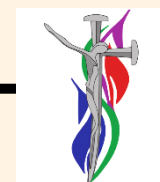




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WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 17th October 2025

WEDNESDAY WORD

God wants us to spend time with him through prayer. Just as we need to put oil in the car to make it work properly, prayer helps us to work properly – keeping us in good order.



KEY DATES

24th Oct - Wolf Run - Raising money for playground equipment

6th Nov 9.30am – Open morning for parents who are interested in applying for nursery and reception classes September 2026

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..



Well done to the Stars of the week

Nursery	Whole Class
Reception	Cihangir & Sonny
Year 1	Whole Class
Year 2	Tommy & Evie
Year 3	Franciszek & Tommy
Year 4	Amy & Oliver
Year 5	Franco & Isla
Year 6	Luke & Ruby
Sports	Macie Yr4 & Michelle Yr 2

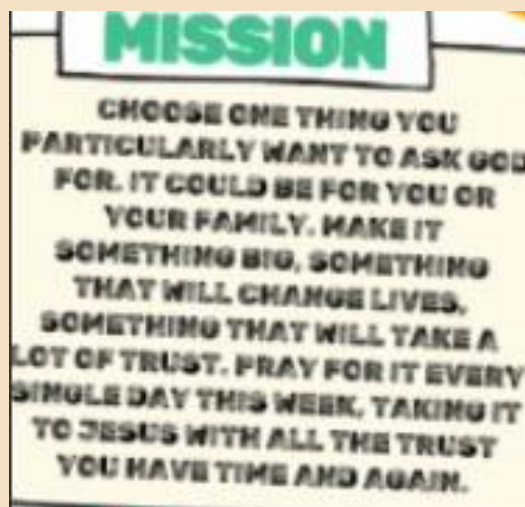


SJV CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP October 2025

Our Youth Group meets in the Parish Hall every other Monday evening
6.00pm-7.30pm during term-time



OUR MISSION THIS WEEK





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Thank you to Year 1 for a beautiful assembly about Harvest this morning and thank you to all the parents who came to support their children. Thank you to Miss Alessio and Mrs Halls for all their hard work with the children to make the assembly a success.

Year 2 had their prayer service this afternoon. Thank you to all the parents who attended and thank you to Mrs Littlewood and Mrs Evans for preparing the children.

We have been very successful in our sporting events this week. Some of the children attended the Catholic Cross Country Event at Cardinal Wiseman school earlier in the week. Our football teams both had big wins against St John's Academy, the girls team won 8-0 and the Boys Football Squad won 11-0.

Our Netball Team also won 7-1 against Christ the King. Congratulations to all the Children who took part in all the sports events this week.





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Catholic Cross Country Event





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SAFEGUARDING AT SJV



All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel this is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationallinesafety.com for further guides, tips and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

BEREAL

Bereal is the latest trending social media app. The concept is that people see others in their authentic day-to-day lives, sharing candid photos without editing or applying filters. Each day at a random time, users are simultaneously notified to take a picture of what they're doing at that exact moment. The two-minute window to submit an image means there's no time to select a particularly glamorous or exciting activity. Bereal shares two pictures: a selfie, and an image of the immediate surroundings. Users can only view and react to their friends' photos once they upload their own.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTINUOUS NOTIFICATIONS

Like any social media app, Bereal's developers want users to be on it regularly and scrolling for long periods. Bereal only sends one notification to post a picture each day, but there are other alerts for events such as mentions, comments, friend requests and reactions to your photo. This can cause young users to feel pressure to open the app and respond, distracting them from other activities.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

When someone signs up to Bereal, it highlights anyone in their phone's contacts list who already has the app – so users can connect with friends, or invite others from their contacts. The 'Discovery' feed, meanwhile, shows posts from strangers and gives users the option to add them as friends, too. This means your child could potentially connect with – and communicate with – a stranger.

PUBLIC SHARING

As well as sharing posts with friends in the moment, the app also allows posts to be shared publicly and public content to be viewed. Before a user can see this public content, they must post their own photo first. Unfortunately, there currently seems to be a lack of moderation on the content that's being uploaded, so a young user could be exposed to posts which aren't suitable for their age.

EASY LOCATION

Bereal's default setting is to share the exact location of where a post was sent from. Given that images are usually shared within the two-minute window, anyone your child is friends with on the app will know exactly where they are (or at least, where they were two minutes earlier). As we've noted, this could include strangers who are intending to use this geographical information for malicious purposes.

VISIBLE PERSONAL DATA

As with any other form of social media, it's important that your child doesn't share too much personal information on their profile. Bereal allows for a photo, full name, approximate location and a short bio. It's safest to make sure that your child's profile doesn't display anything which could identify where they go to school or exactly where they live.

REPUTATIONAL DAMAGE

What your child says and does online – their digital footprint – shapes the way that other people see them. It's essential that young people understand that when they post something online, they are giving the app in question the right to do whatever they wish with that image or content, including sharing it elsewhere. This form of permission is explicitly referenced in Bereal's terms of use.

Advice for Parents & Carers

LIMIT NOTIFICATIONS

Bereal offers the option to turn off individual types of notification. Doing this will significantly reduce the number of times your child is tempted to open the app by incoming comments, uploads, friend requests and so on. Ironically, it will allow them to actually 'be real' by being present in the moment and their current environment as opposed to being engrossed on social media.

STOP AND THINK

Bereal's goal is for users to be authentic with friends, removing the pressure of that flawless photo or perfectly worded post. It's still vital, though, that children stop and think rather than uploading something risky just to meet the two-minute deadline. Point out to them what kind of information strangers could extract from an image: school crests, street names or local landmarks, for example.

KEEP IT AMONG FRIENDS

Remind your child why adding strangers to their contacts isn't a good idea, and advise them to decline any friend requests from people they don't know in real life. If something your child sees on Bereal makes them feel uncomfortable, they can report it by clicking on the three dots in the top right. The reporting tool allows them to state the reason that they're flagging up the post.

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Remind your child to use an avatar as their profile pic (as opposed to a photo of themselves) and use a nickname or just their first name, not their full name. Any information they add to their bio (which is optional) should be kept vague, and personal details should remain private. It's also worth turning off the geolocation feature either through the device's settings or in Bereal itself.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and texting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Source: <https://www.bereal.com/> | <https://www.nationallinesafety.com/> | <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/online-safety-consultation-on-social-media-apps>



WEEKLY DIARY

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

Monday 20th October

Netball - 3.15pm-4.15pm
Dance – KS2 – 3.15pm-4.00pm
Choir – KS2 – Lunchtime
R & Yr 6 Heights and Weights
Reception Library Visit in school
Parent Consultation Evening Yr 1 - Yr 6 3.20-6.00pm

Tuesday 21st October

Recorder Club KS2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m.
Boys football - 3.15-4.15 pm
Multi-Skills – 3.15pm-4.15pm
Boy's Football training 3.15-4.15pm
Year 3 Library Visit
Y5 Mental Health. Managing Emotions Workshop 2.00pm
Parent Consultation Evening Rec Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Yr 6

Wednesday 22nd 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 Training
Yr 5 Dodgeball at the Xcel Centre 9.30 – 11.45am

Thursday 23rd 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
Girls Football Match – Away at STM
Reception Parents Evening 2.50 – 5.00pm

Friday 24th October









Yr 1 Class Assembly – Harvest 9am
Yr 3, 4 and 5 to attend Mass 9.00am
Wolf Run – 1pm



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ATTENDANCE SJV

EYFS and KS1		KS2	
Class Name	Weekly Attendance	Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Nursery	97.04% 	Year 3	98.52% 
Reception	97.89% 	Year 4	96.88% 
Year 1	100% 	Year 5	98.52% 
Year 2	100% 	Year 6	98.26% 



Parent Support Required

On Friday 24th October the Children will be taking part in a Wolf Run.

We are looking for volunteers to support on the day and manage the route the children will run.

We require support from 12.45 until 3pm on the day.

If you can help, please send confirmation to sjvcoventrypta@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for your support.

SJV PTA – Support Required

On Monday 30th October the PTA AGM was unable to appoint a new committee due to lack of attendees.

The PTA committee consists of four roles which must be fulfilled as a minimum requirement. These roles consist of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, with additional members also ideally required to better manage the activities we support.

We continue to be grateful for all the great volunteers we get to help deliver key events. However, we also need parents to join the PTA committee to help steer the role we play.

It is vital that we get more volunteers to join the PTA to ensure it can continue to support the school and play a critical role in creating special experiences for our children.

A second AGM is now planned for Tuesday 14th October at 7pm.

This will be done virtually on Google meets- <https://meet.google.com/fhp-xikc-jsn>

How the PTA supports our school



Events and Activities:

We organize and deliver key events for our children to enjoy, such as Wolf Run, Chocolate Bingo and the Christmas Disco.



Fundraising:

All money raised is used to support the school - 'the golden mile', new reading areas & IT equipment have been made possible with PTA fundraising



Gala Day:

A great day for the school and our parish community, which is organised and delivered by the PTA - without whom it cannot happen.

What's required of you?

- Have your say in the events we run each year and help us make them more fun, exciting and memorable
- Get involved in organising and helping out at our events.
- Work alongside the school to make sure the funds we raise are used where they're needed most.

We know life is busy – but being part of the PTA does not mean giving up lots of your time.

Meetings are limited and done virtually, outside of typical work hours
You're not required to be at every event, with more members reducing the impacts on individuals

If you'd like any further information please reach out to us via sjvcoventrypta@gmail.com

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. 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.