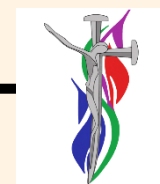




# ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents,

John the Baptist gave witness to what Jesus did and who Jesus really was. Now we too are called to be God’s witnesses through living our lives the way Jesus shows us.

Everywhere we go we can give witness to God’s love – spreading joy and peace.

## KEY DATES

- 20<sup>th</sup> Jan - Yr 1 Phonic workshop
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan - Yr 4 Inspire Workshop
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Yr 3 Assembly
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y6 Visit to Islamic Exhibition Centre
- 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y4 Class Mass 2pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Y1 Reading Café 9am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Service of light 6pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Non-Uniform day – bring in Chocolate

## OUR MISSION THIS WEEK

Your mission is to behold Jesus in the eucharist. The best way to do this is in a sacred prayer time called adoration. This happens in most churches at least once a week, so you could make a special effort to go there. It may be that you have a tabernacle in school which could be opened at lunchtime for adoration or the priest could visit school and organise adoration for you. Make sure to spend time with Jesus there, looking at him, letting him look at you and sharing your love with the one who loves you perfectly.

### Well done to the Stars of the week

Nursery	Reeva & Shea
Reception	Albie & Alfie
Year 1	Oliver & Aubree
Year 2	Max C & Emmeline
Year 3	Karter & Mia
Year 4	Alfie & Elikem
Year 5	Ella-Rose & Oliver
Year 6	Victory, Ming & Harold
Sports	Leo K Y6 & Emily Y1





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This week we had a beautiful service of light led by Year 6 pupils. Fr Alex talked to the pupils about making a promise and commitment to their faith. Each child bore witness to their faith. They lit a candle and swore on the bible placing their trust in Jesus Christ – the light of the World. Well Done Year 6.

This year has been designated as The National Year of Reading . We have already made a great start with our Reading Cafes which have had good attendance. Our children thoroughly enjoy having stories read to them and thank you to everyone who attended.



## **Snow days**

If school has to close due to the snow, we will keep you informed by sending a text to parents. We will also announce it on our school website, Twitter and messages will be put on See-saw and Tapestry.



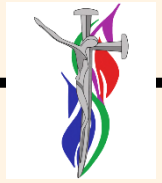
# ST JOHN VIANNEY NURSERY



## Come and join our Nursery

We currently have spaces in our Nursery for September 2026. If you know of any children who will be 3 by August 2026 and are looking for Nursery places, we are now taking applications. Application forms can be collected at the school or downloaded from our school website [www.sjv.hccmac.co.uk](http://www.sjv.hccmac.co.uk) If you have any queries / questions please call into the school office or email [sjv\\_nursery@hccmac.co.uk](mailto:sjv_nursery@hccmac.co.uk)





## WEEKLY DIARY

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

### **Monday 19th January 2026**

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

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

Recorder Club KS2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m.  
Boys Football Training  
Multi-Skills – 3.15pm-4.15pm  
Reception Music – Lunchtime  
Year 1 Phonic workshop  
Netball match – Holy Family (Home)

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

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 – 3.15 -4.15 p.m.

### **Thursday 22nd January 2026**

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m.  
Piano Tuition  
Creative Flair Dance Year 1 - 4 – Lunchtime  
Boys Football match – St Augustine's – Away  
Year 4 Inspire Workshop  
Boys football match – St Osburgs (Home)

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026**







Year 3 Assembly



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## ATTENDANCE SJV

EYFS and KS1		KS2	
Class Name	Weekly Attendance	Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Nursery	97.22% 	Year 3	94.07%
Reception	97.41% 	Year 4	96.53% 
Year 1	95.11% 	Year 5	97.41% 
Year 2	99.63% 	Year 6	94.1%

# 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.

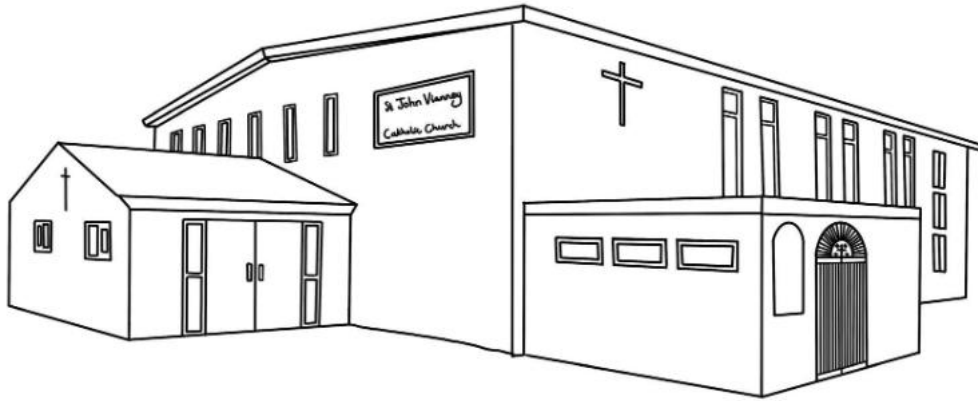
### Meet Our Expert

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

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## **St John Vianney Parish Weekly Schedule 2026**

### **Holy Mass**

Tuesday - 9.00am

Wednesday - 9.00am

Thursday - 10.00am

Friday - 9.00am (with School during  
term time)

Saturday - 10.00am

Saturday - 6pm (Vigil Mass of  
Sunday)

Sunday - 9.30am (Sunday Mass)

*Times of liturgies may change due  
to funerals or other parish events.  
Please always check the latest parish  
newsletter.*



## 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.



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