



ST JOHN PLESSINGTON
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher's Message

Dear SJP community

It has been another busy and positive week in school. It was wonderful to see such a strong sense of community at our celebration of Mass – thank you to Fr Mario for leading such a meaningful service for our students and staff.

A reminder to all parents that students should be using the toilets during break and lunch times only, not during lessons unless absolutely necessary. This helps to minimise disruption and ensure valuable learning time is not lost.

Attendance continues to be a key focus, particularly on Fridays, where we have noticed a decline. We are now monitoring patterns closely and appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the Year 11 Parents' Evening. It was a worthwhile event, and I will be reviewing your feedback to make future evenings even more efficient. If you were unable to meet all your child's teachers, please contact the Year 11 team, who will help arrange any missed appointments.

A reminder that school will close for the half-term break on **Thursday 23 October at 1:00pm** for all students. Full attendance is expected on this day.

Finally, Year 11 students should now be preparing for their upcoming trial exams. Please continue to encourage and support your child with revision at home.

Have a restful weekend.

Peadar McLoughlin
Headteacher

Together for Wellbeing: SJP Marks World Mental Health Day

This week, our school community came together to mark World Mental Health Day, focusing on this year's theme: accessing services for support. Throughout the day, students explored practical tips for managing their mental health and discovered the range of local services available to them.

In support of Young Minds' #HelloYellow campaign, both staff and students wore something yellow to show solidarity with anyone who may be struggling with their mental health. The vibrant display of colour across the school was a powerful reminder that no one has to face difficulties alone.

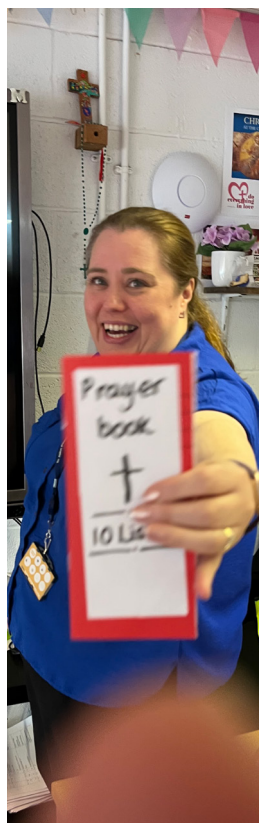
To promote staff wellbeing, the RE Department hosted a special Hello Yellow Cake and Coffee session at lunchtime. Staff were invited to drop in for a moment of calm, enjoy refreshments, take part in mindfulness activities, and collect wellbeing tip leaflets to encourage self-care.

It was wonderful to see our community come together in such a positive and supportive way – reminding us all that help is available, and that even small acts of kindness and awareness can make a big difference.



A Wonderful Celebration of Faith and Community at School Mass

We were delighted to see such a huge turnout from all year groups at our school Mass this week. It was a wonderful celebration that brought our community together in faith, reflection, and gratitude. A heartfelt thank you to Fr Mario for leading such a meaningful service and reminding us of the importance of unity and compassion in our daily lives. The atmosphere of respect and joy was truly inspiring. We look forward to continuing our weekly Mass celebrations and strengthening the spiritual life of our school through prayer, reflection, and shared worship each week.





SJP Students Shine at Mini Dash!

On Friday students from SJP attended Mini Dash at Chester Catholic High. It was great to see students from SJP and St Mary's working together. The group were tasked with asking Mr McLoughlin some tough questions on what it means to be a 'Catholic Leader'

Sixth Form Computer Scientists Take on the Escape Hunt Challenge!

Our Sixth Form Computer Science students recently visited Escape Hunt Liverpool for an exciting team-building trip. Working in small groups, they tackled challenging escape rooms that tested their logic, problem-solving, and communication skills — all essential in computing! The experience gave students the chance to apply computational thinking and perseverance in a fun, real-world setting. It was a fantastic day that strengthened teamwork, creativity, and resilience outside the classroom.



Harriet Wootten shines in work experience placement

Harriet, from Year 13, has been commended for her work during a self-placement with Hitch Marketing. Recognising her brilliant work, the company publicly acknowledged her focus and contributions throughout the week. With a packed schedule for the week, Harriet spent time with the Behaviour Insight Department, was briefed on Desk Research, worked on a case study, took part in a design sprint and attended a community focus group, plus so much more. The company were so impressed with her they promoted her work on their social media:

[Click Here to see the post](#)

We are incredibly proud of Harriet and the learning from this week, as well as her unwavering commitment to progress forward in her studies. She has been invited to attend the MIB awards with the company later in the year in recognition of just how well she has done! Well done Harriet!





Year 9 Rugby Team – Wirral Cup Runners-Up

A huge well done to our Year 9 rugby team, who finished as runners-up in the Wirral Cup last week. The team put in a fantastic performance but narrowly lost out to a very strong Woodchurch side. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, determination and team spirit!

Girls' Football Victory – Years 7, 8 & 9

Congratulations to our Year 7, 8 and 9 girls' football teams, who played brilliantly and secured an impressive win against South Wirral. Many of our players got on the score sheet, showing great teamwork and skill throughout the match. Well done, everyone!



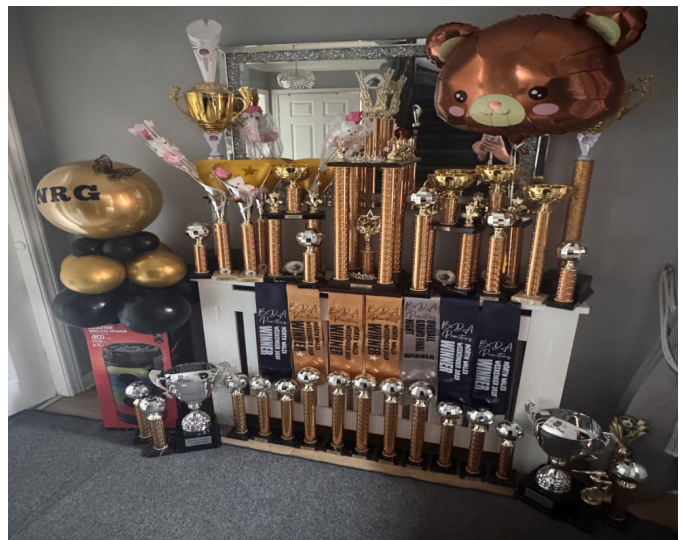
Ballet Achievement – Aleksandra, Year 9

Well done to Aleksandra in Year 9, who has shown outstanding dedication and progress in her ballet training. She has now achieved the level required to move on to pointe shoes – a fantastic milestone for any dancer. Congratulations, Aleksandra!



Dance Competition Success – Ava and Honor Burnett

A huge congratulations to Ava and Honor Burnett for their incredible success at a recent dance competition. Both dancers achieved multiple awards across solo, pairs and team events – an outstanding reflection of their talent and commitment.





Halloween Fun with Year 7 Kolbe!

Year 7 Kolbe got into the Halloween spirit today by decorating the room and Year 7 Kolbe were fabulous! Lots of creativity, laughter, and teamwork for the display

We Would Love Your Help with Our Annual Remembrance Installation

We would love our community to be part of our annual Remembrance installation here at SJP. To help us build our heartfelt memorial to those who gave their lives for us, we are asking for poppy donations in any media – paper, fabric, knitted, painted, or crafted in your own creative way. Please send poppies in with your child or drop them off at Reception (for the attention of the Art Department). Together, we can create a powerful tribute of remembrance.



Year 9 Students Explore Future Careers with Jaguar Land Rover

This week at SJP, as part of our 'Equalex' collaboration project with employers to provide meaningful experience of work, a selection of our Year 9 students met with representatives from Jaguar Land-Rover (JLR). They were given an overview of the company and the future opportunities that may await them. As well as car design and manufacture, other areas such as HR and finance were explored. Future subject options choices were linked into this exploration.

Following this, the STEM ambassadors from JLR then conducted some workshops based around the 'skills-builder' format. Creating their own dinosaurs, students worked on the benefits of 'standardisation' and the ability to follow precise instruction. They then built their own 'jungle buggies' from Lego, which highlighted the benefits of good communication and how working as part of a team can often be more beneficial than working independently.

Concluding the sessions, the ambassadors also shared their individual journeys to give the students an idea of the routes open to them in the future.'





CAREERS FOCUS – Accountancy

An Accountant takes care of all financial matters within a company, like keeping and interpreting financial records. They may oversee responsibilities like reconciling bank statements and calculating payroll to keep their company in strong financial standing.

A good accountant is not just someone with finance skills, but also an expert in human relations and communication. They must have exceptional integrity as they oversee financial records, and they must have strong communication skills to present detailed information in a manner that's easy to understand.

There are three different types of accounting. These are cost, managerial, and financial accounting:

Cost accounting is a specialty field that looks closely at the actual cost related to the accomplishment of a business goal. Cost accounting plays an important role in optimizing production processes in order to reduce costs for businesses and bring higher profits for individual product sales.

Managerial accounting is the process of organizing financial data and reporting financial status to managers, thereby helping business managers make optimal operating decisions and grasp the issues as soon as possible if there are any. Management accounting information is especially important in operating an enterprise, and at the same time serves to control and evaluate that business.

Financial accounting for a business is based on the accounting cycle which is a series of steps that companies take every accounting time period in order to manage their financial transactions. These steps include recording financial transactions, preparing a ledger (list) of these transactions and preparing financial statements (income statement/balance sheet etc.)

The short video below gives an insight into Natasha's role with Bank of America. She works in 'mergers and acquisitions' (financial accounting) and as you will hear, does not come from an educational background you would normally associate with the world of finance and accountancy.

<https://icould.com/stories/natasha-c/>
Please remember to look at the information on qualifications/salaries/skills also included.

Chaplaincy

It has been a busy week in the Chaplaincy.

We woke up on the 2nd October with heavy hearts. On the holiest day of the Jewish year, a cowardly attack on people coming together to pray exposed how frail our society's moral bonds can be, and how hateful thoughts and hateful speech do in fact become hateful acts. Our only response can be to redouble our determination to build what Pope John Paul II called a civilization of love.

Our Year 7 classes have enjoyed their retreat days led by the diocesan youth team. There have been teambuilding exercises, group activities, and encouragement.

Simultaneously, Year 8 have sent their delegates to Mini-Dash, a gathering of Year 8 pupils from every school in the diocese. They work together to develop their leadership skills and meet with their respective headteachers to discuss how to improve their respective school. The energy is palpable.

This week we were finally able to celebrate Mass in the Chapel and launch our clubs. The leadership of the SVP society were particularly impressive on Tuesday in their determination to launch new charitable projects.

There was similar energy for the Todos Todos society who are organising cultural events and an exhibition about Kerala, the state in India to which many of our pupils have a strong connection. They hope to share their enthusiasm for all things Kerala- a province referred to in India as "God's country" because of the peaceful coexistence of so many different religious groups- by teaching everyone some basic phrases.

There has been a strong response to the invitation to seek the sacrament of confirmation with parents and pupils responding positively in numbers. We will provide preparation for the sacrament over the next month.

Our theme this week has been "sharing what you have," inspired by the parable of Lazarus and the rich man in the gospel of Luke. I am always amazed at the enthusiasm and pupils of staff to help others and share their time and talent. I hope you will discuss with your child how they can share their talent and time with others, in school and in the community.



On Fridays we end our day at school with this prayer

**Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.**

**O most merciful Redeemer, friend, and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.
Amen.**



Upcoming Events

Monday 13th October 2025

Poland Trip Parent Information Evening –
Matt Jones
School Photography Y7 10 12 Staff and New
Students

Tuesday 14th October 2025

Wednesday 15th October 2025

Shaping the Future Women in STEM &
Physics Conference
Y7 Mass Rehearsal Assembly

Thursday 16th October 2025

Sixth Form Performing Arts Theatre
Y7 Meet your form tutor evening (3.15–
5:45pm)

Friday 17th October 2025

Y12 13 Bus Studies Trip to Chester Zoo

Monday 20th October 2025

Tuesday 21st October 2025

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Rotary Tournament for D&T (Trip)
Year 7 Welcome Mass (12:05 – 15:10)

Thursday 23rd October 2025

Y11 EBACC Evening
Last day of HT1 – School finish at 13:00 for
pupils

Friday 24th October 2025

Rewards & Recognition

Year 7:

Arthur Greenwood, Theo Jones, Bella Bradley, Ellie Copeland, Alexia Black, Kira Burns, Harley Pinch, Charlie Lally, Darcy Down, Callum Linge, Orla Whiteside, Asher Gati, Violet Field, Robyn Paterson, Ava Bailey, Julia Sijka, James Cloette-Ebbrell, Lucia Gordon, James Cloete-Ebbrell, Archie McGowan, Archie McGowan, Cassius Flynn, Fletcher Powney, Saanvi Poreddy-Mahender-Nath, Oakley Goodacre, Ellie Copeland, Peter Carr, Brody Grisewood, Lucas Lovett, Annie Kevill Whiting, Dolly McCulloch

Year 8:

Savannah Rae Bateman, Adylyn George, Leila Guthrie, Leo Marshal, Minan Salih, Matthew Green, Abel Linson, Joel Harvey, Ryan Muthanna, Lewis Hill, Evie Smith, Lois Carew, Daniel Griffiths, Robyn Paterson, Layla Jebb, James Cloette-Ebbrell, Lucia Gordon, James Cloete-Ebbrell, Archie McGowan, Jack McVeigh, Finley Shone, Bella Cawley, Alyssia Clerkin, Dan Griffiths, Georgie Gorman, Hannah Shibi, Farrah Stewart, Evs Barratt, Layla McCarthy

Year 9:

Rayne Windrow, Lilah Morton, Darcie McClean, Mia Wilde, Sophia Mae Byrne, Jillian Tan, Cole Kinsella, Isy McCabe, Dylan Russell, Noah Johnson, Ceirios Humphreys, Finley Sutton-Downey, Jacob Jones, Alona Paul, Chloe Slack, Delvin Matibiri, Jayne Dunn, Oscar Taylor, Harry Barnett, Isla J, Logan Davies, Oscar Archer, Jacob Smyth, Jack Connolly, Alfie Riley, Ria Best, Megan Hanaghan, Annabelle Barnes, Chloe Merity, Halle Atherton

Year 10:

Max Liddicoat, Lyla-Rose Dakin-Mills, Thomas Moynihan, Ava Jebb, Dylan Hughes, Korey Jones, Freya Foy, Max Liddicoat, Josie Mae McIntyre, James Cloetel-Eberell, Lucia Rudd, Sawyer Dawson-Gore, Samuel Poulouse, James Peacock, Patryk Szyba, Sophie Wheeler, Mya Dutton, Lorenzo Barbagello, Caitlin J, Sienna Davies, Vinnie Martin, Lee Makonese, Zac Reynolds, Elise Newman Tierney, Owen West, Charlie Wylam, Aston Hunt, Elsie Wooten

Year 11:

Brooke Hughes, Niall Robinson, Ben Duckworth, Amy Fullerton, Derek Smith, Robin Manoj, Kia Cookson, Aileen Anil, Seb McArdle, Niall Robinson, Ruby Marwaha, Jake Clark, Daniel Hunter, Elwin Eldho, Amelia Jones, Sienna Braimo, Liam Blackburn, Coby Riley, Liam Mc, Kaleb Craze, Amelia Clerkin, Grace Hayden, Grace Brooker, Meg Byrne, Zac Tierney, Mia Cheshire, Gamu Chimichuri, Huw Maddox, Aine Maddox

Year 12:

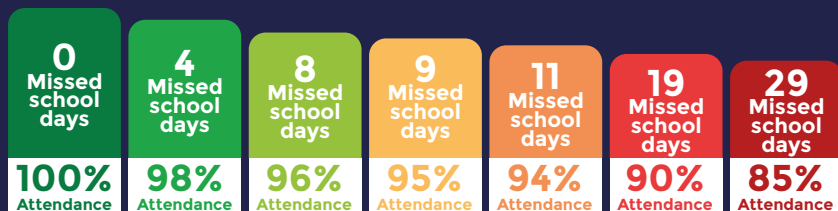
Alisha O'Brien, Daniel Chung, Leon Roberts, Libby Agrellis, Connor Archer, Matei Stoica, Kaleb Dobbins, Libby Lefbrve, Kaleb Dobbins, Edward Moore, Elena Garipoli, Maggie Lloyd, Liam McCulloch, Leighton Bibby, Dom Simmons, Jack Sharp, Ed Moore, Hannah Mazier, Sophie Wheeler, George Quinn, Summer Hemingway, Finlay Moreton, Abi Donnelly

Year 13:

Erin Appleton, Lexi Downey, Leon Roberts, Georgina Thurston, Sophie Haslam, Arron Smith, Syeda Rahat, Alex Davies, —, Harriet Wooten, Ruby Wylam, Beatrix Manley, Liam McCulloch, , Liz Joseph, Jack Lally, Bithiah Alwin-George, Sherin Sabu, Erin Appleton, Ryan Cottrell, Daisy Drinkwater, Sasha Garner, Crystal Martin, Yousif Yousif

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Vision - A Catholic learning community committed to excellence in all we do

Mission - To build an inclusive Catholic community founded on the Gospel Values

Values - Compassion, Respect, Determination, Justice

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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