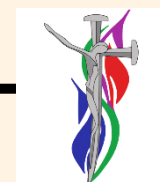




# ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

## WEDNESDAY WORD

Dear Parents,  
“Trust the past to the mercy of God,  
the present to His love and the future  
to His providence.” St Augustine of Hippo



### Well done to the Stars of the week

Nursery	Charlotte & Rose
Reception	Fraser & Albie
Year 1	Alfie & Eyram
Year 2	Noah & Elbie
Year 3	Rachel & Lucja
Year 4	Mikey & Katie
Year 5	Wendy & Fergus
Year 6	George, Kenza & Elody
Sports	Tessa & Elisah



## KEY DATES

- 22nd Nov** – 12.30pm Church Altar Server Training. Yr 4-6
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** – **9.00 am** -Rec Mastering numbers at home workshop
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Yr 6 Eco meeting at Bishops Ullathorne.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Nov** – **9.00 am** -Y2 Inspire Workshop
- 28<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Year 6 Dol-Y-Moch Trip
- 28<sup>th</sup> Nov** – 9.00am – St Andrew’s Mass
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dec** – **9.00-10am SJV Nursery Open Morning.** For parents in applying to start Nursery - September 2026

## OUR MISSION THIS WEEK

CREATE YOUR OWN IMAGE OF CHRIST THE KING. YOU CAN DRAW JESUS ON THE CROSS, EITHER AS YOU PICTURE HIM IN TODAY'S GOSPEL OR WEARING A ROYAL CROWN. YOU MAY EVEN LIKE TO SHOW HIM ON HIS THRONE IN HEAVEN. BENEATH YOUR IMAGE OF CHRIST THE KING WRITE A SHORT MESSAGE DECLARING THAT JESUS IS YOUR KING!





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This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In this Sunday's Gospel, the leaders, the soldiers and the people all mock Jesus as God's Chosen One and as king. Jesus' kingship is not one of military or political power, but one of love and mercy. Jesus forgave those who crucified him. He also showed mercy to the criminal who was sorry and called him to share in his kingdom – an offer Jesus also makes to us today.

In life, we all make mistakes, but we never have to be afraid to ask God for forgiveness — God is pure mercy.

Each one of us receives mercy as a gift from God, and it is a gift we are called to share with others too.



Thank you to my Year 6 pupils who as part of their ministries in preparation for Confirmation have been reading at Mass at the weekends or Altar serving. It is a great privilege to do these jobs in church and be at the service of others. A reminder to everyone in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 that there is altar service training in Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 12:30 it should take no longer than an hour with a promise of pizza afterwards

On Friday we celebrated the end of the Year of Jubilee of Hope with all schools in the Diocese. It was a pleasure to see how each school had been on a journey. At our school we had all been on a pilgrimage to visit other Catholic churches in our diocese. We prayed in Church or celebrated Mass with their local priest. We have also raised lots of money for Father Hudson Caritas and brought toiletry items to school for the same charity. We have also raised money for CAFOD and Mary's Meals both worthy charities. We have helped Coventry Food bank and Carriers of Hope as well as supporting the Cyrenian's. We have learnt about refugees through stories of Hope and Home and we are on our journey to become a school of Sanctuary





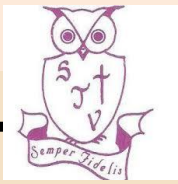
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Year 6 will be getting very excited this weekend as they make their preparations for their trip to Dol-Y-Moch next week. We hope that there won't be too much rain in Wales and that they have lots of fun learning a whole range of new skills and showing resilience and perseverance when tasks become a little tough. Remember to pack lots of layers its going to be very cold!

Make sure you are following us on twitter as this will be our only means of communication. Photos will be shared when we have access to Wi-Fi so, please be patient.

Last half term we did a lot of work around Protective Behaviours which is a safeguarding programme and this half term we are building upon this to do my pants are private. We teach children to use the correct terminology for body parts to help keep them safe. Class teachers will share further information as appropriate through see-saw.



On 28<sup>th</sup> November we will celebrate St Andrews day by having a house Mass in school and wearing something blue. Please bring £1 to school for Marys Meals.

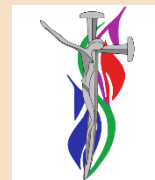
**WANTED** – if you have any spare wool, or leftover bits of balls of wool, please bring into school. We want to make Viking braids with children across the school as it's a great way of relaxing. All the staff had an amazing time on INSET day learning a new skill.



30<sup>th</sup> November – Blessing of the Crib 4pm in Broadgate. Please join us to celebrate the real reason for Christmas.

Next week is Parliament week and the children will be debating “Is Summer better than Winter”





As part of our switch off fortnight event, our Eco team have been sharing ways to save electricity.

## **Did you know?**

- . Over 68% of electricity is wasted per DAY
- . For a family of 4, people spend around £103 - £111 in the UK

## **Top Tips to Save Electricity**

- . To save electricity and reduce energy consumption, turn off lights and electronics when not in use.
- . Use energy efficient appliances and use dishwashers or washing machines only when full.
- . Switch to LED bulbs



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## SAFEGUARDING AT SJV



All 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, tips and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com).

### 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

# ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

#### 1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children. They observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Keep in mind that you should always approach others with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour can influence young people and help them to handle their own conflicts in a healthy way.

#### 2 AGREE TO DISAGREE

Make sure children know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other's point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can 'agree to disagree'. Using active listening skills when doing this can also help to build empathy and understanding of others.

#### 3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING

Teach children about the importance of active listening. That is, making a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting, before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even (or perhaps especially) if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for a better comprehension of their point of view, which in turn can make it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.

#### 4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS

If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Framing their thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel..." or "I think..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.

#### 5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER

When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on critiquing and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused the upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I don't like how you interrupted me" is better than "You're so rude!". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to inflame the situation.

#### 6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Remind children that if they feel overstimulated, they should try to take deep breaths or even go for a short break to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes too intense, remind them it's OK to suggest continuing it later or in a different setting. This can prevent things getting out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.

#### 7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT

Talk openly to children about what respect means to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other. It's worth, to strangers and even to people we might disagree with. You could use examples of inappropriate or inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.

#### 8 SEEK COMMON GROUND

When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can support them by trying to find positive ways forward by helping identify areas of agreement or common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between differing opinions and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from demonising each other.

#### 9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL

It's important that we make it clear to children they must avoid name-calling, teasing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation productive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and saying or doing something hurtful.

#### 10 REFLECT AND LEARN

After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they handle well? How might they improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future? You could use role play, writing and drawing prompts, or hypothetical examples to further develop their skills in choosing respect during a disagreement.

#### Meet Our Expert

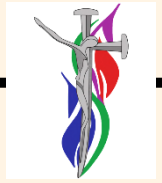
The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) co-ordinate anti-bullying week each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to enhance their ability to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They welcome membership from any organisation or individual that supports this vision and support a free network of thousands of schools and colleges.



Source: See full version at [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com)



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## WEEKLY DIARY

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

### **Monday 24th November**

Choir – KS2 – Lunchtime  
Dance – KS2 – 3.15pm-4.00pm  
Netball Training – Yr 5 & 6 – 3.15pm-4.15pm

### **Tuesday 25th November**

Recorder Club KS2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m.  
Boys Football Match – 3.30pm St John Vianney V All Souls (home game)  
**NO FOOTBALL TRAINING**  
Multi-Skills – 3.15pm-4.15pm

### **Wednesday 26th November**

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.

### **Thursday 27th November**









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  
Netball Match – 3.00 pm St John Vianney V St Augustine's (away game)



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## ATTENDANCE SJV

EYFS and KS1		KS2	
Class Name	Weekly Attendance	Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Nursery	98.04% 	Year 3	99.63% 
Reception	99.63% 	Year 4	98.96% 
Year 1	99.56% 	Year 5	99.63% 
Year 2	99.63% 	Year 6	94.79% 



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Bablake School Sports Hall,  
Coundon Road, Coventry,  
CV1 4AU

April-September  
(summer/outdoor): Bablake  
School Playing Fields,  
Hollyfast Road, CV6 2NB

### When?

October-April  
Monday evening (hardball)  
Saturday morning (development  
group)

April-September  
Monday evening (all)

### Contact us

For more info or to book a  
taster session, please contact  
us on:

✉ [cgccmembershipsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cgccmembershipsecretary@gmail.com)

☎ 07403492077 (WhatsApp  
only)

<https://coventrygirls.play-cricket.com>



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Money made from the purple shop  
will contribute towards school  
equipment for the children & to  
help with travel costs for school  
trips.



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the QR code to join our FB page!



## **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.