



# ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents,

Wishing you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas and good health in 2026.



## KEY DATES

**24<sup>th</sup> Dec** –6pm - Christmas Mass for children & families

**25<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 9.30am – Christmas Day Mass

**5<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Back to school

**5<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Reception Vision Screening

Thank you from all the staff for the kindness you have shown with the wonderful gifts given but most importantly your kind words. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Thank you to the PTA and all the staff that made the disco's a big success. Special thanks to the PTA who decorated the hall and sorted the snacks and drinks as well as music. A good night was had by all.

### Well done to the Stars of the week

Nursery	Ethan & Thea
Reception	Francis & Millie
Year 1	Jasriya & Bobby
Year 2	Max C, Riley, Jude & Ren-Yee
Year 3	Corneliusz & Erinn
Year 4	Gioele & Edith
Year 5	Mihrimah & Elisha
Year 6	Alfie, Ania & Taylor





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## WEEKLY DIARY

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

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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

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

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

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Recorder Club KS2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m. – **NO SESSION**

Boys Football Training – **NO SESSION**

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

Reception Music - Lunchtime

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m. – **NO SESSION**

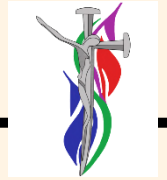
Piano Tuition

Creative Flair Dance Year 1 - 4 – Lunchtime








Boys Football match – St Augustine's - Away



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## ATTENDANCE SJV

EYFS and KS1		KS2	
Class Name	Weekly Attendance	Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Nursery	89.08%	Year 3	98.89% 
Reception	98.15% 	Year 4	98.05% 
Year 1	98.22% 	Year 5	99.63% 
Year 2	98.52% 	Year 6	95.49% 

# 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.



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trips.



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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.