



ST JOHN PLESSINGTON
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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





Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our school community. Your partnership and encouragement make a tremendous difference and are greatly appreciated by all staff.

It has been an incredibly positive and productive half term with many achievements, events and opportunities for our students. Our Year 11 and Sixth Form students have approached the examination season with maturity, resilience and determination. We are very proud of the calm and respectful manner in which they have conducted themselves throughout the exams so far, and they should be proud of their efforts and commitment.

The half term break provides an important opportunity for all students to rest, recharge and enjoy some well-earned downtime with family and friends. With the warmer weather forecast, I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy time outdoors whilst also preparing for the important final half term of the academic year ahead.

There is certainly much excitement to look forward to in the coming weeks across the school community. A particular reminder that Year 10 trial examinations will begin on Monday 1st June, and we encourage all students to use the break wisely to prepare fully.

During our first week back, we will also gather together in celebration of Mass with Years 7–9, continuing to strengthen our Catholic community and shared values.

As we reach the conclusion of the Easter season this Sunday, we are reminded of the hope, renewal and togetherness that Easter brings to our families, school and wider community. May we continue to support one another with kindness, compassion and gratitude as we move towards the final weeks of the school year together.

We return to school on Monday 1st June. Students should arrive promptly and be on the school yard ready for the start of the school day.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I wish all of our families a restful, safe and enjoyable half term break.

Mr McLoughlin
Headteacher

Celebrating SJP: kindness, achievement and community spirit

It has been another brilliant week of celebrating our students at SJP. From fundraising and sporting success, to creativity, performance and reading for pleasure, our young people continue to show the very best of our school community.

A huge well done to our Race for Life runners

A huge well done to the brilliant group of students who recently took part in Race for Life in support of Alexandra.

We are incredibly proud of:

Katie Hazelhurst, Tilly Daley, Charlotte Cliff, Anna Ruddock, Olivia Quilliam, Emily Sass, Meg Bryne, Isla Johnson, Ava Gadsby, Jayne Dunne and Archie Galer.

Every one of you showed kindness, determination and real community spirit by taking part and raising awareness for such an important cause. We are also celebrating Isaac, who completed Race for Life on Sunday 17th and finished in an incredible second place.

Isaac raced in support of Alexandra as she continues her treatment, raising funds for a cause close to the hearts of our school community. What a fantastic achievement and a wonderful act of kindness.

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>



Another fantastic achievement for Zak

Another congratulations is in order for Zak in Year 10, who enjoyed more success at the weekend after winning another PING competition at Clitheroe.

Zak won both the gross and nett categories in the under-21s, which is an outstanding achievement.

Well done, Zak. We are very proud of your continued commitment, talent and success.



Cup final success for Lucas

A huge congratulations to Lucas, who helped Wirral School Boys win the Cheshire Cup Final yesterday with a fantastic 3-1 victory over Stockport.

What an incredible achievement and a brilliant moment for Lucas and the whole team.

We are very proud of his hard work, commitment and success on the pitch.

Well done, Lucas.



Well done to Jack for completing the Muddy 5K Race for Life

A huge well done to Jack Edwards in Year 7, who completed the Muddy 5K Race for Life on Sunday.

What a fantastic achievement and a brilliant way to support such an important cause. Jack showed real determination, resilience and community spirit by taking part in what is always a challenging but rewarding event. We are very proud of you, Jack. Well done on an amazing effort.



Celebrating our first ever BTEC Dance cohort

We are incredibly proud of our first ever BTEC Dance cohort, who have been a credit to SJP over the past two years.

Not only have they excelled in the classroom, but their commitment to dance clubs, school shows, competitions and wider school life has been outstanding.

From performances at school, to the Floral Pavilion and the Liverpool Empire, this group of students has shown talent, dedication and real passion for the performing arts.



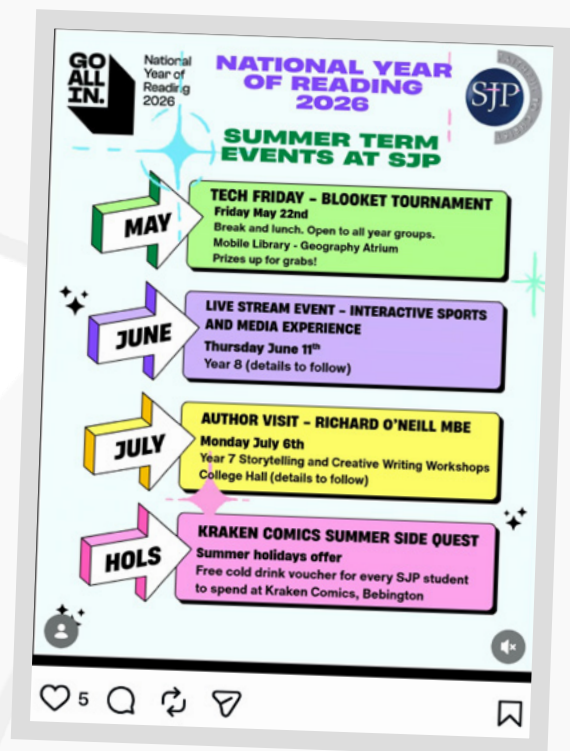
Good luck for the rest of your exams and for the next part of your journey. We are very proud of everything you have achieved.

Big news from the library: National Year of Reading events

Our National Year of Reading Summer Term calendar of events is here, and there is lots to look forward to.

We are kicking things off with a Blooket tournament this Friday in the Geography Atrium at break and lunch. Students can take part or cheer on their friends, with sweet treat prizes for contenders and winners. Places are first come, first served, with multiple chances to play.

In June, our Year 8 students will take part in this summer's Go All In moment, a special live stream event from the National Literacy Trust exploring passions, confidence and the joy of reading. In July, SJP will welcome renowned author and speaker Richard O'Neill, who will work with our Year 7 students to explore storytelling and creativity. There is even something for the summer holidays. SJP students can grab a free can of pop or bottle of water with any £5 purchase at Kraken Comics, our local comic book and graphic novel store in Bebbington.



And that is not all. These are just some of the headline events, with lots more smaller activities happening before the end of term.

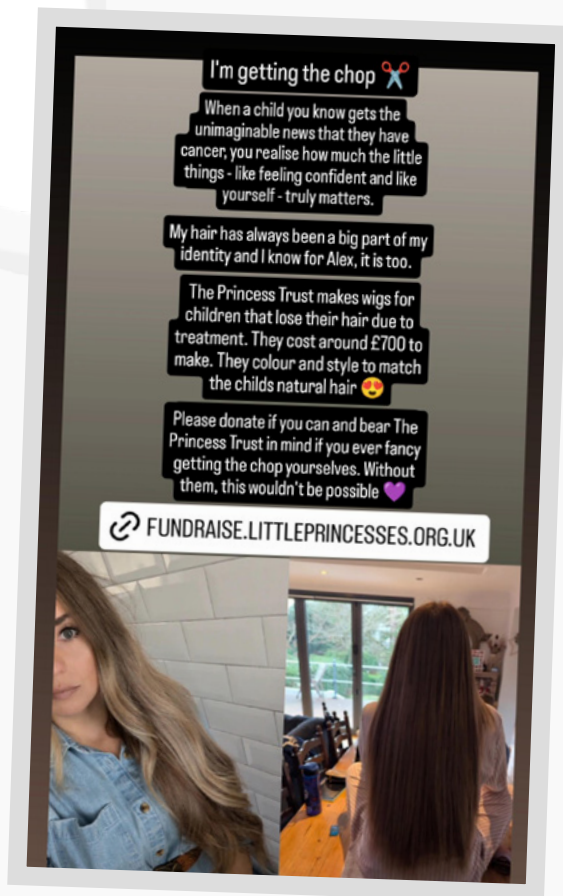
Supporting The Little Princess Trust

We are also proud to share a wonderful act of kindness in support of The Little Princess Trust. The Little Princess Trust creates wigs for children who have lost their hair due to treatment, helping them feel confident and more like themselves during an incredibly difficult time.

This fundraiser has been set up in support of Alex, and every donation will help the charity continue its amazing work.

It is another lovely example of compassion, generosity and community spirit.

You can support the fundraiser here:
<https://fundraise.littleprincesses.org.uk/fundraising/kays-fundraising-page991>



We are delighted to share that SJP is taking part in a special project this September with local bookshop Kraken Comics in Bebington.

The 'Pitch and Post' project is funded by the Penguin Children's Bookshop Grant and will see a group of students take part in a publisher-style book pitching activity to help select new graphic novels for our school library. They will then work with a commissioned local illustrator to design and decorate a special recommendation postbox, which will remain in school as a dedicated space for students to share and discover new books.

This project also supports our continued involvement in the National Year of Reading, helping us to strengthen a whole-school culture of reading for pleasure and encourage pupils to engage more deeply with books, stories, and authors throughout the year.

Graphic novels and comics are popular with many of our students and reflect a wider national trend.

They support literacy by combining images and text, helping to improve understanding, vocabulary, and inference skills, while also making reading more engaging and accessible for all learners.

We are very grateful to Kraken Comics and Penguin Books UK for inviting us to take part in this project, helping us to foster creativity and agency in literacy, and promote a love of reading within our school community. To find out more about the grant, please visit penguin.co.uk. More news to follow in September!



NEW BRIGHTON ARTS FESTIVAL 2026

MONDAY 6TH JULY - SATURDAY 11 JULY

MONDAY 6TH JULY
NB: Unfiltered
A Night at the Tower

TUESDAY 7TH JULY
Choirs by Candlelight

WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY
Blow the Roof Off!

THURSDAY 9TH JULY
Spoken Word
with Joseph Roberts

FRIDAY 10TH JULY
Friday Night Live!

SATURDAY 11TH JULY
NBAF Street Party



We're bidding to be



UK Town of Culture

Reflection from our Trust Chaplain

This entire half term we have been living the Easter season, the season of the Resurrection. The resurrection for Christians is not a one-time event. It is the constant triumph of hope over despair, of love over hate, of life over death.

We have experienced the reality of this small daily resurrection in the response of the school community to Alexandra; diagnosis and treatment. Everyday this half term pupils have worn signs and symbols of empathy and engagement with her. We have prayed for Alexandra and her family and for all the people we know who experience the pain and alienation of serious illness.

This reality of hope, of a concrete experience of the triumph of life, also animates teachers and ISAs and pupils as they face the almost interminable diet of examinations. It is so beautiful to see all the support and help pupils give each other and the way staff support pupils in this process.

This week, some of this hope culminated in a traditional crowning of Mary by the Year 8 forms. They had made crowns for Mary in the traditional month of May. To some pupils and staff Mary remains an enigma and it can be difficult to understand why a Catholic school makes so much of her. Mary was chosen as a young girl to be the mother and therefore nurturer and educator of Jesus. She was his best and most faithful disciple, He listened to her during his ministry. She understood his mission and wanted to bring people to Him. For all these reasons we honour, not worship her. In her we see the model of hope that we need, the example that we all can follow. She is the mother of us all, especially when we feel we can no longer find or see God in our lives.

After making the crowns with Ms Davies, Ms Harvey led the Year 8 into the peace garden a week later and led the Mary Crowning service. A beautiful way to end the half-term and ask Mary to pray for us.



Upcoming Events

Week A

Monday 1st June 2026

Summer Term – School re-opens for staff and pupils
Y7 Mass at St John's 09:15 start
Year 10 & 12 Trial exams commence WK 1/3

Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Y8 Mass at St John's 09:15 start

Wednesday 3rd June 2026

Y9 Mass at St John's 09:15 start
Student Mass 14:40

Thursday 4th June 2026

Y8 HPV Vaccinations

Friday 5th June 2026

Week B

Monday 8th June 2026

Tuesday 9th June 2026

Wednesday 10th June 2026

LIPA Taster Day 09:00–15:10
Student Mass 14:40

Thursday 11th June 2026

Beginner Ski Lessons Snow Centre Manchester (Trip 1)
Y12 Physical Education Programme (BSc)
Taster Day at LJMU

Friday 12th June 2026

Rewards & Recognition

Year 7

Ilayas Rahman, Brooklyn Diamond, Sophia Gaskell, Orla Whiteside, Preston Glover, Harley Pinch, Reuben Greaves, Sophie Sutton, Millie Bryan, Sarah Skinner, Rueben Greaves, Evana Sanju Puthenparackal, Rex Martins, Sophia-Grace Stringer, Bobby Johnson, Harrison Jones, Theo Ballard, Finn Hunter, Anastasia Espiritu, Lloyd Roberts

Year 8

Adrian Prieto, Joel Hale, Emma Macmaster, Lillie Ashton, Jody Lowey, Ceona Nobin, Mason Edwards, Grace Wilson, Finley Shone, Sofia McGuinness, Naya Parker, May Price, Katie Lewis, Bella Sanders, Isabelle Piercy, Riley Ly, Conor Haimes, Sophia Spencer, James Grieve

Year 9

Elanah McHugh, Luca Porter, Halle Atherton, India Blanshard, Gabriella Uche-Ujedible, Matthew Quinn, Jacob Smyth, Liv Quinn, Olivia Glover, Lexie O'Toole, Piotr Babel, Grace Meenan, Reece Gillam, Simon Sim, Blake Rodrigues, Izy McCabe, Sapphire Johnson, Mia McCarthy, Harry Tew, James Redgriff

Year 10

Cayden Kieran, Jayden Owens, Mason Morgan, Bella Goodall, Elsie Wooten, Olivia New, Luke Simmonds, Callum Redmond, Leon Stamos, Laura Howell, Archie McCaffrey, Talia Dumlu, Julia S, Berfin Kus, Jiron Jipson, Benedict Ubah, Archie McGowan, Penny Daley, Charlie Robinson, Luiz Reginaldo, Daisy Jones Hughes, Zak Kerrigan, Lucas Harrison, Eloise Bennett, Jack Elwill, Anock Vimalachanthuru, Aron Joshy, Freya Foy, Richmond Ibitoye

Year 11

Matthew Hulmston, Michael Herron, Rheo McNamara, Lexie Broderick, Max Morgan, Aine Maddox, Jenson Jones, Kayliegh Taplin, Kaiden O'Reilly, Niall Robinson, Harrison Burns, Emily Sass, Jack Collins, Daniel Greaves, Isabella Hughes-Forshaw, Lucas Evans, Amy Fulerton, Maisi Ibberson, Narlia Davies, Joel Kershaw, Freya Atherton, Joseph Bevan, Charlie Speirs, Daniel Hunter, Ellis Connor, Thomas Moynihan, Seb McArdle

Year 12

Daniel Williams, Gabby Ubah, Jismi Joseph, May Delamere, Fin Griffiths, Adele Harwood, Lewis Mohammed, Pheabe Cullen, Neve Murphy, Ann-Maria Thomas, Naomi Barbet-Minott, James Schofield, Daniel Sass

Year 13

Evelyn Whittaker



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