



NEWSLETTER

St John Plessington Catholic College



HEADTEACHER'S REFLECTION

Dear Families,

As we enter the season of Advent, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the significance of this special time in our school community and beyond. Advent is a period of preparation and anticipation as we look forward to the celebration of Christmas, a time that embodies hope, joy, and love.

In our school, we are embracing the spirit of Advent through various activities and initiatives: Advent Prayer Services: We will hold special prayer services throughout Advent, allowing students to reflect on the themes of the season and prepare their hearts for Christmas.

Charity Drives: In the spirit of giving, we will be organising charity initiatives to support those in need within our community. I encourage all families to participate generously as we come together to make a positive impact.

Advent Carol Service: We are excited to announce our upcoming HFCMAT Carol Service, where students from across our family of schools will showcase their talents and share the joy of the season through music and performance. We will also hold our own annual Christmas Carol service on Thursday 19th December.

Christmas Fair: Our Christmas fair to raise money for charities and schools run by our Friends of Plessington.

We welcome you all to come along and join in this Friday 6th December from 4-6pm.

As we journey through this Advent season, let us embrace the opportunity to grow in faith, strengthen our community bonds, and prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Wishing you all a blessed Advent season filled with hope, peace, joy, and love.

**Warm regards,
Mr McLoughlin**

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Your ongoing support in encouraging your child to attend school until the end of half term is greatly appreciated. Every day counts, with each day of absence equating to 5-hours of lost learning for your child. Good attendance not only impacts academic outcomes but also helps develop essential life skills such as time management and responsibility. Your encouragement and reinforcement of attendance expectations are invaluable. Thank you for your support.

TWENTY DAY COUNTDOWN!

Pupils in school for the next 20 days leading up to the Christmas break will be entered into a prize draw to win some goodies on the last day of term! They must be in school every day from Friday 22 November to Friday 20 December to be entered. Two lucky winners will be drawn from each form.

THEME OF THE WEEK

Christ the King

This week we contemplated and reflected on the kingship of Jesus

He is not like political leaders, sport stars or internet influencers. His Kingship does not require military or political power but instead is an ever increasing Kingdom of justice and peace He leads by Spirit and in freedom to bring out the best in us and to change the world we asked ourselves whether we are able to recognise this humble King and help him build his Kingdom.

REVISED TIMETABLE FOR SCHOOL BUS SERVICE 659 WOODCHURCH - ST JOHN PLESSINGTON VIA UPTON AND PRENTON DELL

Due to an increase of traffic on the roads resulting in the 659 school bus arriving late to school in the morning, Merseytravel have reviewed the times with Stagecoach. The bus will now start 10 minutes earlier, at 07:32 from Ackers Road and arrive at St John Plessington by 8:25. Please find below the revised timings for bus service 659 that will come into effect from Monday 25th November 2024.

Woodchurch, Ackers Road	07:32
Upton Station	07:44
Prenton Hall Road, Prenton Dell Road	07:56
St John Plessington Catholic College	08:25

Please communicate this important change with your child to make sure they are at the relevant bus stop prior to the arrival of this school bus.

Thank you for your ongoing support to ensure your child arrives at school on time.

YEAR 7 - WIRRAL RUGBY CUP CHAMPIONS

The newly formed Year 7 Rugby Team participated in the Wirral Cup last week. The boys played exceptionally well throughout the evening beating St Anselms 7-0 in the semi final and Woodchurch 5-0 in the final. A fantastic achievement for all involved with stand out performances from lots of them. We are so proud!



WELL DONE TO THE YEAR 7 AND 8 NETBALL SQUAD!

Well done to the Year 7 and 8 Netball Squad who played lots of fantastic games at Bebington High, winning all of their rotations!

The girls have been attending enrichment netball and were amazing tonight!



ANOTHER BUSY NIGHT AT WIRRAL SCHOOLS NETBALL LEAGUE!

Another busy night at Wirral schools netball league on Monday
The Year 7 team beat Wirral Grammar Red 4-3
and the Year 8 team lost 5-0 to Wirral Blue

A great night of netball and lots skills on display

Year 7 player : Bella
Year 8 player : Gabby



YEAR 8 WIRRAL CUP RUGBY FINALISTS

Another final for SJP rugby this time was the turn of the Year 8 Rugby Team! The boys played outstanding rugby across the evening played Woodchurch in the final. The boys lost out marginally on the win and the trophy but we are incredibly proud of all them



YEAR 7 BOSCO EMBRACES MATHS ENRICHMENT WITH TEAMWORK

This week during afternoon form, pupils have been embracing their maths enrichment programme. Year 7 Bosco had been supporting each other solving maths problems using the bar model. Please take a look at some of their work.

STUDENTS SHINE AT UNILEVER BRIGHT FUTURE INSPIRE PROGRAMME 2024/2025

Students took part in the Unilever Bright Future Inspire Programme 2024/2025, hosted at Tranmere Rovers Football Club on Thursday 28th November. Students were involved in a carousel of activities aimed at encouraging them to explore ways they can contribute to a sustainable future. Activities involved the use of Artificial Intelligence, the thoughts behind creating inclusive packaging and the processes of making a product that consumers would like. The activities of the day have now prepared our students to enter the competition run by Unilever, to create a home care or beauty product that aligns with the Unilever principles of sustainability. All students had a great time, and we wish them luck for the competition!



YEAR 7 SPANISH SPELLING BEE: A BUZZING SUCCESS!

On Wednesday we held our annual Spanish Spelling Bee with our year seven pupils. More than 30 brave pupils volunteered to compete representing their forms in front of all of year 7! We had some exceptional spellers and it was tough to judge however Bella Cawley of 7 Acutis took away the Spelling Bee Crown with Evie Smith of 7 De Porres and Kel Youssif of 7 Bakhita as very close runners up! All three pupils will now be going to Manchester to compete against other schools in the regional finals! Good luck!

YEAR 9 AND 10 PUPILS EXCEL IN BIMA DIGITAL DAY CHALLENGE

Over 50 of our Year 9 and 10 pupils had a fantastic BIMA digital day with a team from reading room (<https://www.readingroom.com/>). They had the opportunity to hear from people who work in the digital industry and hear about careers that are possible for our pupils in the future, the pupils were then given a task to create and pitch a digital idea for 3 different companies, Burberry, Microsoft and RSPCA. At the end of the challenge the pupils presented their ideas to the team and the best from each challenge were put forward for the national competition. The pupils were a credit to the school and the team from reading room were very impressed with the standard of the work our pupils produced.



SHOE BOX FULL OF LOVE

Year 12 Bosco worked together over the last few weeks to complete 4 shoe boxes for the shoe box full of love appeal. We discussed as a form the importance of the charity and value the opportunity to support those in the local community



A BIG THANK YOU TO BIGEASYWINS FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION

Thank you so much to BigEasyWins who visited the school this week to donate toys and prizes for an array of events in school to support the local community. We are extremely grateful for your kindness.



HFCMAT CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE 'THE JOURNEY'

On **Monday 16th December** children from across the Trust will be performing in our HFCMAT Carol Service 'The Journey' at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool.

This promises to be a really special evening with children from across all our family of schools coming together to perform and celebrate their faith together.

Tickets for the event are available from the link below and are free of charge.

[Click here to get your tickets now!](#)

The poster is for the HFCMAT Christmas Carol Service 'The Journey'. It features a dark blue background with a faint image of a cathedral. The text is white and yellow. It says 'HFCMAT PRESENTS' at the top, followed by 'Christmas Carol Service' in a large, stylized yellow font, and 'THE JOURNEY' in white. The date 'Monday 16th December 2024' is in white. Below that, it says 'Doors open at 6:40pm. Starts at 7pm.' and 'Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, Cathedral House, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5TQ'. There is a QR code and a note 'Scan the QR code to get your FREE Tickets'.

SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS – DEADLINE APPROACHING!

We are delighted to have already received over **180 applications** for our Sixth Form! If you're planning to join us, don't forget that the application deadline has been extended due to exams.

Apply here: [Sixth Form Application Form](#)
Explore your options: [Course Guide](#)

Don't miss this opportunity to shape your future with us!

Sixth Form Application Deadline

Friday 29th November 2024

HFC Sixth Form

BEAUTIFUL WORK

Sweet Sleighs Bring Joy to the Art Department!

This week, the Art Department had the pleasure of hosting Miss Mello's creative group for a fun and festive activity: making 'Sweet Sleighs.' Our talented Year 9 students crafted wonderful sleighs using candy canes, sweets, and chocolates, showcasing their creativity and holiday spirit.

In the spirit of generosity, the group shared some of their sweet creations with the art department staff and students during intervention sessions. It was a delightful and heartwarming end to our day. Thank you, Year 9, for spreading joy and creativity throughout the department!



Year 9 Showcase Creativity with Eduardo Paolozzi-Inspired Masks

Year 9 students have taken on the challenge of card construction and manipulation to create stunning masks inspired by the renowned artist Eduardo Paolozzi. This activity tested their resilience, problem-solving skills, and creativity, and they rose to the occasion brilliantly.



Mr. Bennett, Miss Evans, and Mrs. Davies have been thoroughly impressed by the students' dedication and ingenuity throughout this demanding yet rewarding project. The incredible results will soon be displayed across the school site, providing everyone with the opportunity to admire the exceptional work produced.

The enthusiasm and talent shown during this project highlight the artistic potential of our Year 9 students, many of whom are set to thrive in the GCSE art course. A huge well done to all involved – you've proven yourselves to be amazing young artists!

WE CELEBRATED THE CONFIRMATION OF SEVERAL SJP PUPILS THIS WEEK IN CHAPLAINCY.

We are all busy preparing for Advent the season of waiting.

Some of that busyness centres on charity. Advent is a season of charitable giving the Saint Vincent de Paul Juniors are taking responsibility and organise in their perspective forms a reverse Advent calendar of collections of coats hats gloves and teddys

Our intrepid estates team is building a colloidal Christmas tree and we are dusting off the nativity scene pupils are excited to begin the season next week to look forward to.

FAITH IN ACTION: ST JOHN PLESSINGTON CATHOLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS SPREAD JOY THROUGH SHOEBOX APPEAL

The Faith in Action group at St John Plessington Catholic College has once again embodied the spirit of generosity and compassion by contributing to the annual "Shoebox of Love" appeal. This initiative aims to bring comfort and joy to individuals and families in need, demonstrating how small acts of kindness can make a significant difference in the lives of others.

The students, guided by their faith and a strong sense of community, have been hard at work collecting, packing, and preparing shoeboxes filled with thoughtful gifts and essential items. Each box is tailored to suit recipients of various ages and backgrounds, ensuring that the contents are not only practical but also uplifting.

A COLLECTIVE EFFORT

In the weeks leading up to the appeal deadline, the group rallied the entire school community to participate from Year 7 right the way up to Sixth Form. Donations of toiletries, warm clothing, toys, stationery, and festive treats poured in from students, parents, and staff. The Faith in Action members carefully sorted and packed these items, adding personal touches like handwritten notes of encouragement and festive decorations to make each box truly special.

LEARNING THROUGH SERVICE

The project provided an invaluable opportunity for the students to reflect on the importance of charity and empathy. Through their involvement, they gained a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by those in need and how even small gestures can have a profound impact.





CAREERS FOCUS – 12-24 – THE ARMED FORCES

The 'Armed Forces' includes the British Army, Royal Air Force and Royal Navy. Together, they're responsible for the safety and security of the UK. They're involved in combat, peacekeeping and humanitarian aid.

We live in uncertain times and as such the importance of having a robust and well equipped Armed Forces goes without saying. We have already covered the role of the Army in detail (see Careers Focus – week 3) so the key focus this week will be on the Air Force and Navy.

For the Air Force, the link below will help you to explore the wide range of roles available, should you decide that this is something you may be interested in. As well as the combat roles you would expect, there are many other areas that you can work in, including logistics, medical services and music.

Check out the 'role finder' section to find out more. You must pass a fitness test before you join – this involves running 1.5 miles on a treadmill. Also, if you want to become an officer, you must hold A level or degree qualifications.

<https://recruitment.raf.mod.uk/find-your-role>

For the Royal Navy, who protect our country not just in local waters but across the globe, there are five key areas where you could potentially work in the future. It is worth looking at each of these to explore the ones that may appeal most:

- Surface Fleet
- Submarine Service
- Fleet Air Arm
- Royal Marines
- Royal Fleet Auxiliary

You can look at each of these in detail by clicking on the link below

<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers>

Again, there is a pre-join fitness test for the Navy; Their 'PJFT' is a test where you need to complete a 2.4km run around a track, and achieve a minimum standard based on age and gender. If you're applying to the Diver Branch you'll have to complete the run in 10 minutes 30 seconds regardless of your age.

SJP Friends of St John Plessington

Welcomes you to

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Friday 6th December 2024

4.00pm - 6.00pm

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Old Chester Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 7LF





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OUR HOUSE

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THE NEW HIT MUSICAL

GLADSTONE THEATRE, PORT SUNLIGHT
11TH AND 12TH FEBRUARY 2025

7PM

TICKETS: £12.50 AND £9.00 CONCESSIONS

OUR HOUSE WAS FIRST PRODUCED AT THE CAMBRIDGE THEATRE, LONDON ON 28TH OCTOBER 2002. PRODUCERS WERE TIGER ASPECT PRODUCTIONS, RUPERT LORD, ANDRE PTASZYNSKI AND PHIL MCINTYRE IN ASSOCIATION WITH MADNESS THIS AMATEUR PRODUCTION IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL. ALL AUTHORISED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI WWW.MTISHOWS.CO.UK

OUR HOUSE BY TIM FIRTH • MUSIC AND LYRICS BY MADNESS BULLET POINT

Tickets available from www.gladstonetheatre.org.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of December 2 - December 6, 2024

As we approach the festive season, we have a variety of exciting events planned for our students and families. Here's what to look forward to in the coming week:

Monday, December 2

LIPA Theatre in Education Tour

Year 8 and Year 9 students will participate in the LIPA Theatre in Education Tour in the Drama Studio, led by Mr. Stevenson. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage with the performing arts.

Year 11 - Sixth Form Taster Afternoon (Alpha)

Year 11 students will have the chance to explore the options available in our Sixth Form during this informative taster session.

Year 10 Football Match

Our Year 10 football team will compete against Co-op Academy Bebington. Best of luck to our players!

Wednesday, December 4

Immunisation - Nasal Flu

We will conduct nasal flu immunizations for students throughout the day.

Staff vs. Student Christmas Table Quiz

Join us for a fun-filled evening as staff and students compete in our annual Christmas Table Quiz!

Thursday, December 5

Careers Fair

Our Careers Fair will be held in College Hall from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, providing students with valuable insights into various career pathways.

Friday, December 6

Christmas Fair

We are excited to host our annual Christmas Fair, a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate the festive season with fun activities and festive cheer. See our poster for more information

SAFEGUARDING NEWS:

Online Safety - Checking age ratings.

Health Services in Schools (HSIS)

HSIS Youth Workers support young people in Wirral Secondary Schools, Wirral Sixth Form College and Wirral Met College.

Each school or college has a designated HSIS Youth Worker that provides young people with an opportunity to access confidential support on any issues which may be affecting them.

They provide support to young people on a wide range of issues and topics such as: building resilience, reducing risks, healthy relationships, sexual Health, drugs, alcohol, emotional health, stress and anxiety.

Accessing your HSIS for support is really simple. HSIS Youth Workers work in Wirral Secondary Schools and Colleges. If you feel that your child would benefit from HSIS Youth Workers, do not hesitate to contact your child's pastoral teams or use the following link : <https://www.zillowirral.co.uk/hsis> The Youth Worker connected to our school is Leila Blackett. You can contact Leila directly and you will be taken to an MS Form. Complete the form and your youth worker will be in touch as soon as possible.

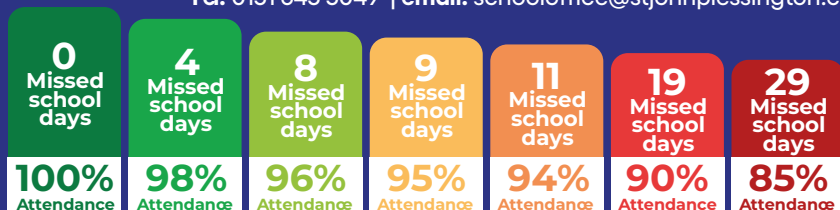
Further resources and information about HSIS is available here: <https://www.zillowirral.co.uk/new-page-3>



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Vision - Excellence in all we do
Mission - Empowering an inclusive community founded on Gospel Values
Values - Pride, respect & determination

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Deputy Headteacher: Mr B Nunnery BA (Hons) & MA in Education | **Deputy Headteacher:** Mrs E Donohoe BSc (Hons) NPQH

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