

Dates for your diary

3.11 Shirley from oral health visiting ASN classes
5.11 Football tournament at Jock Stein Centre
5.11 Catchment pupils visiting Hamilton Grammar School
6.11 Parent Consultation
10.11 Inset Day 3, school closed to pupils
12.11 Visual Impairment talk with Room 9
12.11 Parent Council Meeting in staffroom 6.30pm start
14.11 Children in Need Day
16.11-21.11 Book Week Scotland
25.11 Christmas decorations in hall
27.11 Pantomime in hall– pm, Cinderella
28.11 A book and a blether in library
1.12 Children can wear Christmas jumpers for all of December
1.12 Last day of football coaching
3.12 Football tournament at Jock Stein Centre
3.12 Hockey Tournament at Uddingston Hockey Centre



5.12 Christmas Sing Along in hall-

9.30-10.15 Arran and Skye

11.10-11.55 Seil and Iona

Families welcome tea, coffee, mince pies and raffle tickets on sale.

9.12 Christmas Lunch– there will be no sandwiches only the Christmas menu.



17.12 Christmas Party Day and special visitor for P1-P3

18.12 Nativity Play in St John's Church, 10am start.

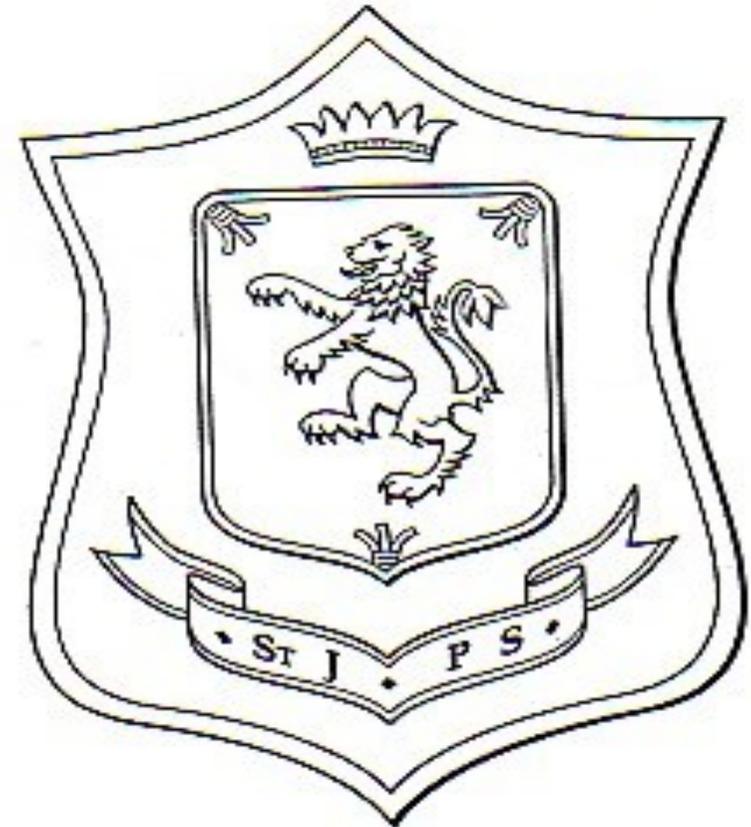
19.12 School closes at 2.30pm.

5.1 School reopens

15.1 P6 and P7 Ceilidh

St John's Primary October 2025 Newsletter

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Welcome to our October Newsletter.

We are part of a research programme for Happy Homework and our very keen Primary 5 children were fitted with devices to monitor sleep and movement. We look forward to having the opportunity to using the Happy Homework app in the new year.

Our football team enjoyed representing our school at the Jock Stein Football Centre. They were very enthusiastic and demonstrated great team work. Well done.

Primary 3 and 4 had great fun at Uddinston Hockey Tournament. Thank you to our coaches and Active Schools workers who supported us on the day to allow the children to go on the trip with the correct ratio of adult helpers. Primary 5 and Primary 6 are now starting hockey coaching during PE times and they have been invited to join an afterschool club as well.

We want to keep all children safe. Our car park is small and cannot accommodate all parents. Only parents who hold a blue disable badge should park in the car park. There have been times when the school bus cannot get into our car park due to parents, especially in the morning, parking in the drop off zone for extended periods of time. We ask that parents only use the drop off zone for dropping children. Cars should not be parked there.

There have been times when parents call children and encourage them to walk across the car park. This is dangerous as children cannot be seen by reversing cars. Children should not be unaccompanied traversing the car park.

We had a wear bright day to highlight the importance of being seen as the nights get darker. This was organised by our Junior Road Safety Officers Emily and Cooper.

Our gardening afterschool club have been working hard to plant, clear and tidy our garden area at the back of the school. They are doing a great job– thank you.

We were very excited to welcome the Fire Brigade to school to talk with P4-P7 about fire safety leading up to Bonfire Night.

Our running club have been training hard at improving their times and some of the children have recorded personal best times. We are preparing to participate in the athletics competition in the new year.

On Friday 24 October we had our very first Creative Station afternoon where children in P1-P3 got the chance to be with stage partners and children in P4-P7 worked in groups. There were lots of different activities on offer: origami, clay modelling, electricity stations, drama,, baking and art. These activities were taken from a list of suggestions made up by our children.

We hosted a Halloween/ Autumn afternoon in class on Friday 31 October with dancing, games and activities. Thank you to our Parent Council for paying for crisps and juice for all the children.

If you would like to be a parent helper in school you should contact the school office to complete the forms for police checks to be completed.

Our gate at 3pm is a very busy place. If you need to share information with the class teacher please come to the school office where either a message can be passed on or an appointment made to meet with the class teacher or our leadership team.

Alternatively if parents have any questions please email the school office and your question will be forwarded to the appropriate staff member.