



ST JOHN PLESSINGTON
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

*A Catholic learning community committed to
excellence in all we do...*





Headteacher's Message

Dear SJP Family,

As we reach the end of another busy and inspiring term at St John Plessington, I am proud to reflect on the breadth of experiences our students have engaged in both inside and beyond the classroom. Across the school, there has been a clear sense of ambition, creativity and community, with students embracing opportunities to learn, perform and grow especially during our recent SJP Experience days.

In the classroom, learning has been brought vividly to life. Year 9 students demonstrated exceptional creativity and teamwork in Design Technology through their "brilliant cardboard city" project, applying the full design process from concept to construction. Alongside this, our STEAM ambassadors showcased innovation and resilience as they raced rocket cars they had designed and built an inspiring example of applied science and engineering, watched enthusiastically by Year 7 students. Meanwhile, Year 8 students impressed with their confidence and oracy as they pitched thoughtful and ambitious ideas as part of the Future Airline Challenge.

Sport continues to be a significant strength of our school, fostering both excellence and character. Students in Years 7–9 proudly represented SJP at the Wirral schools athletics competition, demonstrating determination and school pride. Our Year 9 Rugby Team were commended for showing "real rugby values" in a closely contested match at Woodchurch, while the Year 10/11 rugby side enjoyed success in a recent friendly fixture. A particular highlight has been our Year 11 Football Team, who progressed in the National Cup with an excellent 5–3 victory an achievement we are all incredibly proud of.

The arts at SJP remain vibrant and outward-facing. Our talented musicians took to the stage at Future Yard for Friday Night Live, delivering a "fantastic night" of live performance and representing the school with confidence and professionalism. In Art, Year 9 students

explored form and sustainability through the creation of recycled cactus sculptures, while we also celebrated the success of three students shortlisted for the Dot Art Liverpool Regional Competition a wonderful achievement for both the students and the school community. Dance continues to flourish, with students participating in a Northern schools competition and gaining inspiration from a range of live performances.

Enrichment remains at the heart of our provision. The Year 7 Assisi group enjoyed a memorable trip to New Brighton, travelling together by train, sharing a cinema experience, and spending valuable time outdoors. These opportunities are vital in building confidence, strengthening friendships and developing independence beyond the classroom.

Our work is underpinned by our Catholic mission to nurture the whole person. This is reflected not only in our worship and chaplaincy, but in the daily experiences we provide encouraging compassion, service and a strong sense of purpose within our community.

As we enter the Easter break, we are reminded that this is a season of hope, renewal and new life. It is an opportunity to pause, reflect and spend meaningful time with family and loved ones. For those preparing for exams, I encourage a balanced approach—consistent revision alongside rest and wellbeing—to ensure students return focused and ready for the challenges ahead.

We look forward to welcoming all students back on Monday 13 April at 08:35.

On behalf of everyone at St John Plessington, I wish you a peaceful and joyful Easter.

Mr McLoughlin
Headteacher

Wizard of Oz

Our recent production of The Wizard of Oz was a truly unforgettable experience and a shining example of what can be achieved when our whole school community comes together.

With a cast of over 60 talented students, the stage was brought to life with energy, enthusiasm, and creativity. From the moment the curtain rose, audiences were transported to the magical land of Oz, captivated by the confidence and dedication of every performer involved. Students from year 7-13 were involved and it was so fantastic to see so many new faces in the production this year. There were some standout performances from year 13 in their final SJP production; Jack as the cowardly Lion, Harriet as the Scarecrow, Amelia as Glinda and Andrew and Tom as the trees showcased how talent is nurtured and developed on our SJP stage.

Students were also lucky enough to perform alongside a live orchestra, whose music added depth and excitement to every scene. This production was a whole-school effort, showcasing the incredible collaboration across departments. Students and staff from dance, drama, music, art, and design technology all played vital roles. From choreographed routines and powerful acting to beautifully crafted sets, props, and costumes, every detail reflected hard work and creativity.

We were delighted to perform to two completely sold-out evening audiences, a testament to the support from families and the wider community. In addition, a special rewards afternoon performance was held for students in school, allowing even more of our community to share in the magic and celebrate the success.

We are incredibly proud of everyone involved. The commitment, teamwork, and passion demonstrated throughout the production process truly embody the spirit of our school.

Congratulations to all who made The Wizard of Oz such a spectacular success! You can watch the full performance here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpIYir9md4k&t=4s>



YEAR 11 DANCERS SHINE AT STAGE FULL OF STARS

A huge well done to our talented Year 11 dancers, who performed three fantastic dances at this year's Stage Full of Stars.

The girls absolutely smashed every dance and represented the school brilliantly from start to finish. Their hard work, commitment and confidence shone through in every performance, and we are so proud of you!

Well done girls; you were amazing.



YEAR 9 RUGBY TEAM SHOWED GREAT SPIRIT AT WOODCHURCH

The Year 9 rugby team played at Woodchurch and, after an extremely hard-fought game, narrowly lost 14-12. Despite the result, the team were praised by the referee for demonstrating real rugby values throughout the match.

Well done, boys. / Man of the Match: Max



YEAR 10 RUGBY TEAM SECURED BRILLIANT WIN AGAINST WOODCHURCH

The Year 10 rugby team played against Woodchurch and delivered a fantastic performance.

They all played brilliantly and showed amazing sportsmanship throughout the match. SJP came away with a superb 43-31 win.

A special well done to Joe N, who was named Man of the Match.

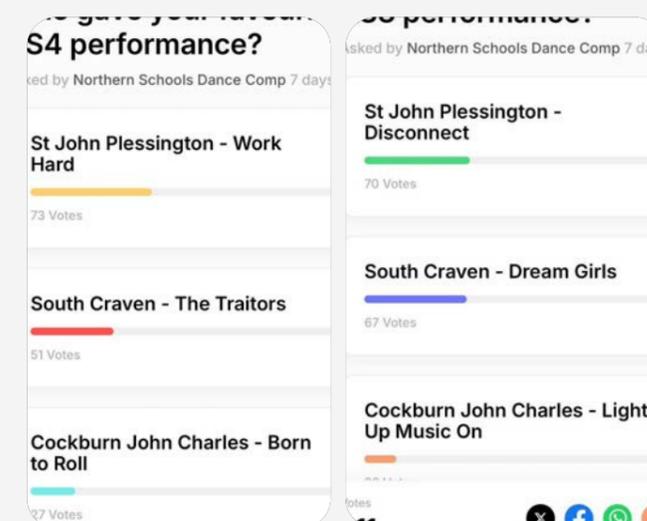


KS3 AND KS4 DANCE GROUPS ACHIEVED FANTASTIC SUCCESS IN NORTHERN SCHOOLS DANCE COMPETITION

Well done to the KS3 and KS4 dance groups who were entered into the Northern Schools Dance Competition.

The girls watched all of the performances live, and it was brilliant to see so many different styles on display. Both groups topped the audience vote, taking 1st place for favourite performances. The Year 9 girls in KS3 also came 2nd overall in their category.

We were so proud of you all.



YEAR 10 LEADERS IMPRESS DURING PRIMARY SCHOOL VISIT

The PE department was delighted to welcome pupils from St John's Primary School. As part of their Sport and Dance Leadership course, our Year 10 pupils had been planning and developing their own sessions.

The visit was an outstanding showcase of their hard work, preparation and effort. The confidence, organisation and leadership skills on display were truly impressive, and as a department and as a school, we were blown away by what they achieved.

We were incredibly proud of our Year 10 leaders and looked forward to welcoming the next group.



YEAR 8 CAME OUT ON TOP IN PE TEAM BUILDING CHALLENGE

Pupils took part in a number of competitive team-building activities, along with a serious dodgeball competition in PE.

Well done to our Year 8 winners.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

At St John Plessington, we are always looking for ways to improve how we communicate with families and share the many positive things happening across our school community. Recently, we invited parents and carers to complete our communications survey, which focused on areas such as social media, newsletters and school updates. We would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone who took the time to share their views.

Your feedback is incredibly valuable and is already helping to shape the next steps in how we communicate. We are now carefully reviewing the responses and working through the findings so that we can make meaningful improvements. Over the coming weeks, we will publish updates on what you told us and how this will influence our future communication with families. Our aim is to ensure that our communication is clear, helpful, timely and reflects what matters most to our school community.

Thank you again for your continued support.

YEAR 10 LEADERS IMPRESS DURING PRIMARY SCHOOL VISIT

Huge congratulations to Autumn, Lizzy and Blake who have been shortlisted by the judges in the Dot Art Liverpool Regional Competition!

Now it's over to you—vote for your favourite piece and help one of them earn the incredible opportunity to have their work professionally framed and exhibited in the prestigious Walker Art Gallery.

Every vote counts—show your support here:

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Parent Communication Survey

At our school we are always looking for ways to improve how we communicate with families and share the fantastic things happening in our community. Your feedback will help us improve our social media, newsletters and school updates.

This survey takes **less than 3 minutes to complete**. Thank you for your support.

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Indicates required question

In a scale of 1-5, how well do you feel the school communicates what is happening in school?

Very poorly 1 2 3 4 5 Very well

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Worried

Escape

Jupiter

YEAR 9 SPANISH PUPILS WON TOP PRIZE AT REGIONAL LANGUAGE COMPETITION

A group of Year 9 Spanish pupils were invited to attend a language competition, held in partnership with the World Health Organisation, at Rossall Boarding School in Fleetwood.

Pupils were tasked with creating a children's storybook and board game based on one of the most important global health issues identified by the World Health Organisation. They used their Spanish language skills to write and record a voiceover for a unique story, helping it reach a wider audience across the world.

Competing against other schools from across the region, our pupils won the top prize for their board game, which they also pitched to other students in Spanish. The organisers praised our students

KS3 CODING CLUB AND KS3 ESPORTS CLUB

Every Thursday from 3:15pm – 4:15pm, students are invited to take part in our exciting KS3 Coding Club and KS3 Esports Club, which take place in IT5 and IT6. These sessions are run by Mrs Kennedy and Mr Slane and provide a fantastic opportunity for students to develop new digital skills, work collaboratively, and explore their interests in technology.

The Coding Club gives students the opportunity to develop their programming skills through engaging and creative activities. Students can learn how to design games and animations using Scratch, begin exploring Python programming, and build confidence in computational thinking and problem solving. These sessions support students who are interested in developing their coding knowledge beyond the classroom while gaining valuable digital skills for the future.

The Esports Club provides students with the opportunity to take part in competitive and collaborative gaming in a positive and structured environment. Students can compete in Rocket League, work together in Minecraft Education, and develop important skills such as teamwork, communication, strategy, and sportsmanship. Both clubs have already created fantastic

for their outstanding behaviour and participation throughout the competition.

We were incredibly proud of Year 9 Spanish and looked forward to defending the title again next year.



opportunities for students to develop new skills, build confidence, and build positive relationships with other students who share similar interests in technology and gaming.

All KS3 students are welcome, and we encourage anyone interested in coding, gaming, or digital technology to join us every Thursday from 3:15pm – 4:15pm in IT5 and IT6.

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LIKAMBI'S AUTHOR VISIT

Our school was honoured to welcome the Likambi siblings and their parents from Liverpool – three young, talented authors who are already making a national and global impact through their published works. Their visit was a truly inspiring experience for our students across multiple year groups, as each delivered a powerful and engaging talk tailored to their audience. Destiny delivered an inspiring talk to Year 7, captivating students with her passion for reading and writing. As the world's youngest female author of multiple books, she shared her incredible journey of writing nine original stories – with even more on the way! She spoke about the power of imagination and storytelling, highlighting how her stories are shaped by meaningful moral messages. Her enthusiasm and creativity left students feeling motivated to explore their own ideas through writing.

Caleb addressed Year 10, offering an inspiring insight into perseverance, self-discipline, values, and the importance of finding your voice. His message resonated strongly with students navigating this important stage of their life and education, reminding them that their interests and ideas matter, and that success comes through dedication and self-belief. Caleb has written nine original books, ranging from football-themed tales to those addressing social issues, with further titles on the horizon.

Latoya delivered an inspiring session to our Year 12, speaking with passion, maturity and wisdom. She shared her journey as both a successful author and entrepreneur, offering students a powerful perspective on ambition and personal growth. Encouraging students to think boldly about their futures, Latoya emphasised the importance of vision, resilience, a strong sense of purpose, and the courage to pursue their passions – regardless of the challenges they may face.

Together, the Likambi siblings showed our students that age is no barrier to achievement. Their visit not only showcased their impressive accomplishments as young authors but also ignited a sense of possibility among our students. It was a memorable day that will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on all who attended. This event was a 'Go All In' moment as part of our school commitment to The National Year of Reading 2026.

Copies of books by Destiny, Caleb and Latoya are now available to read in the school library. Students are encouraged to explore these inspiring works.

Their books are also available to purchase online via Amazon.

If you would like to find out more about the Likambi family, you can visit www.likambiglobalpublishing.com @likambi_global_publishing



Friday Night Live!

Last Friday evening, the vibrant grassroots venue Future Yard in Birkenhead came alive with music, energy, and an incredible display of young talent as students from St Mary's Catholic College and St John Plessington took to the stage for our latest, memorable Friday Night Live event.

The night brought together seasoned performers from students from older years, but it was also great to see a new wave of students take part in the event, including a number of year 7 students from both schools who had never performed on stage before. Students showcased a wide range of musical styles and abilities, from powerful vocal performances to confident ensemble sets, each act demonstrated not only skill and dedication, but also the courage to step into the spotlight and share their passion with a live audience.

The venue was filled to capacity, with parents, carers, and members of both school communities turning out in force to support the students. The atmosphere throughout the evening was electric, with enthusiastic applause and encouragement creating a truly uplifting environment for every performer.

Events like Friday Night Live highlight the importance of creative opportunities for young people, giving them a platform to express themselves and build confidence beyond the classroom. It was clear to everyone in attendance that music making is thriving in our secondary schools, with over 20 musical acts taking to the stage. A huge well done to all the students who performed, and a sincere thank you to Scott, Jack and Gareth from #TeamMusic who helped make the evening such a success, especially pulling off such a brilliant event in the same week as the whole school production of the Wizard of Oz! It was a night to remember, celebrating talent, community, and the joy of live performance and we are already looking forward to the next one on Friday 10th July as part of the New Brighton Arts Festival.



Careers Update

During a very busy if short half term leading up to the Easter Break, several major careers related events took place.

National Careers Week commenced in the first week of March, with Year 9 Options Evening also being held on the Thursday evening of that week. In addition, a year 9 'Creativity' group took part in a series of workshops at Hope University, meeting five employers from various sectors.

Towards the middle of the month, selected students from various year groups visited Reaseheath Agricultural College, gaining an insight into the wide variety of courses available there after Year 11.

Towards the end of this term, we also entered some of our students into regional 'careers' based competitions. On 18th of March, some Year 9 students travelled to Rossall public school in Fleetwood to compete in the 'Spoonful of Languages' competition, which they deservedly won.

Hot on the heels of this success and not to be outdone, a group of our Year 8 students competed at Pensby High School in the 'Chemical Engineering' Challenge, facilitated by 'All About Futures'. Despite tough opposition from nine other schools across the Liverpool City Region, SJP Year 8 also brought home the Champions certificate for 2026.

Time to recharge over Easter.

Reflection from our Trust Chaplain

Lent term has ended. In bright sunshine, we are enjoying the SJP experience days.

Throughout the week, year groups have, in preparation for Easter, attended the celebration of the Mass in the College Hall. Parishioners from St John the Evangelist were able to join us. For many pupils, these liturgies are a new experience. Pupils, including pupils who are not Catholic or follow another faith, respectfully participated in the Masses by responding, by singing, and by joining in the prayer. Many commented on how much they enjoyed attending Mass. It was especially meaningful to walk with Year 13 to St Ann's where Father Mario and his parishioners welcomed us on the feast of the Annunciation, Wednesday, and where we joined the Mass of that community. Father Mario inspired our students who are preparing for examinations next term by reminding them of the example of Mary and of Jesus words to his disciples: Do not be afraid!

For a Christian Easter is not a onetime event, which occurred long ago, to then fade into our memory bank. Easter is the celebration of a present and eternal reality, something inaugurated by Jesus rising from the dead but now a reality of our everyday lives.

When Jesus resurrected, he made manifest something which will always be true until he comes again. Namely, good overcomes evil, no matter what the world or current circumstances seem to indicate. Life in Christ overcomes death, fear, doubt, despair. Easter is the source of real hope and confidence because it opens for us a path to our destiny, union with God, with the absolute trust and goodness which we are made for.

We wish you and your family a beautiful Holy Week, from the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, through the pain of Good Friday, to the triumph and the joy of the new life of Easter. We hope you will experience the journey toward the Light who came into the world.



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Upcoming Events

Week A

Monday 13th April 2026
School re-opens for staff and pupils
Spanish Speaking Exam Drop Down
Yr 11 Careers – Wirral Met Visit to SJP

Tuesday 14th April 2026
GCSE Art Exam

Wednesday 15th April 2026
GCSE Art Exam
Student Mass 14:40

Thursday 16th April 2026
GCSE Art Exam
SEN Pupil visit to Wirral Met
Yr10 Parent & child GCSE & Revision info eve 17:00

Friday 17th April 2026
GCSE Art Exam
National Connections SJP Rehearsals & Performance

Week B

Monday 20th April 2026

Tuesday 21st April 2026

Wednesday 22nd April 2026
Student Mass 14:40

Thursday 23rd April 2026
Virtual Languages & Marketing Event

Friday 24th April 2026
GCE A Level Art Exam

Rewards & Recognition

Year 7

Erin Page, Abel John, Harper Redmond, Niamh Meenan, Hattie Keane, Jeuel Jijo, Charles Lally, Ralph Deer, Violet Fields, Jaiden Nag, Charlie Hardman, Frankie Hobbs, Alfie Puddifer, Jacob Barker, Oliver Edge, Lucas John Hughes, Harry Wilcockson, Peter Carr, Edith May Charles, Darcy Williams, Prisha Gurnell, Ava Cairns, Poppy Smith

Year 8

Evie Crilly, Mo Adil, Archie Roberts, Lillie Ashton, Saania Mustafae, Giselle Gordon, Leo Marshall, Hazar Elhassan, Katie Barker, Connor McGraa, Charlie Leigh, Adlynn George, Patsy Rimmer, Ruby-Lea Thomas, Regan Baker, Ryan Muthana, Lola-Lu Edwards, Ivona Stephenson, Georgie Gorman, Connor Dutfield, Nethaji Rajakumar, Oliva Rose Davies, Jacob Barker, Oliver Edge, Lucas John Hughes, Harry Wilcockson, Peter Carr, Edith May Charles, Darcy Williams, Prisha Gurnell, Ava Cairns, Poppy Smith

Year 9

Allen Kuriakose, Jacob Roberts, Ani Kharashvili, Ellie Thomas, Blake Burnley, Flynn Wharton, Bella Doyle, Matthew Quinlan, Aleksandra Kot, Alain Santheep, Maximilian Morgan, Shirley Leighton, Caitlin Nolan, Halle Atherton, Logan Davies, Jennifer Fox-Thomas, David Smyth, Angel Foster, Arlo Robinson, Sofia Foster, Harry Wallwork, Ollie Le Poidevin, Joseph Deeney

Year 10

Ava McElroy, Lillie-Mae Murray, Amelia McCreedy, Ben Ubah, Sienna Davies, Lois Bromley, Amelia McCreedy Waters, Mia Kent, Lily Fearon, Finn Wilson, Ellie May Irving, Grace Moore, Ellie O Gorman, Adriel Paul, Ollie Hupe, Isabella Bentley, James Manley, Seren McLoughlin, Charlotte Rostance, Rhys Rickards, Roybn Paterson, Eloise Bennett, Jess Rutter, Charlie Robinson, Callum Redmond, Freya Foy, AJ Cowan, Richmond Ibitoye, Emily Butler, Mya Newcombe, Imogen Lawrence, Jacob Clyne, Blake Domville, Archie McCaffrey, Joseph Norman, Megan Redford, Psalm Espiritu

Year 11

Emily Mosedale, Jess Goulbourn, Chloe Slack, Hayden Kenedy, Sam Roberts, Darcy Redmond, Aiden Kelly, Kyle Bloxham, Bradley Hill, Meg Byrne, Niall Robinson, Emily Burnett, Oliia Murphy, Daniel Greaves, Alfie Drury, Lois Smith, Oliver Thrackrah, Huw Maddox, Eden Sebastian, Ben Schoon, Libby Wilson, Paige Wallace, Evie Roberts, Dylan Hughes, Anna Ruddock, Jack Kan, Kaylin Quayle, Lilly-Mae Bithell, Amelia Clerkin, Noah Fergusson, Jane Parappally, Cameron Wallace, John-Patrick Cameron, Kaiden O'Reilly

Year 12

Lily Garnett, Patryk Szyba, Leo Carvell, Evie Gellings, Naomi Barbett Minot, Finley Griiffiths, Kaleb Dobbins, Sarah Linge, Hannah Mazier, Maggie, Rosa, Molly, Jacob Taylor, Sophie Wheeler, Leighton Bibby, Austin Formston, Angel Ofurum, Ann Maria Thomas, Amelia Hodgkiss, Luke Formston, Joanna Abraham, Summer Hemmingway, Enya O'Rourke, Ollie Smith, Josh Gallagher, Ben Redford, Skye Robinson, Pheabe Cullen, John Kane, David Buttery, Edward Moore, Liam Henebelle

Year 13

Gaja Steffen, Jana Games, Leon Roberts, Darcie Sutton, Kian Sanderson, Harry Harrison, Syeda Rahat, Evie Whittaker, Jack Lally, Amelia Roberts, Ethan Chow, Luke Boston, Arron Smith, Isabelle Hewitt, Abraham Joy, Liam Blackburn, Daisy Drinkwater, Isis Newcombe, Rufus Matthew, Caitlin Adams, Andrew Sarson, Harriet Wootten, Tom Brandon, Liam Evans, Erin Appleton, Madi McVeigh, Georgina Thurston, Briana Clancy, Liz Joseph



EVERY DAY COUNTS



Why is attendance important to my child's education?

Did you know?

90%

of young people with attendance BELOW

85%

fail to get good grades.

MISSING 1 DAY A WEEK



LOSING ONE YEAR OF SCHOOL LIFE.

Good attendance means:

Being in school at least 97% of the time,

Target 97%

175

days are **NOT** spent in school each year.*

* Plenty of time for shopping, holidays & appointments.

143
Days of education

75%
47 days absent

152
Days of education

80%
38 days absent

162
Days of education

85%
28 days absent

171
Days of education

90%
18 days absent

184
Days of education

97%
6 days absent

190
Days of education

100%
0 days absent

SERIOUSLY WORRIED

Why poor attendance has a serious impact & reduces life chances.

VERY CONCERNED

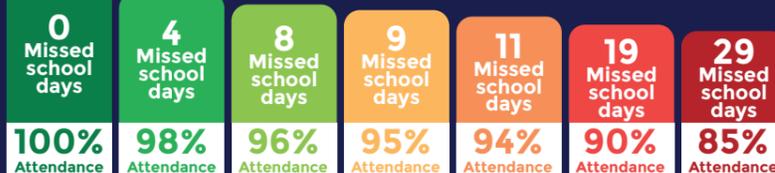
Poor attendance gives less chance of success

WELL DONE

Good attendance gives the best chance of success

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