powered turbine and visiting the rainforest in the interactive room!





Dylan's Reptile Time



Dylan's Reptile Time visited Year 2 to talk about different reptiles and amphibians. The children were able to hold and look at all the animals whilst they learned about their adaptations and habitats, ready for our topic 'Living Things and their Habitats' in Summer 2. Thank you, Dylan!

Keeping Children Safe Online

We have spoke in general to all of our pupils in Year 6 about Tik Tok, how to stay safe online, what's legal and what our standards and expectations are as a school. By way of reminder, legally, children must be over the age of 13 to use Tik Tok.

[Please click here to read Tik Tok safety information for parents](#)

Our School Rules

Show respect to everyone and everything

Join together in faith and with kindness

Care for each other and our community

Pride in myself and all that I do

Strive to do my best every day

'Christ is the Centre of our School Community where we live, love and learn together'

Please be reminded that
SCHOOL starts at 8.45am.



Junior Park Run



Many thanks to Tom Rowlands who came into school and delivered a whole school assembly informing the children about Junior Park Run.

[Park Run Leaflet](#)



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

We'd like to encourage pupils and their families of **St Johns Catholic Primary School** to join us for **junior parkrun** this Sunday morning at **Stanley Park junior parkrun**

junior parkrun is a **free, community event** where you can walk, jog, run, volunteer, or simply come along to spectate. It's a **2k event** designed for children aged **4-14** and their families and friends of all ages.

The events start at **9am every Sunday**, with a fun warm-up beginning at **8:50am**.

junior parkrun is positive, welcoming, and inclusive — there's no time limit, and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome!

You can register for parkrun for free here:

www.parkrun.org.uk/register



[Park Run Letter](#)



Beautiful new Beginnings

Beautiful New Beginnings have created some additional online sessions for our parents, carers and community to access free of charge.

Managing Big Emotions and Change 15th June 6pm Zoom

Is your child struggling with big emotions or adjusting to change? Join our 1-hour practical session designed to help parents and carers navigate these challenges with confidence and compassion.

<https://www.beautifulnewbeginnings.co.uk/event-details/managing-big-emotions-and-change-2>

Transition Support: Starting Secondary 22nd June 6pm Zoom

Starting secondary school is a huge milestone and we're here with you every step of the way. This class is designed to help you support your child and you with practical tools, tips and techniques to alleviate anxiety and help you plan for a smooth transition.

<https://www.beautifulnewbeginnings.co.uk/event-details/transition-support-starting-secondary-3>

Starting School : Early Years 29th June 6pm Zoom

Starting School is a big milestone and we're here to help and support you in supporting your child. We'll go through the early years expectations, how to support your child in preparing for school and how to understand the curriculum expectations.

<https://www.beautifulnewbeginnings.co.uk/event-details/starting-school-early-years-3>

Preventing Parental Burnout 6th July 6pm Zoom

Is parenting causing you stress and overwhelm? It's so easy to neglect yourself in the day to day demands of parenting, come along and learn how to prevent parental burnout, and how managing your own stress can help make parenting more manageable

<https://www.beautifulnewbeginnings.co.uk/event-details/preventing-parental-burnout-3>

Year 4 Gymnastics



Our wonderful Year 4 children performed a gymnastics performance for parents. They shown great teamwork, dedication, confidence, resilience and determination.



Year 5 finished their Cross Country Afterschool Club with a competition. Congratulations to everyone who took part.



1C have been having fun in afterschool sports club.

Year 6 Winmarleigh Residential Parent Meeting

Thank you to our Year 6 parents and Carers who attended out Year 6 Winmarleigh Residential Meeting. The children are getting increasingly excited about this trip! Please follow the link for information shared at the meeting

[Winmarleigh Meeting Notes](#)

Eco Warriors

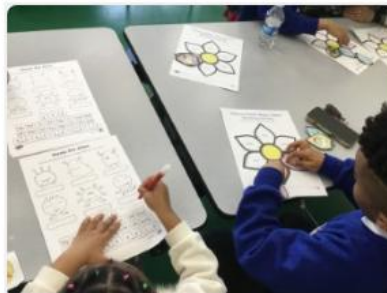


Food for thought came to visit the **Eco-warriors** to plant some sensory plants in our nature garden. They learnt how to weed and replenished the planters with new plants and compost. They also enjoyed building a miniature greenhouse for some runner beans.



Year 1 Phonics Workshop

Our Year 1 children were delighted to welcome their parents into school for our annual Phonics Workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to demonstrate and explain some phonics games and activities that our parents can use to further support their children in preparation for the phonics screening in June.



New to Reception Meeting

We will be holding a New to Reception Meeting in the school hall on Thursday the 18th of June in the school hall to welcome all of our new parents and carers.

Reception Children

Our reception children have been enjoying spending their free time having lots of fun in our outdoor area.



LFC Foundation



Many thanks to Jack and Nicola who came to school to deliver the LFC Healthy Lifestyle Programme to our Year 3 and Year 4 children. The initiative focussed on combining physical activity, nutrition education, and mental health support to create sustainable, healthier habits for our children.



Nursery have been learning about The Very Hungry Caterpillar and making their own symmetrical butterflies. They really enjoyed their storytelling session with Sharon from the Children's Centre Hub.

They have talked about the season spring and looked for signs of spring outdoors and loved exploring our new outdoor resources.



Last term our **Year 6** children completed a [questionnaire](#) with Steph (our school nurse). The data on the questionnaire indicated the children would most like to know more about being emotionally healthy. Based on this Steph and her team came to school this term and delivered a session that covered emotional health. The session also included social media and how to keep safe online.

Sharon, from the **Children's Centre Hub** came to our **Reception** class this term to deliver reading sessions to our children. The children enjoyed hearing her read traditional tales such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children then retold the story.



Please see some of the events that will be taking place at St John's next term.

Monday 8th June	8:45am	Children return to school	School
Tuesday 9th June	9:30am	Online Author Event - Ben Davis - Latest book 'Postman Planet'	School
Tuesday 9th June	Afternoon	Year 4 LSSP Outdoor and Adventure Programme - Every Tuesday for 5 weeks	School
Monday 15th June	All day	History Past Productions: Year 1 Great Fire of London	School
Wednesday 17th June	All day	History Past Productions: Year 6 Vikings Day	School
Thursday 18th June	All day	History Past Productions: Year 3 Egyptians Day	School
Thursday 18th June	All day	History Past Productions: Year 4 Mayans Day	School
Thursday 18th June	All day	History Past Productions: Year 5 Anglo-Saxons Day	School
Thursday 18th June	1:30pm	New Intake Meeting for Reception (September starters)	School Hall
Friday 19th June	All day	History Past Productions: Year 2 Kitty Wilkinson Day	School
Monday 22nd June	9:30am	Year 6 School Photographs	School
Tuesday 23rd June	9:00am	Reception and Year 1 Dental Team	School
Wednesday 24th - 26th June	All day	Year 6 Residential Trip to Winmarleigh	Preston
Monday 29th June	Throughout the day	Sports Day - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Morning Sports Day - Year 1 and 2 Afternoon	School Yard
Wednesday 1st July	All day	Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day	Secondary Schools
Thursday 2nd July	9:30am	Children's University Graduation (Year 6)	University of Liverpool
Monday 13th July	9:30am	Year 6 Leavers Mass- Parents invited	Church
Tuesday 14th July	9:30am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly - Parents invited	School Hall
Thursday 16th July	9:30am	Whole School Attendance Assembly	School Hall
Thursday 16th July	Afternoon	Year 6 Leavers Party	School Hall/Yard
Friday 17th July	1:30pm	Children finish school for Summer 1.30pm	School

School Closes on Friday the 22nd of May at normal time.

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