

St John's Catholic Primary School

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First Holy Communion and Confirmation



Our Year 4 are the first year group to make their First Holy Communion and Confirmation within the same service under the new sacramental arrangements.

They have made an excellent start to their preparations and we are extremely grateful to Father Michael and Martin Curley for preparing the children and running First Holy Communion workshops throughout the year.

Alter Servers

Father Michael had asked for volunteers to be alter servers amongst our older children. Anyone interested should let myself or Father Michael know.



Yr 6 Winmarleigh Hall Residential

At the beginning of September our Year 6 went to Winmarleigh Hall in Lancashire. They had a fabulous time experiencing lots of different exciting outdoor activities.

On their return, they delivered an excellent assembly for their parents showing them the highlights and sharing photos and memories of their trip.

I am certain they will remember this time for many years to come.



Harvest Festival



Many thanks to all those who gave so generously to our collection for food for the homeless.

This is a worthy cause and, as always, your kindness and generosity is so appreciated.

A reminder that we have Parents Evening on Wednesday 17th October 3:15pm - 6:00pm.

Please contact your child's teacher if you need to arrange an alternative time or date. We look forward to seeing you then. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your support here at St John's.

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Although we are only in the second month of the new academic year, we have achieved so much already.

We will also be sending out our Stars of the Week and Attendance Winners for each week. This information will let you see a breakdown our school's attendance. Our school attendance target is 95%. This target is set by the Government.



Please look out for your child's name in our 'Stars of the Week' and 'Attendance Raffle Winners' !



Albert Dock Sing Off Spectacular

Our singing talent continues to go from strength to strength. Our children recently went to the Albert Dock to take part in the Guinness Book of Records Event - 'Love Me Do'. The children thoroughly enjoyed this event and a new world record was achieved !!! They were also on the radio and television. Well Done !

Children who attend the Young Arts and Drama group at Notre Dame were also invited to take part in the Lord Mayor's Civic Reception at the Anglican Cathedral. The children had a lovely time and we are proud how the represented our school.

Foreign Languages

Our Junior children are enjoying learning a new language - Mandarin. They have lessons with a specialist Mandarin tutor who is also teaching the children about the interesting Mandarin culture, geography, as well as language.



In addition, our Spanish Club has proved so popular that we have had to run it on two evenings to avoid disappointment.



After School Clubs

As you know, we have over twenty different clubs which run over the year. Most of these are up and running now.

Judo

Our Judo Club has recently started before school. The children are doing extremely well and enjoying their new skills. Watch this space and look out for news of a Fencing Club starting later in the year.