



ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 12th December 2025

WEDNESDAY WORD

Dear Parents,

“For those who love, nothing is too difficult, especially when it is done for the love of Jesus Christ.”

St Ignatius of Loyola

Well done to the Stars of the week

Nursery	Whole Class
Reception	Rafael & Zachary
Year 1	Robyn B & Callie
Year 2	Meara & Amelia
Year 3	David & Isla
Year 4	Astrid & Xin-Chi
Year 5	Lucy & Isabelle
Year 6	Holly, Alex & Anella
Sports	George Y1 & Harry Y4

KEY DATES

- 13th Dec** –6pm- Bambinelli Mass-Years 1,2 & 4
- 15th Dec** – Choir singing at St Judes Care home– 1pm
- 16th Dec** – KS1 & KS2 trip Beauty & the beast.
- 16th Dec** – 9am – Phonics workshop for Reception
- 17th Dec** – Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner
- 18th Dec** – KS1 School Disco – 3.15pm – 4.15pm
- 18th Dec** – KS2 School Disco – 4.30pm – 5.30pm
- 19th Dec** – 9am – End of term Mass

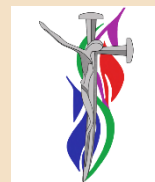
OUR MISSION THIS WEEK

SHARE THE JOY THAT JESUS HAS COME INTO THE WORLD. WRITE SOMEONE YOU LOVE A CHRISTMAS CARD AND AS WELL AS WISHING THEM A HAPPY CHRISTMAS, SHARE WITH THEM THE GOOD NEWS THAT JESUS HAS COME INTO THE WORLD AND THAT HE LOVES THEM





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Dear parents,

Jesus Christ came to draw everyone into his love - to joyfully share in God's own life. How can we live and love more like Christ as we journey through Advent? Perhaps we can: always try to be fair, honest, generous and ready to go out of our way to help anyone who is in need; as a family, resolve to support a local or national good cause in the coming new year; make a special effort to let other family members know how much we love them.

This week we have had 2 lovely nativity plays performed by KS1 and the Foundation Stage, respectively. The children brought great joy to our hearts through their singing and the retelling of the Christmas Story. They have made us aware of the real reason behind Christmas. It is not just about the giving and the receiving it is about celebrating the birth of our saviour.

KS2 led a beautiful Carol Service in Church in conjunction with the parish. It was wonderful to celebrate Advent with our parish. The singing was beautiful from both past and present pupils. My thanks to all the staff throughout the school who have prepared the children for Christmas and helped them to put on these wonderful celebrations.

Thank you to all parents who have shown kindness to staff by expressing thanks to the staff for all of their hard work.

As we prepare for our final week in school, we will celebrate Mass on the last day of term, and all parents are very welcome to join us.

The choir will be singing at St Judes care home on Monday 15th

16th December 9:00am Phonics workshop for Reception

We also have our Christmas Disco on 18th December so please ensure the money is brought into school by Monday 15th.



WEEKLY DIARY

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

Monday 15th December

Choir – KS2 – Lunchtime – **NO SESSION**

Dance – KS2 – 3.15pm-4.00pm – **NO SESSION**

Netball Training – Yr 5 & 6 – 3.15pm-4.15pm – **NO SESSION**

Netball Match – 3.00 – 4.00 against Holy Family (Home)

Tuesday 16th December

Recorder Club KS2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m. – **FINISHED**

Boys Football Training - FINISHED

Multi-Skills – 3.15pm-4.15pm - **NO SESSION**

Wednesday 17th December

Mini Tennis Years 3 and 4 – 7.45-8.30 a.m. – **NO SESSION**

Running Club Key Stage 2 – 8.00 – 8.30 a.m. – **NO SESSION**

Guitar Tuition

Dance Year 1 and 2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m. **NO SESSION**

Girls Football Training – 3.15 -4.15 p.m. – **NO SESSION**

Thursday 18th December

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m. – **NO 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	96.32% 	Year 3	98.33% 
Reception	98.87% 	Year 4	95.74% 
Year 1	95.56% 	Year 5	97.78% 
Year 2	99.63% 	Year 6	92.01%

Healthy Bladder and Bowel Workshop For Children With Additional Needs



All families are invited to attend a one hour toilet training workshop delivered by The Children's Bladder and Bowel Specialist Team

**Please book a place
via telephone**



02476961416



Virtual workshops

Monday 12th January 6pm

Friday 16th January 10am

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

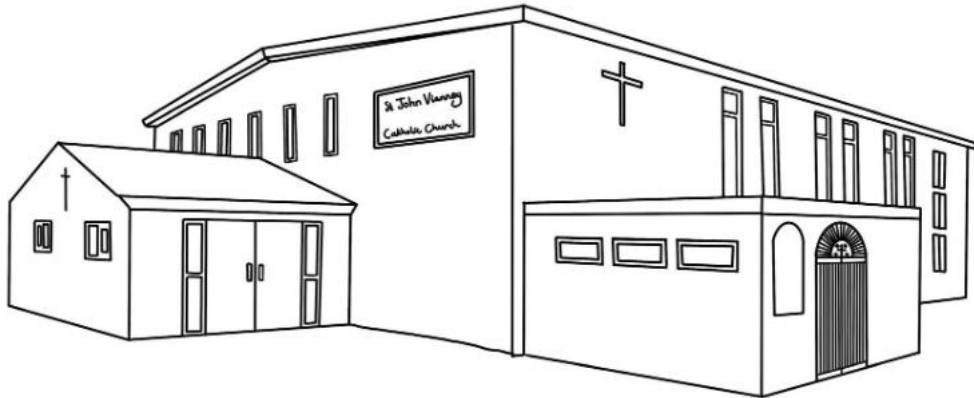
Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



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 21st 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 23rd 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 29th November

5.30pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Sunday 30th November

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

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

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

Monday 1st December

7.00am – **Mass at Our Lady's Altar**

Thursday 4th 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 6th December

5.30pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6.00pm – **Vigil Mass of Sunday (2nd Sun of Advent)**

Sunday 7th December

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

9.30am – **Sunday Mass (2nd Sun of Advent)**

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

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

Thursday 11th 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 12th December
9.00am – **Whole School End of Term Mass**
9.45am – *Christmas Cheer drop-in* until 12 noon in Parish Hall.

Saturday 13th 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 12th December).

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)

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

Sunday 14th 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 15th December
7.00am – **Mass at Our Lady's Altar**

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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

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

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



St. John Vianney Purple Shop



£1 per item!

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



Please email:
sjvcoventrypta@gmail.com or scan
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. 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.