

# St John's RC Primary & Pre-school

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**Autumn Term 1**

**NEWSLETTER: 29/09/2023**

Dear parents and carers,

It is great to see the school back in full flow. The classrooms are buzzing with the sound of children working hard and enjoying their time in school with their friends and teachers and teaching assistants.

Thank you for your commitment in your child's education. There are lots of stories in the news at the moment about low school attendance rates and this is something that all schools have faced since the covid pandemic. We are proud that St John's have remained above national average attendance rates, although we are still below pre-covid rates so we still have room for improvement! The school has a new Improving Attendance Officer who is willing to support families who may be struggling with regular good attendance. If you feel you would like some support, please do contact us for an informal chat.

Last week, the children from St John's joined with the other Catholic School's in our Plymouth Diocese for a Season of Creation virtual liturgy. They enjoyed seeing children from the other school's based across Cornwall, Devon and Dorset celebrating God's wonderful creations together. The season of Creation will be celebrated further next week when we join together for our Laudato Si Mass. You are very welcome to join us for this on Friday 6th October at 9.30am in the school hall.

Today, we said goodbye to Mrs Kat Jozwiak who has been supporting the children in her role of Meal Time assistant since 2021. Mrs Jozwiak (or Mrs J as she is known to the children!) will start in her new role as teaching support assistant at PETROC college next week. We wish her well in this new adventure, but we know she won't be a stranger as she has already committed to helping with Starmakers! Thank you for your commitment to our children Mrs J!

We welcome Miss Katie Perryman as our new mealtime assistant. Katie is well known to the children having completed her Early Years educator qualification in Acorns Class last year.

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She is now supporting Willow Class every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and will be in her new role as Meal time assistant from next week. Welcome to our St John's community.

This week, parents of Big Acorn's class attended a 'Help your child to read at home' meeting with Mrs Webber and Mrs Hewson. Thank you to those that attended and hopefully the information shared with you about phonics and reading will support you and your child at home. Information is available on our school website for supporting reading and please do not hesitate to speak with your child's teacher if you need any more support with this.

Miss Kalliora will host a 'Support your child with Maths at home' meeting later this term, so look out for more details about this.

This week, you should have received your child's Christmas Artwork design. The children have been busy creating their designs which you can have custom printed on a range of Christmas goodies. Please follow the instructions on your child's artwork form to place any orders online and then ensure all artwork is returned to class teachers so it can be sent to the printing company. All artwork needs to be returned by Monday 16th October. Please try to ensure artwork is kept flat as marks will show on the final design. Our PTA will receive commission for every order placed, providing more funds to support the excellent support they provide our children.

Finally, a reminder of our school uniform expectations. At St John's we pride ourselves as one of the smartest schools in Tiverton and often we get comments from the public about how smart we look when we are out and about. We are happy to support any families who may need uniform spares. We have a big selection of a range of sizes of preloved uniforms and shoes, so please just ask at the office or speak to Mrs Harte if you require any items.

**Our school uniform consists of:**

Grey trousers/shorts/pinafore or skirt (not black)    White button through shirt/blouse  
EYFS/KS1 - Red Tie    KS2 - Grey and red striped tie  
Red jumper or cardigan    Black school shoes

**PE Kit**

White T shirt    Black shorts, black leggings or black jogging bottoms  
Trainers    Plain red or black jumper/cardigan/hooded top

Thank you for your support with this.

Have a restful weekend and thank you for your ongoing support

God Bless

Claire Webber and Rob Meech



Rob Meech - Executive Head



Claire Webber - Head of school

*For the Care of Children*

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ.

*Amen.*



First Holy Communion Preparation The preparation programme for Holy Communion at St James' Church next summer will start soon. If you have a child, aged 7 or over, who you would like to start preparation for the reception of First Confession and First Holy Communion next year, please pick up an application form from the **school office** or **download a copy** from the parish website: [First Holy Communion | St James Roman Catholic Church | Tiverton Devon UK \(stjameschurchtiverton.org.uk\)](http://stjameschurchtiverton.org.uk)

**Please return applications as soon as possible.**

Celebrating our Achievers:

Wks: 5-15/09/2023	Gospel Guardians	Stars of the Week	Celebration cafe
Little acorns	Hannah & Tommy	Harry & Olive	Luan, Esmee, Kacper & Hattie
Big Acorns	Olivia & Hugo	Brandon & Naoise	Yasmin, Billy, Flynn & Billy
Maple	Zofia, Felicity W, Molly & Amara	Elliott, Jess, Isla & Maggie	Ruby H, Luxton, Toby & Amara
Willow	Riley & All of Willow	Amber, Jack N & Layla	-
Sycamore	Lettie & Blaise	Henry & Isaac	Amelie, Lenny, Aiden & Lily
Oak	Ava & Sienna T	Lily-Mae & Chethumi	Savannah, Sienna, Lily-Mae & Ruby

Class	Attendance 18/09/2023	Attendance 25/09/2023
Acorns	93.2%	84.8%
Maple	79.7%	99.1%
Willow	80.1%	88.1%
Sycamore	95.6%	<b>99.5%</b>
Oak	<b>96%</b>	91.9%

### Dates for your diaries!

	<p><b><u>Diary Dates</u></b></p> <p>Tuesday 3rd October - Flu Vaccines in school  Friday 6th October - 9.30am - Laudato Si Mass - All welcome  Tuesday 10th October - Sycamore Class trip to Farmwise  Monday 16th October - Christmas Artwork to be returned to school  Thursday 19th October - Non Uniform Day - £1 donation towards PTA funds  Friday 20th October - Harvest Liturgy</p> <p><b><u>Advance notice ....</u></b></p> <p>8/11/23 - Parents Evening - more details to follow at a later date.  Fridays throughout November - PTA Hot Chocolate and Cookie  Friday 1st December - School Christmas Fayre - 3.30pm</p>
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School Office Opening Hours are 8.30am-3.45pm

Please ensure that, if your child is unwell and can't attend school, you phone the School Office on 01884 253630 before 8.45am Or email: [sbm@stjohnstiverton.co.uk](mailto:sbm@stjohnstiverton.co.uk)  
A letter will be sent termly regarding any child's attendance below 90% using the Traffic Light System.

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It is vital that a good level of attendance continues for each child and we will continue to monitor attendance in line with our school policy.

Please get in touch should you need advice or support on this matter.

**Contact Information:**

Please can you inform the office on 01844 253630 if you move to a new house, change your landline, mobile number, your email address or doctors.

This is very important. Thank You.



We are an Operation Encompass school. For further information, please come in and see us.

## Pastoral Support



Contact Mrs Harte if you have any enquiries or need some advice or support.  
Tracey Harte: [pastoral@stjohnstiverton.co.uk](mailto:pastoral@stjohnstiverton.co.uk)

## Safeguarding Team



Rob Meech, Executive Head



Claire Webber, Head of School



Jane Trott, Chair of Governors



St John's P.T.A -



Email: [stjohnspta@gmx.com](mailto:stjohnspta@gmx.com)



It is our last market in Tiverton for 2023 on 15th October at Moorhayes Community Centre!





September 2023

Leader board of miles– KS2

<p>1st –Oak- 67 miles</p> <p>2nd -- Willow – 62 miles</p> <p>3rd - Sycamore – 60 miles</p>	<p>2 miles (Green wrist bands)</p> <p>Nivein, Layla, Beatrice, Tyler and Lilly-Mae</p>
<p>5 miles (Red wrist bands)</p> <p>Brett, Nivein, Layla, Stanley and Kaiden</p>	<p>10 miles (Orange wrist bands)</p> <p>Nikola, Evelyn H, Lenny S and Sara</p>
<p>20 Miles (Blue wrist bands)</p> <p>Myah and Jack N</p>	<p>30 Miles (Yellow wrist bands)</p> <p>Emmerson</p>
<p>40 Miles (Black wrist bands)</p> <p>Blaise</p>	<p>50 Miles (Gold wrist bands)</p> <p>Riley C and Megan</p>
<p>60 miles (Purple wrist bands)</p> <p>Julian, Maria, Albert, Lydia, Sophia, Charlie</p> <p>Olivier, Jakub, Ollie and Maisie</p>	<p>70 miles (Rainbow wrist Band)</p> <p>Samson, William, Aiden, Angela, Sienna R, Amaya and Ava</p>

<p><b>80 Miles (Light Pink wrist bands)</b></p> <p><b>Ruby</b></p>	<p><b>90 Miles (White wrist bands)</b></p> <p><b>Enrika</b></p>
<p><b>100 Miles (Bright Pink)</b></p> <p><b>Eva, Amelie and Darcie</b></p>	<p><b>110 Miles (Blue smile wrist bands)</b></p> <p><b>Beau</b></p>
<p><b>140 Miles (Green smile wrist bands)</b></p> <p><b>Noah</b></p>	<p><b>150 Miles (White smile wrist bands)</b></p> <p><b>Finley and Henry</b></p>

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# A CHANCE TO SHINE

Tiverton Pannier Market

**SAT 28 OCTOBER | FROM 10AM**

- Open to all aspiring singers, bands, pianists and instrumentalists
- Up to 30 minutes of performance time
- Sound and stage equipment provided
- We'll promote you on social media
- Running alongside Halloween Pumpkin Hunt

**INTERESTED? WANT TO RECOMMEND SOMEONE?**

Call Jim Bray on 07815 791191 or e-mail him at [jbray@middevon.gov.uk](mailto:jbray@middevon.gov.uk)




*Kingwood Children*

## Cosy, Magical and Exciting Autumn Holiday Club this Half Term!

23rd - 27th of October 2023  
Kingwood Holiday Club this half term - A week of Wild fun!

- Autumn walks and wreath making
- Conker picking and jewellery making
- Hibernation discoveries and clay creations
- Everything to do with Pumpkin (pumpkin picking, cooking and carving...)
- A magical Harry Potter day at Woodkin ward making and fire magic
- Stories around the fire shelter building, cooking and so much more!

Suitable for school aged children

Sessions available  
8 am to 4 pm - £38  
8 am to 6 pm - £41

**Book your place**  
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