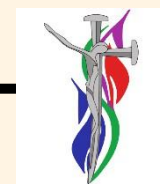




# ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Dear parents,

“Faith is the union of God with the soul.” St John of the Cross

Faith and love go hand in hand. Helping our children to grow in faith, to know and love God, is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. Putting our faith in Jesus helps us to know God as our loving Father, and this changes how we see the world — it can free us from anxiety, give us confidence and inner strength, and help us keep growing in our love for one another.

## WEDNESDAY WORD

Please see the link for this week's *Wednesday Word* below.

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### Well done to the Stars of the week

Nursery	Finn & Oran
Reception	Sadie & Ethan
Year 1	Cian & Shauna
Year 2	Ben & Tess
Year 3	Sienna & Orlan
Year 4	Hector & Edith
Year 5	Eva & Jack
Year 6	Max & Eva-Grace
Sports	Alfie Yr1 & Leo Wyer Yr6



## KEY DATES

**24th Oct** - Wolf Run raising money for playground equipment

**Thursday 4th December 2025** 6:30 p.m.  
Father Alex's Induction. Everyone is invited to celebrate this special occasion, and our choir will be required..

## ✝ SJV CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP ✝

### September 2025

Our Youth Group meets in the Parish Hall every other Monday evening **6.00pm-7.30pm** during term-time  
*First date of the new school year is Monday 22nd September 2025.*

Suitable for Year 6 and upwards.

We offer a friendly and safe environment for young people to gather together and have fun.

Some of our activities include: games, team building, night prayer, fundraising, bowling, theatre trips and themed parties.

Come along and meet new friends.

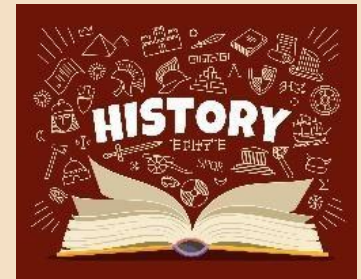




Year 5 attended a one life event called Fan the Flame to celebrate the Year of Hope with all the year 5 pupils in the Catholic schools in Coventry. The event was celebrated at Holy Family Church with Dan and Emily. The children had a fantastic time and their singing was amazing. Fr Alex was so proud of them as he joined us for this celebration event.

Year 1 led an Inspire workshop on the feast of St Francis their class saint. It was a great way to learn about St Francis and share this learning with our parents. The children made bird feeders to hang at home or in our Forest School area. I hope it brings lots of birds into our gardens

We have been really fortunate to have history workshops this week in Nursery Reception Year 3 and Year 4 . The children have thoroughly enjoyed seeing history come alive and researching the past



This week we have been praying a decade of the rosary. October is the month of the rosary and the chaplaincy team have been teaching us to pray a decade for peace in our world. Please help your child to pray using their rosary beads from home. Thank you to all the children that brought their rosary beads to school this week.

We look forward to the mass of commitment led by Year 3 this weekend and hope to see as many pupils as possible in our choir loft. I will have a special treat for all pupils attending Mass this Saturday. Be like St Carlo Acutis and bring your parents to Church

**Coventry Educational Psychology Team  
will be running a FREE session for  
parents on**

# **Emotion Coaching**

**Emotion Coaching is an approach that parents can use with children and young people to support their emotional development.**

**Research suggests that Emotion Coached children and young people:**

- **Are more emotionally stable**
- **Are more resilient**
- **Achieve more academically in school**
- **Have fewer behavioural problems**

**This session will introduce the steps of Emotion Coaching and its scientific basis and will involve practical activities and resource-sharing so that parents can begin to use this evidence-based approach straight after the session.**

**Venue: St John Vianney Catholic Primary School**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025 3:30pm – 4:45pm**

**To confirm your attendance contact school on [sjv\\_admin@hccmac.co.uk](mailto:sjv_admin@hccmac.co.uk)  
or 02476 464088**



# ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY

## SAFEGUARDING AT SJV

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

### What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# YOUTH VIOLENCE

#### UNDERSTANDING YOUTH VIOLENCE

Youth violence affects one in four children in the UK, but it doesn't have to. When parents, carers, and educators understand the risks, they're better placed to support young people. The right support, mentoring, therapy, and guidance can help young people affected by violence to feel safe, manage conflict, and make positive choices.

#### WHY DO YOUNG PEOPLE COMMIT SERIOUS VIOLENCE?

A recent study surveyed over 10,000 young people affected by violence, asking why serious violence occurs among their peers, such as an assault involving a weapon or sexual violence. The most common reasons given were due to a personal characteristic of the victim (e.g. race, religion, sexuality, gender, or gang or school rivalry), and being provoked. While not all young people face these issues, many lack the emotional regulation skills needed to manage provocation.

#### WHAT ARE SIGNS A YOUNG PERSON IS AT RISK?

Children and young people often express that something is wrong through behaviour rather than words. Be alert to signs such as sudden mood changes, secrecy around friendships, excessive phone use, unfamiliar slang, unexplained injuries, fear of school, aggression, going missing, or substance use. They may also be associating with older peers. These behaviours can indicate underlying issues that can lead to violence.

#### ONLINE INFLUENCES

Social media plays a powerful role in normalising and escalating violence. Platforms like TikTok and Snapchat can expose young people to harmful content, often shaped by algorithms. Many see violent material that distorts reality, leading to fear and desensitisation. A recent study found 70% had seen real-world violence online, and 80% felt less safe in their communities. Alarming, 39% said it made them more likely to carry a weapon. Online conflict can often spill into real life, with serious and sometimes tragic consequences.



#### WHEN IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

For children and young people in England and Wales, the hours between 4 pm and 8 pm – just after school – carry a particularly high risk for serious violence. This can stem from conflicts that escalate during the school day, online arguments, or simply moving through unfamiliar areas on the way home. Understanding this risk helps us support safer travel and routines. Our recent report found that over one in three young people don't feel safe in the area they live in, and 36% don't feel safe walking the streets.

#### WHY MIGHT A YOUNG PERSON CARRY A WEAPON?

Young people may carry weapons due to fear, threats, peer pressure, or a false sense of protection. Many young people tell us they feel unsafe and carry weapons 'just in case', while others may be influenced by social media, peers, or criminal activity. Some don't realise it's illegal or may believe it earns respect.

#### WHERE IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

Violence often happens in certain places. Busy areas like transport hubs carry risk simply because lots of people gather there. Other hotspots, like places linked to drug activity, attract those more likely to be involved in violence. Some areas become risky due to poor supervision, such as under-resourced public spaces. Understanding where violence tends to occur helps us guide young people safely through their communities and advocate for better support and safer spaces.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

#### TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT STAYING SAFE

Choose a safe moment for the conversation, emotionally and physically. If a child is upset or angry, help them settle before discussing serious topics. Listen actively without judgement, even if what they share is difficult. Avoid interrupting and offer advice when the time feels right. If you're worried, you're not alone; support is available.

#### HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND CONSEQUENCES

Young people can be searched by police or teachers if suspected of carrying a weapon. If found with a knife, they could face arrest and criminal proceedings. A conviction can result in a criminal record. Even being present during a violent assault, encouraging it, filming, or sharing footage can lead to prosecution. Open and honest conversations can help children understand these risks and make safer choices.

#### AVOID CONFLICT & MANAGE ESCALATIONS

Encourage young people to consider the 'Safe T's' – Trust instincts, Take a breath, and Talk to a trusted adult. When triggered or provoked, they may react from their 'survival brain', unable to think clearly about the consequences. Taking a breath helps calm, and helps them access their 'thinking brain'. Remind them that moments pass, and seeking support from trusted adults builds resilience and safer decision-making.

#### REPORT INFORMATION

We all have a role in preventing violence. If a child shares concerns, you can act. For educators, it's important to follow your school's safeguarding procedures. Other adults can report anonymously through Fearless or Crimestoppers, and speak with other parents, the school, or local police through 101. If someone is in immediate danger, always call 999. These steps help protect children and the wider community.

#### Meet Our Expert

The Ben Kinsella Trust is a UK anti-knife crime charity educating young people through immersive workshops, awareness campaigns, and community resources. Visit: [benkinsella.org.uk](https://benkinsella.org.uk)



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/youth-violence>

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## WEEKLY DIARY

*Date's may be subject to change – please check your emails regularly*

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Netball Squad 3.15pm-4.15pm

Dance – KS2 – 3.15pm-4.00pm

Choir – KS2 – Lunchtime

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Recorder Club KS2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m.

Boys football squad 3.15-4.15 pm

Multi-Skills – 3.15pm-4.15pm

Reading Café Yr 5

Mental Health Workshop Yr 2

Library visit Yr 6

Mental Health Session Yr 5

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Mini Tennis Years 3 and 4 – 7.45-8.30 a.m.

Running Club Key Stage 2 – 8.00 – 8.30 a.m.

Guitar Tuition

Dance Year 1 and 2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m.

Girls football squad 3.15-4.15pm

### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m.

Piano Tuition

Creative Flair Dance Year 1 - 4 - Lunchtime

Cricket – KS1 and KS2 – 3.15pm-4.00pm

Holy Family Church for Year 5









Boy Football Match against Christ The King (Home)

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Library Visit Yr 5



## ATTENDANCE SJV

EYFS and KS1		KS2	
Class Name	Weekly Attendance	Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Nursery	97.87% 	Year 3	99.63% 
Reception	97.04% 	Year 4	99.31% 
Year 1	100% 	Year 5	96.30% 
Year 2	100% 	Year 6	95.49% 

### Children arriving late to school:

Please be advised that if your child is late to school, children must be signed in by a parent/carer.

## **Starting Nursery in September 2026**

Application forms and information are available from the school office for parents wishing to apply for their child to start in our Nursery in September 2026. Children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 can start Nursery in September 2026.

## **Starting Primary School in September 2026**

Children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 can start school in September 2026.

For more information about school admissions and to apply online

at [www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions). Telephone 02476 831622/1613.

Closing date for applications is 15th January 2026.

Please note: If you wish to apply to a Catholic school, and your child is baptised Catholic, evidence of your child's baptism must be provided at the time of application to the school office. It is your responsibility to obtain and present this evidence.



## PTA AGM

The PTA needs committee members. This year, there are two parents leaving the PTA, leaving just two committee members. **The PTA cannot run with two members.** Ideally, we'd like the committee to consist of five/six parents to ensure the load isn't too much for any one person.

Meetings are limited and largely online throughout the year, and it is absolutely fine if you can't be involved personally with every event, but we need help with the planning and preparation.


Every year the PTA runs a lot of events at school – Gala Day, bars, Movie Night, Chocolate Bingo.....these will not take place without fantastic parents who can commit to making them happen.

**The AGM will take place in St John Vianney school staffroom on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm.**

Realised the uniform you thought fitted in July doesn't anymore? Lost a jumper?



**PURPLE  
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IS  
OPEN!**

Scan  to join SJV PTA and get your Purple uniform. Only £1 per item!





# KS2 FITNESS & FUN HOLIDAY CLUB

**HAVE FUN THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM**

**WEDNESDAY 29TH, THURSDAY  
30TH & FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER**

**DROP OFF: 8:50AM | PICK UP: 3:00PM**

**£20 PER DAY**

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- ✓ FUN GAMES & FITNESS CHALLENGES
  - ✓ LEARN MOVEMENT SKILLS & CONFIDENCE
  - ✓ BUILD STRENGTH, COORDINATION & ENERGY
  - ✓ COMPLIMENTS ALL SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

**CALL/TEXT SARAH: 07812790616**

*St John Vianney School,  
Mount Nod, Coventry.*

*Please use the church gates for drop  
off and collection.*