



St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 1 8th September 2023

Our values: In Christ we are: **Joyful** in our faith, **Aspirational** in our learning, **Confident** in being me, **Caring** in our hearts.

Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 17th September 2023 - The Unforgiving Debtor (Matthew 18:21-35) Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.

Stars of the week



Year 1



Daniel Gearing

Year 2



Lucas McClymont

Year 3



Zahra Kashifi

Year 4



The whole class - from Miss Davies

Year 5



Antonia Eichler

Year 6



**The whole class -
from Miss Stevenson and from
Mr McCurrach**

Proud Work

Creation illustrations, fantastic descriptive language and RE writing that was exceptional was all celebrated today in our proud work award. What magnificent role models to start the year off with!



Attendance

**This week's attendance award went to
Year 6 with 99.6%**

Headteacher welcome

A very warm welcome back to all of our families. One of my favourite parts of the day is welcoming everyone into school in the morning, the smiles are a brilliant way to start the day.

It has been a very busy and dare I say, sweaty first week back. It has been a joy to welcome our new Reception children into school. They have done so well and are already making friends and trying hard in their learning. We are also very pleased to welcome our new Year 1 teacher, Miss Beckwith and our new Learning Assistant in Reception Ms Hodges.

Each year we have particularly areas that we want to focus on to ensure of school continues to develop and grow. This year we will be focusing particularly on writing and all the key skills and knowledge involved. We will be running some workshops to support families in how to encourage writing at home and to share our aspirations for writing within school. We look forward to installing our new outdoor PE gym equipment and developing our forest schools area with the support of Fairfax who have kindly offered financial support to develop our forest school team and equipment. Over the summer we have had some internal IT infrastructure work done that is the first stage in enhancing and developing our Computing systems. We have also introducing a new Science curriculum that will offer children a broad, exciting and well sequenced approach to their science learning. The team will also be running some parent workshops on supporting young people's mental health and well-being. Please do watch out for further updates on school development.

As per the newsletter key dates before the summer break, we are inviting parents into school so you can hear from the teacher about their class, the expectations and housekeeping relevant to your child. The teachers will run 2 sessions back to back where they cover some information that will help you understand how the class runs throughout the year and key events that may arise such as school visits.

The first session will run from 2.30pm-2.45pm and then 2.50pm-3.05pm on Thursday 14th September. Having 2 sessions will allow parents with multiple children to visit two classes. If you are not able to attend please do not worry, the teachers will have a hand out of the presentation that children can take home with all the key information in it.

Meet our new members of staff to St John's



Miss Beckwith - Teacher - Year 1



**Ms Hodges - Reception
Learning Assistant**

Website and SZapp

I have updated the school website so please feel free to visit, there are sections on school dinners, healthy lunch boxes, school uniform, online safety, health and well-being along with other key information.

Don't forget to subscribe to the correct year group on SZapp to ensure you get all of the communications from school.

School Trip Date:

Year 4 trip to Fishbourne Roman Villas—21st September

Key Dates

Meet the teacher: 14/09/23

St Wilfred Catholic Secondary school open evening for Year 6 families. 12/10/23 @ 6.00pm

Half Term: 24 to 28/10/23

School Photos: 28/09/23

For school dinner ordering please find the dates below. Remember you must order your meals



2023 / 2024 ORDER CUT OFF DATES

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING	MENU WEEK
17th August 2023	28th August 2023	Week 2
24th August 2023	4th September 2023	Week 3
31st August 2023	11th September 2023	Week 1
7th September 2023	18th September 2023	Week 2
14th September 2023	25th September 2023	Week 3
21st September 2023	2nd October 2023	Week 1
28th September 2023	9th October 2023	Week 2
5th October 2023	16th October 2023	Week 3
October Half Term		



Birthdays

Please can I remind everyone that we do not allow sweets to be handed out to celebrate birthdays.

Instead we suggest that a book is purchased for the class to enjoy. We have stickers to put in the front cover to mark who has donated the book and why.

No nuts!

Please remember—we are a nut free school due to serious allergies. Some popular brands of sun creams contain nut oils so please check before you apply them in the morning. Also products such as chocolate spread can contain them.

Teacher led clubs

We are finalizing our clubs list run by staff and will be sending sign up information next week.

External clubs have already been advertised:

The outdoor project

Dance club

ABC Sports (Brad's club)

After School Club Info



**BOOK A
FREE TRIAL
CLASS!**

Dance Club

**Starts 15th
September!
Friday's
3.15-4.15pm**

**Infants class:
Years R-2**
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**Juniors class:
Years 3-6**

At St John's School

07712 464990
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www.hazeltinesdance.co.uk

Sports Clubs:

Tuesday - KS1 Multi Sports

Wednesdays - KS2 Football

<https://abcsportscoaching.classforkids.io/term/4>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

AUTUMN TERM '23 BOOK NOW



FUN, EXERCISE, FRESH AIR & DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES EVERY WEEK

NEW ACTIVITIES FOR THIS TERM INCLUDE:

BUSHCRAFT FIRE
MARSHMALLOWS & S'MORES MAKING
FLOSS EMBROIDERY NATURE WEAVING
MINECRAFT TOOL MAKING
TEAM BUILD CHALLENGES
ROCKET BALL FRISBEE FOOTBALL
NINJA SCAVENGER HUNT
NERF – ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE
THE KEY INGREDIENT LOTS OF FUN!

WATCHING CHILDREN'S
CONFIDENCE GROW &
NEW FRIENDSHIPS FORM
AT OUR CLUBS IS ONE OF
THE MOST REWARDING
THINGS WE DO.

**ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Thursdays 3.20 – 4.20PM

YEARS 1 - 6

CLUBS RUN 14TH SEP - 14TH DEC 2023

TOTAL COST: £97.50 / 13 WEEK TERM

The
Outdoors
Project

MORE INFO & BOOK: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK

HOLIDAY CLUBS - BIRTHDAY PARTIES - SCHOOL WORKSHOPS - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - SAPLINGS PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

OFSTED REGISTERED & CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED



CHRIST'S HOSPITAL
A SCHOOL LIKE NO OTHER

OPEN MORNING INVITATION

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2023

Year 7, Year 9 and Sixth Form Entry

We hope you are having a truly wonderful start to the new academic year!

Do you know a child who could benefit from a boarding school education? Help us identify pupils for our September 2024 bursary/fee assisted places.

We warmly invite current Year 5 pupils and their families who are considering secondary education in September 2024 to our [Open Morning on Saturday 9 September, book today.](#)

Christ's Hospital is unlike any other independent school in the UK; our pupils come from every possible background, which results in a social and cultural diversity that enriches our school community and offers our pupils unique opportunities as we prepare them to take their place in the modern world.

Means-tested bursaries are granted to 650 of our 900 pupils, which means they receive a free or low-cost place, based on their family income and circumstances.

Christ's Hospital was established over 470 years ago as a charitable boarding school and is proud to maintain its founding principles and ethos. It offers a boarding education of the strongest quality to children with academic potential, from **all backgrounds**, in a caring and supportive environment.

Our Open Morning is an opportunity for interested families and schools to visit us – everyone who visits is guaranteed a **very warm welcome** and is given the opportunity to tour the school plus the chance to meet staff and pupils.

If possible, we would love for you to share this open morning email with any interested families via your parent portal or newsletter.

Book now to attend our final open morning, before 2024 bursary applications close on Friday 15 September 2023.

[Open Morning book here.](#)

Families can also fill out a September 2024 entry registration form online via our website. **[Apply for a place here.](#)**

If you have any questions about our bursary places or our school, please do not hesitate to contact us hello@christs-hospital.org.uk