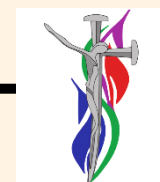




ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 30th January 2026

Dear parents,

A happy heart is a sign of God’s Spirit within us. This Sunday’s Gospel shows us how to be happy. We don’t have to search around for happiness: it comes from within. When we listen to Jesus and follow his ways we are filled with happiness!

KEY DATES

- 3rd Feb** – Y1 Reading Café 9am
- 3rd Feb** – Service of light 6pm
- 5th Feb** – Non-Uniform day – bring in Chocolate
- 10th Feb** – Y2 Phonics Workshop 9am
- 12th Feb** – Chocolate Bingo 5pm
- 13th Feb** – Y5 Class Assembly 9am
- 13th Feb** – Last day

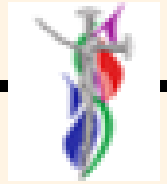
OUR MISSION THIS WEEK

Your mission is to lay down your electronic devices and read a page of the word of God instead. That means find a bible and read a page, or more. When reading your bible you could find today’s story. It’s in Matthew’s gospel, chapter four. Before you read, invite the Holy Spirit to help you hear what God is saying to your heart personally. Read and be aware of what stands out. Then pray and ask God what he wants to say to you through those specific words

Well done to the Stars of the week

Nursery	Whole Class
Reception	Francis & Finley
Year 1	Alfie & Bobby
Year 2	Zoe & Fionn
Year 3	Daniel & Sara
Year 4	Frankie & Astrid
Year 5	Mekhi & Roisin
Year 6	Harrison & Alana





We all want to be happy, to have a sense of well-being and inner joy. Jesus' Sermon on the Mount teaches us how to discover the true happiness for which we were created. Living in the way that Jesus taught us, knowing that we are loved forever by God our Father and responding to that love by loving others, is the path to everlasting happiness – to live forever with God

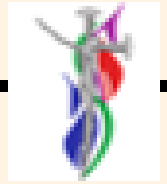
Congratulations to Year 4 who led a beautiful Mass in class today. Thank you, Mr Allen and Mrs Cook for preparing the class and thank you Fr Alex for celebrating Mass.



Congratulations to Mr Chatland and his partner on the birth of their baby boy Jude on Monday 26th January. We wish them every happiness and know that Mr Chatland will make a great dad.

This week we have had visitors from across the MAC come into school to see the amazing writing happening in every class. All the children could talk about their work with great confidence. We wowed the visitors with the high standard of work in each class and the vocabulary, presentation and support for everyone was considered exemplary. Well done to all pupils and teachers.

Year 6 had an excellent trip to the Islamic centre this week to learn about the Muslim faith. It is part of the National curriculum and our British values to show tolerance and respect. Our children were excellent role models, and their behaviour was outstanding. Well done everyone.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

We're currently looking for a Teaching Assistant and a Lunchtime Supervisor to join our school team.

The roles are ideal for someone who enjoys working with children and being part of a supportive school community.

If you are interested, or if you know someone who might be, please click the link for more information and details of how to apply.

Lunchtime Supervisor link:

[Teaching & Education Jobs Search | Find Teaching, Leadership & School Support Vacancies](#)

Teaching Assistant link:

[Teaching & Education Jobs Search | Find Teaching, Leadership & School Support Vacancies](#)

The closing date is 2nd February at 12pm.

Thank you for helping us spread the word.



WEEKLY DIARY

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

Monday 2nd February 2026

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

Tuesday 3rd February 2026

Recorder Club KS2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m.
Boys Football Training – 3.15-4.15pm - **CANCELLED**
Multi-Skills – 3.15pm-4.15pm
Reception Music – Lunchtime
Year 1 Reading Café – 9am
Year 3 – Service of Light – 6pm

Wednesday 4th February 2026

Mini Tennis Years 3 and 4 – 7.45-8.30 a.m.
Running Club Key Stage 2 – 8.00 – 8.30 a.m. - **CANCELLED**
Guitar Tuition
Dance Year 1 and 2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m.
Girls Football Training – 3.15 -4.15 p.m. - **CANCELLED**

Thursday 5th February 2026

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m.
Piano Tuition
Creative Flair Dance Year 1 - 4 – Lunchtime
Non-Uniform Day – Chocolate Donations Please

Friday 6th February 2026








Swimming Gala – Pingles – KS2 – 8.30am-2.30pm



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ATTENDANCE SJV

EYFS and KS1		KS2	
Class Name	Weekly Attendance	Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Nursery	92.66%	Year 3	96.67% 
Reception	95.93% 	Year 4	98.26% 
Year 1	99.11% 	Year 5	98.15% 
Year 2	99.63% 	Year 6	97.22% 



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 If you have any queries / questions please call into the school office or email sjv_nursery@hccmac.co.uk



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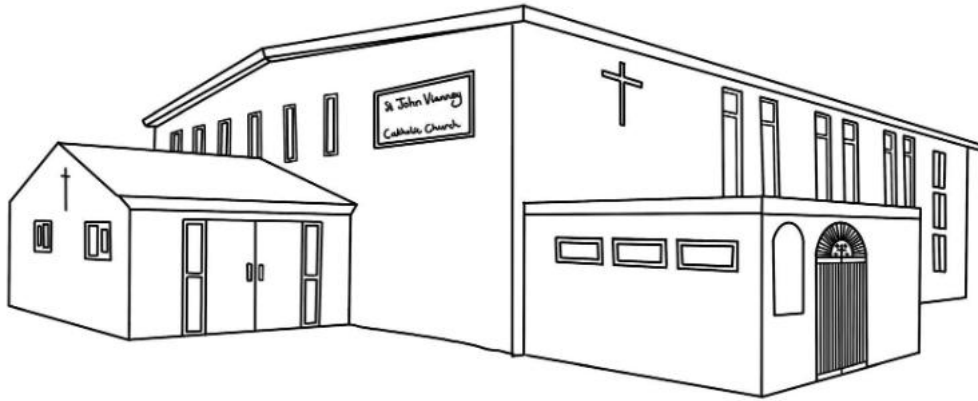
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6:30pm from the 20th
February at
Finham Park School



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.*

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MARVEL RIVALS



ESRB advise nobody under the age of 13 should play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

Advice for Parents & Educators

FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.



Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor at the Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, he has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.





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