



ST JOHN PLESSINGTON
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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excellence in all we do...*





Headteacher's Message

Dear Families, Students and Staff,

As we continue through this joyful Season of Easter, we are reminded of the hope, renewal and compassion that lie at the heart of our community. Easter is a time to look forward with faith and optimism, and I continue to see these values lived out each day across St John Plessington.

This week, I have been especially proud of the way our students, families and staff have come together in support of the recent charity events for Alexandra. The kindness, generosity and unity shown by our community has been deeply moving. At the same time, we keep in our thoughts all members of our wider community who may be experiencing difficult times at present. Please know that our prayers, care and support remain with you, and we will always do our best to offer comfort where it is needed.

Next week marks the point where the examination season truly gets underway. I would like to thank all of our staff for the dedication, care and countless hours of preparation they have given to support our young people. To our students in Year 11 and Year 13, we wish you every success in the weeks ahead. Trust in your preparation, remain calm, and above all else, simply do your very best.

For students in Year 12, Year 10 and Key Stage 3, your own assessments and examinations will soon follow. Now is the time to begin revision routines, organise your notes, and build good study habits. Further information will be shared with families in due course.

With just two weeks remaining until half term, life at SJP continues at pace with all the energy and opportunity that makes our school such a special place. Thank you, as always, for your continued support, encouragement and partnership.

Over the coming weeks, we will also begin sharing information regarding the next academic year, including key dates and important updates.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mr McLoughlin
Headteacher

Year 11 Come Together

to Fundraise for Alexandra and Alder Hey Children's Hospital

Last Friday, Year 11 showed incredible kindness and community spirit as they held two fundraising events in aid of Alder Hey Children's Hospital, in support of our Alexandra.

During break and lunch, students ran a fantastic bake sale, with a brilliant selection of cakes and treats for pupils and staff to enjoy. It was heartening to see so many members of our school community come together to support such a special person and such an important cause.

The fundraising continued in the afternoon with an exciting Alpha vs Beta football match. It was a closely fought game, with both teams showing great determination and some excellent football throughout. The match finished 1-1, taking the game to penalties, where Beta took the win.

It was fantastic to see so many students and staff supporting from the sidelines and helping to make the day such a success. A huge well done to Year 11 for their effort, compassion and teamwork. We are so proud of you.

All photos can be downloaded here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10pUfdRvr0ylyGEvtggq-m_7Dt8rzHQhQ?usp=share_link

Support the Fundraising

Donations are still welcome for Alder Hey Children's Hospital, in support of Alexandra. Any contribution, big or small, would be greatly appreciated. You can donate here:

<https://gofund.me/7ff2263be>



Zac Wins Under 21s Ping Golf Competition

Congratulations to Zac in Year 10, who achieved fantastic success over the Easter break by winning a Ping golf competition in the Under 21s category in Worksop.

This was an incredible achievement and a real reflection of Zac's talent, focus and commitment to his sport. Competing at such a high level takes determination and dedication, and Zac should be extremely proud of his success.

Well done, Zac.

Everyone at SJP is very proud of you.



Rosa and Molly Shortlisted for Junk Kouture 2026 London City Finals

We were absolutely delighted to announce that Rosa and Molly were shortlisted for the London City Finals of Junk Kouture 2026.

Their design, "The Beekeeper's Muse", was recognised from an incredibly high standard of entries for its creativity, innovation and craftsmanship. This was a huge achievement and a wonderful celebration of the imagination, dedication and storytelling they brought to the project.

Rosa and Molly worked incredibly hard to bring their idea to life, and it was fantastic to see their work recognised on such an exciting platform. We are incredibly proud of them and cannot wait to see their design showcased in the City Final episode and shared across global platforms.

Well done, Rosa and Molly.



Liv Murphy and Team Celebrate Cheshire Cup Victory

A massive well done to Liv Murphy in Year 11 and her team, who won the Cheshire Cup.

This was a brilliant achievement and a proud moment for Liv, her team and everyone who has supported them along the way. Their success is a reflection of their hard work, teamwork and determination.

Everyone at SJP is incredibly proud of Liv's achievement and we are all behind her as she continues to succeed. Well done, Liv.



Celebrating Success in The National Year of Reading

We are delighted to share that our school has been awarded the Spring Term Award as part of the National Year of Reading 2026.

In January, we joined thousands of schools across the country in choosing to "Go All In" and commit to a full year of promoting the joy of reading across our community.

Throughout the Spring term, students and staff took part in a wide range of reading-focused activities, including design competitions, book fairs, library events, national quizzes, and an inspiring author visit from the Likambi siblings. We also launched our 'Routes to Reading' Challenge for Year 7 and Year 8 students, encouraging even more engagement with reading. Mrs Starkey, our Librarian, attended the 'Teenage Reading' conference in York, and has been receiving valuable training in literacy and reading culture strategies for our school.

This achievement reflects the commitment and enthusiasm of our students, as well as the dedication of staff in promoting reading across the curriculum. We are proud of the positive reading culture that continues to grow within our school.

We look forward to building on this success as we continue our journey towards achieving

the Summer Term Award. With a wide range of exciting events and activities planned, there will be plenty of opportunities for students to further develop their love of reading. We are eager to maintain this momentum and continue strengthening our vibrant reading culture across the school.

If you would like to keep up to date with our progress, please follow the official SJP Library Instagram page @sjp_library



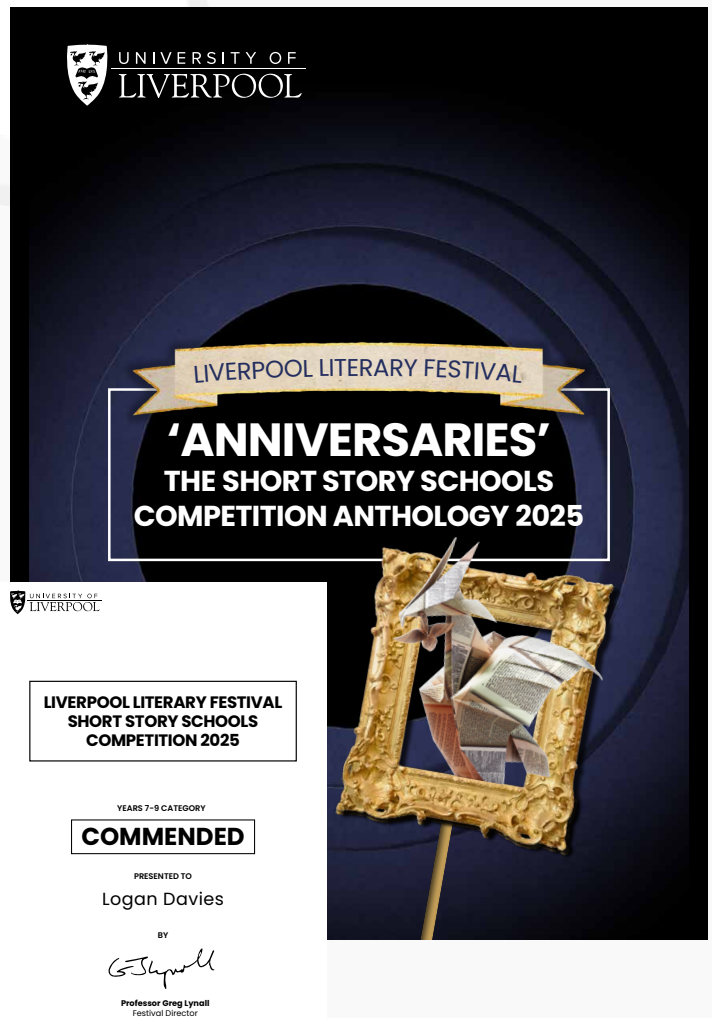
Logan Commended in Liverpool Literary Festival Short Story Competition

Congratulations to Logan Davies, who was commended in this year's Liverpool Literary Festival Short Story Competition.

This is a fantastic achievement, with the judges recognising the creativity, depth and skill shown in Logan's writing. His submission clearly made a strong impression and earned a well-deserved place in the competition anthology.

We are incredibly proud of Logan for this brilliant accomplishment. It is wonderful to see his talent and hard work celebrated beyond school.

Well done, Logan.



Students Share Their Views with Innovate Catering

A group of students recently took part in a valuable student voice session with our catering provider, Innovate.

During the session, students had the opportunity to share their thoughts on what is working well and offer suggestions for the future. Their feedback will help shape and improve the catering experience for students across the school.

Following the discussion, students also took part in a fun and creative sushi and cake piping activity, giving them the chance to try something new and enjoy a hands-on experience.

A huge thank you to the students involved for sharing their views so thoughtfully, and to Innovate for listening to our young people and giving them the opportunity to have their voices heard.

Sixth Form Students Visit Claire House Children's Hospice

A group of our Sixth Form students recently had the opportunity to visit Claire House Children's Hospice, a charity that provides specialist care and support for seriously and terminally ill children and their families across the region.

During the visit, students learned more about the incredible work carried out by the hospice team and the many ways the charity supports families both at the hospice and in the community. Staff members spoke about the importance of creating positive experiences for children and helping families through challenging times with compassion, care and dignity.

The students were given a tour of the facilities and were particularly inspired by the welcoming and uplifting environment created for the children and young people who use the service. They also discovered how fundraising and volunteering play a vital role in helping the charity continue its work.

The visit was a valuable and thought-provoking experience for everyone involved. Students reflected on the importance of community support and the impact charities can have on the lives of others. Many were inspired by the dedication of the staff and volunteers and appreciated the opportunity to see how local organisations make a real difference.

We would like to thank everyone at Claire House Children's Hospice for taking the time to welcome our students and for sharing such important insights into their work. The visit was both educational and inspiring, and our students represented the school with maturity, respect and enthusiasm throughout the day.



Year 10 Drama Students Shine at The Lowry

Our talented Year 10 Drama students recently performed their production of *The Animals* to an audience of family, friends and staff in a special preview performance at school before transferring the production to The Lowry.

Following weeks of rehearsals and preparation, students delivered a confident and engaging performance both in school and on the professional stage at The Lowry. The production showcased the creativity, teamwork and dedication of the entire cast and production team, with students demonstrating impressive acting skills and stage presence throughout.

Performing at The Lowry was an exciting and memorable experience for everyone involved. Students embraced the opportunity to perform in a renowned theatre venue and represented the school superbly with their professionalism, enthusiasm and commitment.

The audience response was overwhelmingly positive, and the experience provided students with invaluable insight into live theatre performance in a professional setting. The success of the production is a testament to the hard work of the students and the support of the Drama department.

We are incredibly proud of all the students involved and congratulate them on delivering such a successful and memorable production.



Students Explore Future Pathways at Annual Careers Fair

Last Friday, we were delighted to hold our annual Careers Fair, welcoming a wide range of employers, training providers, universities and educators into school.

The event gave our students a fantastic opportunity to explore future pathways, ask questions and gain first-hand insight into careers, apprenticeships, further education and the world of work.

Throughout the day, students had the chance to speak directly with over 25 different employers and professionals, helping them to better understand the opportunities available to them beyond school. It was wonderful to see so many meaningful conversations taking place, with students showing curiosity, ambition and excitement about their futures.

A huge thank you to all of the providers and professionals who gave their time to inspire and support our young people. Their insight and advice helped make the day a valuable and memorable experience for our students.

Well done to everyone involved in organising such a successful event.



CAREERS FOCUS – Charity and Voluntary Sector

The charity and voluntary sector, also referred to as the 'third sector', 'not-for-profit sector', 'community sector' or 'civic sector', aims to create social rather than material wealth. As well as unpaid roles, there are often salaried roles for employees higher up the 'hierarchy' of the organisation.

Many charities carry out functions including research, lobbying and the raising and redistribution of funds, so you may work in operations, fundraising, policy, communications and marketing, events, administration or research. Issues that charities campaign on include social services, housing, education, human rights, community development, international development, health and medicine, and conservation and environment.

In a small organisation, you may need to be a jack-of-all-trades, while larger charities look for employees with specific professional skills and experience.

In the UK, familiar names include health charities, such as Cancer Research UK, Macmillan and the Wellcome Trust; global development groups, including Save the Children, Oxfam and the British Red Cross; and animal charities such as the RSPCA and the RSPB.

If you think working in this sector in the future may be for you, click on the website below, where you can find a range of '3 minute reads' and articles explaining more about this sector and how you can get involved.

<https://www.charityjob.co.uk/careeradvice/category/charity-sector/>

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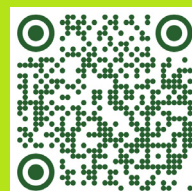
Thinking about a future in teaching? We would love to hear from you.

Interested in teacher training?

Whether you already work in school or know someone who is thinking about teaching, now is a great time to find out more.

- Primary and secondary routes
- Local training and expert support
- Perfect for anyone ready to take the next step
- Know someone interested? Please share this with them

Scan the QR code
to find out more



Your journey. *Your impact*

Reflection from our Trust Chaplain

It's inspiring to see pupils respond to the pain, worries and suffering of others. Across SJP, in every age group and year group, pupils and staff are wearing the purple ribbon in solidarity with Alexandra. They organised a very successful bake sale for her and her family. They then raised funds through the organisation of a well-attended charity football match complete with printed t-shirts. Ms Robson then garnered support for a fundraising plan to sell hair in support of Alexandra. You can support Alexandra and her family here

https://littleprincesstrust.blackbaud-sites.com/fundraising/kays-fundraising-page991?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-CL&utm_content=MPC&utm_ref=UBS

All these signs of care and concern are an indication of the presence of Christ in our school and in the hearts of the people who study and work here. The entire community has rallied around Alexandra and her family. Compassion was the immediate and beautiful response to Alexandra's diagnosis.

As we approach the business end of the school year and exam season, our Year 11 pupils and Sixth Form students attended a celebration of the Eucharist to reflect on and thank God for all the blessings in their lives and all the ways in which they had been led to grow in wisdom and grace. The sixth form walked to St John the Evangelist in bright sunshine, an almost symbolic enactment of their journey through the school, for most of them a journey of seven years. We are so very fortunate to have Father Mario on these occasions as his homilies address the pupils in a very engaging and effective way.

He emphasises to them what we need to remind ourselves of also every day. We are good, loved, born for a purpose, namely to bring that goodness into the world and transform the world with the reflection of God's love in us. So many pupils have told me they really appreciated this opportunity to be together and reflect on this message. Here are two prayers from the SJP Prayer book which may be of help this weekend:

A Prayer for those taking examinations

Heavenly Father,
We lift up to you all students preparing to take exams.
Give them peace in their hearts and minds and confidence in themselves,
Help them to remember all they have learned and to express their knowledge clearly.
Remind them of all those who love them and believe in them and care for them at this time.
Give them the wisdom to understand that exams are a step in the journey, not the destination,
And give them the grace to know that they can become who you have called them to be,
We ask this
In Jesus' name.
Amen."

A Prayer for relief from stress and anxiety

Dear God, deliver me from fear.
Let me find comfort and peace from my anxious thoughts, and lead me where you will have me go.
I fear and worry, but I trust in you, my Lord.
You are at my side.
Amen."



Upcoming Events

Week A

Monday 11th May 2026

Tuesday 12th May 2026

Wednesday 13th May 2026

Thursday 14th May 2026

Friday 15th May 2026

Week B

Monday 18th May 2026

Tuesday 19th May 2026

Wednesday 20th May 2026
Student Mass 14:40

Thursday 21st May 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026
End of Term

Rewards & Recognition

Year 7

Nancy Rose Reynolds, Lacey-Elise Hughes, Jessica Forrest, Alfie Jervis, Sophia Gaskell, Lois Stephens-Duvall, Sienna Traynor, Nile MCarthy, Evana Sanju, Sara Kus, Liam O'Hare, Luke McCulloch, Aidan Powell, Charlie Hardman, Niya Elsa Anup, Ilayas Rahman, Alfie Puddifer, Leo Jones, Jurgent Mazrreku, Divine Oyobagie, Brody Grisewood

Year 8

Faith Bell, Hannah Shibi, Connor McGraa, Bella Buckney, Doreen Oyobagie, Joel Hale, Bella Miller, Ivona Stephenson, Amelia Pengelly, Bella Cawley, Shamelia Black, Isabel Prescott, Daniel Griffiths, Finley Shone, Minan Salih, Corey Williams, Lee Morris, Latrell Omijie, Charlie-Leigh Westlake Mearns, Harrison Jones, Ruby Ashcroft, Charly Burns, James O'Reilly

Year 9

Olivia-Mae O'Toole, Sophia Foster, Emmy Rose-Hulse, Olivia Glover, Kailem McLavey, Blake Burnley, Myles Gibbs, Damon Edwards, Nile mCarthy, Joseph Stanley, Macy Howells, David Jones, Mia Wilde, Teddy Young, Summer Williams, Harry Tew, Bobby Smith, Ethan Platt, Thomas Layfield, Finley Fleckner, Tegan Jones, Milly Harrison, Skarlette Field

Year 10

Elsie Newman Tierney, Scott Carey, Marley O'Neill, Yasin Hussain, Imogen Lawrence, Evan McKeever, Daniel Welch, Eveline Reji, Layla Guthrie, Jacob Clyne, Georgia Mae Spencer, Alfie Williams-Moore, Robyn Patterson, Sienna Davies, Charlotte Rostance, Jack Elwill, Lexie Trantom, Ted Burton, Amelia Rose Garland, Daisy Jones Hughes, Tyler Allen, Awie Osman, Sofia Henckens, Kate Thelwell, Lucas Mei, Shazeem Chong, Ahmed Kurti, Josie-May McIntyre, Myia Evans

Year 11

AJ Duffy, Dylan Gaunt, Ed Whittaker, Nicole May, Steven Roberts, Freya Atherton, Brooke Hughes, Rhys Lewis, Oliver Thackrah, Niall Robinson, Madi Dunn, Erin Cartwright, Harley Woods, Jane Parappally, Lois Smith, Leighton Reeves, Alwin Liju, Freya Lucas, Maisi Ibberson, Rheo McNamara, Caitlin Hicks, Cameron Wallace, Frankie Lynch, Liam Sheehy, Katie Hazlehurst, Jess Goulbourn, Liv Murphy, Nancy Collins, Corbyn Stewart, Joe Bevan, Grace Hayden

Year 12

Grace Brewer, Sophie Wheeler, Gabby Ubah, Jismi Joseph, Austin Formston, Maya Khan, Eben Paling, Lewis Mohammed, Pheabe Cullen, Abi Donnelly, Rosa Turk, Lennon O'Neill-Roberts, Ann Maria Thomas, Charlotte Freaney, Will Kelso, Natasha Higgins, Thomas Roche, Alisha O'Brien, Hannah Mazier, David Buttery, Maddison McCallow, Gabriela Hyde, Maddie McCallow, David Fatokun, Finlay Griffiths, May-Elizabeth Delamere, Sarah Linge, Edward Moore, Max Wood

Year 13

Darcie Sutton, Joseph Panter, Emil Shibu, Joseph Dodd Berry, James Hyland, Syeda Rahat, Jack Lally, Harriet Wootten, Andrew Sarson, Beatrix Manley, Jana Games, Aaron Smith, Daisy Drinkwater, Sherin Sabu, Liam McCulloch, Caitlin Adams, Harry Bevan, Georgina Thurston, Josa Devis, James McKeever, Ryan Cottrell, Evie Whittaker, Maddi McVeigh, Sacha Garner



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