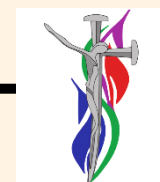




# ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 28th November 2025

## WEDNESDAY WORD

“Advent is like a springtime, when everything is renewed and so is fresh and healthy.” St Teresa of Calcutta  
(Mother Teresa)



Well done to the Stars of the week

Nursery	Eulalia & Samuel
Reception	Collis & Cooper
Year 1	Harrison & Robyn H
Year 2	Eala & Jacob
Year 3	Rowan & Mia
Year 4	Kayden & Harry
Year 5	Elisha & Anais
Year 6	Chloe, Millie & Bobby
Sports	Isabelle Y5 & Hugo Y2



## KEY DATES

- 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
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Belgrade Visit for Nursery & Reception – 12.30pm – 2.45pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Father’s Induction Mass – 6.30pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Performance for KS1 – 9.15am
- 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – N & R Christmas Performance – 9.15am
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Carols & Readings in Church – KS2
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Rock Steady Concert – 2.30pm

## OUR MISSION THIS WEEK

WRITE A PRAYER, INVITING JESUS TO COME INTO YOUR HEART THIS ADVENT. HE IS THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS AND WANTS HIS LIGHT TO FILL YOU WITH HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE THIS ADVENT. ONCE YOU HAVE WRITTEN YOUR PRAYER YOU CAN PLACE IT BY AN ADVENT WREATH OR ON THE WALL. IF YOU PREFER THOUGH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHOW OTHERS, YOU CAN KEEP IT CLOSE TO YOUR HEART, SO IT'S JUST FOR YOU AND JESUS.





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Dear parents,

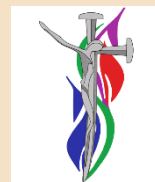
The season of Advent begins this Sunday. Advent is the time to start preparing to celebrate Christ's birth - God's momentous arrival into our world in the person of Jesus. Advent is also the season of hope: a time to think deeply about Jesus' return at the end of time, which we read about in this Sunday's Gospel.

Advent is a time to do more good deeds. Even small, good deeds bring more of Christ's light into our world and make us ready to welcome Jesus at any time.

So, let's use this season of Advent to be open to welcome the Lord, to make a fresh start and to draw closer to God. The message is clear for all of us: we are to stand ready!



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This week we have raised money for Mary's Meals a charity that is close to our hearts and one in which St Andrew's house wished to support. Thank you to everyone that brought in money. St Andrew's house led a beautiful House Mass in the hall on Friday which made Mrs Littlewood very proud as their House leader.

Year 2 led a lovely inspire Workshop in preparation for Bambinelli Sunday when Fr Alex will bless all baby Jesus' and cribs from Nativity sets, this will happen on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm Mass which Year1, Yr2 and Yr4 will lead.

We wish Year 6 a safe journey to Dol-Y-Moch today. We know that they will have lots of fun and learn so many new skills. Thank you to Mrs Holmes, Mr Chatland, Mr Carroll and Mrs Gosling for supporting their trip and giving up your time to give the children an amazing experience. Please follow us on twitter- we will try and post as often as we can get Wi-Fi signal, but please bear with us.

Thank you to the people from Krishna Temple who came in to school to talk to Year 1 and Year 5 about their faith. They learnt such a lot, and it was good to hear the children talk about their knowledge and understanding.

There are lots of activities happening over the next few weeks please keep track of them through the letter that was sent home during the week.

Raffle tickets from SJV church have been sent out this week. Please return all sold and unsold tickets by 9<sup>th</sup> December.



## WEEKLY DIARY

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

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Choir – KS2 – Lunchtime

Dance – KS2 – 3.15pm-4.00pm

Netball Training – Yr 5 & 6 – 3.15pm-4.15pm – **LAST SESSION**

### Tuesday 2nd December

Recorder Club KS2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m.

**NO FOOTBALL TRAINING**

Multi-Skills – 3.15pm-4.15pm

### Wednesday 3rd December

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

Running Club Key Stage 2 – 8.00 – 8.30 a.m. – **LAST SESSION**

Guitar Tuition

Dance Year 1 and 2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m.

Girls Football Training – 3.15 -4.15 p.m. – **LAST SESSION**

### Thursday 4th December

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m. – **LAST SESSION**

Piano Tuition

Creative Flair Dance Year 1 - 4 - Lunchtime









Cricket – KS1 and KS2 – 3.15pm-4.00pm



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## ATTENDANCE SJV

EYFS and KS1		KS2	
Class Name	Weekly Attendance	Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Nursery	96.43% 	Year 3	97.04% 
Reception	95.19% 	Year 4	99.22% 
Year 1	100% 	Year 5	95.56% 
Year 2	99.26% 	Year 6	96.18% 

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# TRACKING DEVICES

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTag have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These smart tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### STALKING AND HARASSMENT



Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to track individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labeling AirTags "the weapons of choice of stalkers and abusers." In the UK, use of tracking devices to monitor contact card tracking cases reportedly rose by 40 percent between 2019 and 2021.

### TOOLS FOR BULLYING



Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even when at school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying via apps like Home that should be school-owned devices.

### FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to "prove" ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a device on another person's belongings to follow them (there is that word).

### INVASION OF PRIVACY



These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realizing.

### DIFFICULT TO DETECT



Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without periodic checking or the right look to detect them, children and young people might not realize they're being tracked.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Items, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.

### CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be placed include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the device if it's linked to.

### USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 15.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's Tracker Detect or the third-party app, WalkAway, to detect tracking devices from various manufacturers.

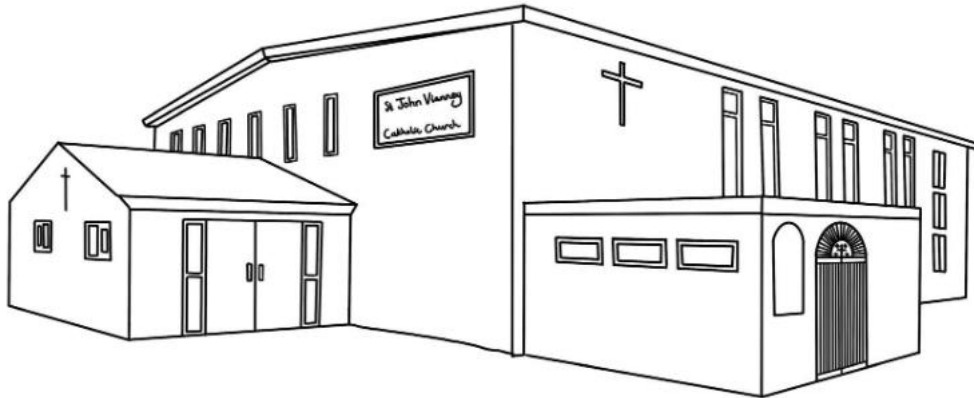
### HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Discuss the legal consequences of using them to stalk, harass, or monitor someone.

### Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with bylines in Wired, TechCrunch, The Guardian, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, and The New York Times. He specializes in consumer tech, online safety, and emerging risks in the digital landscape.





## **St John Vianney Parish Advent Program 2025**

Throughout Advent, before all Sunday masses, there will be 30 minutes of ***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament***. At 9.10am on Sundays, the ***Rosary*** will be prayed.

***Confessions/Reconciliation*** will be available after each Sunday Mass except 21<sup>st</sup> December after 9.30am Mass. Please speak to Fr Alex, and he will gladly hear your confession.

***Annual Blessing of Family Christmas Tree and Nativity scenes in your homes*** - during Advent up until 23<sup>rd</sup> December, Fr Alex and Deacon Andy would like to invite you to get the Christmas Tree in your home blessed in preparation for the great feast. Please get in touch with the parish office.

### **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

#### ***Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November***

5.30pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6.00pm – *Blessing of the Advent Wreath during Vigil Mass of Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> Sun of Advent)*

#### ***Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November***

9.00am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary (at 9.10am)

9.30am – *Blessing of the Advent Wreath during Sunday Mass (1<sup>st</sup> Sun of Advent)*

4.00pm – *Blessing of the Christmas Crib (Broadgate, City Centre)*

#### ***Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December***

7.00am – **Mass at Our Lady's Altar**

#### ***Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December***

6.30pm – **Induction Mass of Fr Alex** as Parish Priest of St John Vianney by Monsignor Canon Tom Farrell, followed by Reception in the School Hall.

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

#### ***Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December***

5.30pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6.00pm – **Vigil Mass of Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of Advent)**

#### ***Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December***

9.00am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary (at 9.10am)

9.30am – **Sunday Mass (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of Advent)**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
7.00pm – **Mass by Candlelight at Our Lady's Altar and Night Prayer**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
6.30pm to 7.30pm – *Journey in Faith*. Session begins in Church.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
6.00pm - *Parish and School Advent Carol Service*.  
Festive service with Christmas Tree Light switch on, followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies in the Parish Hall afterwards. All are welcome and invited to wear a Christmas jumper. Christmas Raffle Tickets available.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
9.00am – **Whole School End of Term Mass**  
9.45am – *Christmas Cheer drop-in* until 12 noon in Parish Hall.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
7.00am - **Rorate Caeli Mass by Candlelight in honour of Our Lady**.  
Bacon batches and refreshments in Vianney House afterwards (Please sign up by calling the presbytery or emailing the parish by 3.00pm Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December).

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - *Bambinelli Sunday*  
5.30pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6.00pm – **Vigil Mass of Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of Advent)** – *KS1 Blessing of Baby Jesus (Bambinelli)*  
Confessions available after Mass.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
9.00am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary (at 9.10am)  
9.30am – **Sunday Mass** (Blessing of Crib figures).  
Confessions available after Mass  
3.30pm – Vespers and Benediction

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
7.00am – **Mass at Our Lady's Altar**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
7.00pm to 7.45pm – *Adoration and Rosary by Candlelight finishing with Night Prayer*

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
6.00pm – **Vigil Mass of Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> Sun of Advent)**  
Confessions available after Mass.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
9.00am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary (at 9.10am)  
9.30am – **Sunday Mass (4<sup>th</sup> Sun of Advent)**  
*Parish Christmas Raffle Draw made in the Parish Hall after Mass*  
3.30pm – Vespers and Benediction

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
7.00pm – **Mass at Our Lady's Altar** and Night Prayer

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**  
10.00am – **Mass**  
10.30am – 11.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.  
Confessions available.



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## **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.