



ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 27th March 2026

Dear parents ,

“Holy Week is a time to give Jesus our hearts. On the Cross, He gave us all of His love.”

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Today, the children retold Holy Week through drama, song and music. They were respectful throughout and showed a deep understanding of the importance of Holy Week in our lives.

Easter Sunday is the greatest day in the Church’s calendar. Through Jesus’ resurrection, we are given hope, knowing that God’s love is stronger than anything.

Everyone is warmly invited to take part in the Easter celebrations at church this weekend. As a family, you might also think of simple ways to make Easter Sunday special at home. Is there someone you could brighten Easter for with a small act of kindness?

FUTURE DATES

13th Apr – Back to school

22nd Apr – Nursery open morning 9-9.45am

23rd Apr – Y6 Inspire Workshop – 9am

24th Apr – Reception Class Mass – 9am

27th Apr – Y5 to Alton Castle

29th Apr – Y5 return from Alton Castle

30th Apr – Y3 Inspire Workshop – 9am

9th May – Y3 FHC Mass – 11.30am

11th May – SATS week

21st May – Reception Class Assembly – 9am

22nd May – Last day of term

OUR MISSION THIS WEEK

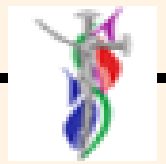
Your Mark 10 mission this Holy Week is to go to Mass.

Attending Mass, especially during Holy Week and Easter, is a truly special experience. How wonderful would it be if you went to church this week and saw many familiar faces from school?

That is our prayer: that our churches are filled this Holy Week, so full that there are more people than seats.

Are you with us?





We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy and Holy Easter from all the staff.



THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

2ND APRIL – HOLY THURSDAY

7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until Midnight (Parish Hall)

11.45pm Night Prayer

3RD APRIL – GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am – Morning Prayer & Office of Readings

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

6.00pm Stations of the Cross

4TH APRIL – HOLY SATURDAY

10.00am Morning Prayer & Office of Readings

8.00pm Easter Vigil

5TH APRIL – SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

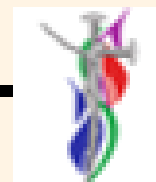
9.10am Morning Prayer

9.30am Easter Sunday Mass *with FHC and Confirmation*





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






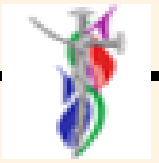
Well done to the Stars of the week

Nursery	Daniel & Emilis
Reception	Erica & Finley
Year 1	Whole Class
Year 2	Aubree & Thea
Year 3	Whole Class
Year 4	Harry & Katie
Year 5	Ruby C & Austin
Year 6	Ania & Victory



ATTENDANCE SJV

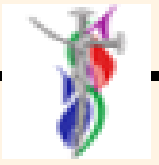
EYFS and KS1		KS2	
Class Name	Weekly Attendance	Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Nursery	98.88% 	Year 3	98.89% 
Reception	95.56% 	Year 4	93.75% 
Year 1	99.11% 	Year 5	95.93% 
Year 2	96.67% 	Year 6	95.49% 



Congratulations!

Our Festival of Arts Winners





CONGRATULATIONS!

TO OUR SPORTING HERO'S

A great performance by our Netball team in their Catholic League match against St Augustine's. Well done to both teams 🍀🍀 #SportAtSJV



Our KS1 Gymnastics Team at today's @YourSchoolGames event. Everyone worked so hard on their vault and floorwork routines and had lots of fun! 🍀🍀 #SportAtSJV



Our KS2 Girl's Cross Country Team at yesterday's event! 🍀. A special shout out to our A Race runners who finished in joint second overall and to Evelyn who won the B Race! Fantastic effort by everyone, well done girls! 🍀🍀 #SportAtSJV





Announcements

We are delighted to share some exciting staff updates with our school community.

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mrs Drohan-Mills on securing a Deputy Headship at Sacred Heart School. We are incredibly proud of her achievement and wish her every happiness as she begins her new role on 1st May.

We are also delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Kelleher as class teacher. Mrs Kelleher previously taught at St John Vianney for three years before gaining further experience teaching in Dubai. She brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise, and we are thrilled to welcome her back to the team.

Mrs Ryan will continue her valued work in Reception while completing her teaching qualification. She knows the children exceptionally well, and we are confident that this will ensure a smooth and seamless transition.

In addition, we warmly welcome Miss Martin, who will be joining us as a teaching assistant after Easter. Mrs Frempong will also continue in her important role, supporting children across the school.

We look forward to this next chapter and thank all our staff for their continued dedication and commitment.



WEEKLY DIARY

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

Monday 13th April 2026

Choir – KS2 – Lunchtime
Dance – KS2 – 3.15pm-4.00pm
Netball Training – Yr 5 & 6 – 3.15pm-4.15pm - **NO SESSION**
Netball Match against Sacred Heart (Home)

Tuesday 14th April 2026

Reception Music – Lunchtime
Recorder Club KS2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m.
Boys Football Training – 3.15-4.15pm

Wednesday 15th April 2026

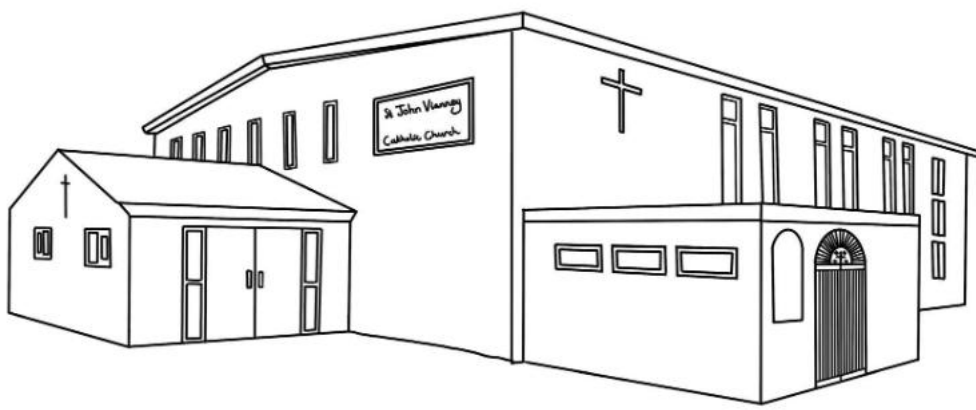
Running Club Key Stage 2 – 8.00 – 8.30 a.m.
Guitar Tuition
Dance Year 1 and 2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m.
Girls Football Training – 3.15 -4.15 p.m.

Thursday 16th April 2026

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m.
Piano Tuition
Creative Flair Dance Year 1 - 4 – Lunchtime
Boy's Football Match against St Thomas More (Away)

Friday 17th April 2026

Gaelic Football Training Y5 & Y6 – Lunchtime



**HOLY WEEK AT SAINT JOHN VIANNEY
28TH MARCH – PALM SUNDAY**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil

Meet outside the front door at 5.55pm for the blessing of palms and procession into church.

29TH MARCH – PALM SUNDAY

9.30am Sunday Mass

Meet in school grounds at 9.25am, access only via church carpark for the blessing of palms and procession into church.

30th March – Monday of Holy Week

No Mass

31st March – Tuesday of Holy Week

11.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12 Noon Holy Mass

7.00pm Coventry West Mission Group – Confessions at St Thomas More

1st April – Wednesday of Holy Week

8.30am Holy Mass

11.30am Chrism Mass at St Chad's Cathedral



Easter Holiday

Activities

Fun, active and flexible holiday
childcare for ages 5-11

At **Coventry**

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8.30 to 9am drop off 3.30 to 4pm collection

Early drop off 8.30am +£3

£18
per day

4 days for **£68**

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TENNIS COACHING CAMP EASTER 2026

For children in school years
Reception to Year 10

Tues 31st March, Wed 1st & Thurs 2nd April

Time: 1:00 - 4:00pm

Cost £20 per day or £50 for full 3 day course

Members and multi-player discounts available

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A PLACE

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or WHATSAPP for the link



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SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosey around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and surfing behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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