



ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 8th May 2026

Dear parents,

“Let the Holy Spirit be your helper and guide; He will not fail to lead you to peace.”

Pope St. John Paul II

Jesus tells the disciples that, when he returns to heaven, he will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to be their helper.

This is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is God’s loving gift to every believer, helping us understand Jesus’ words and reminding us that God is always close to us.

The Holy Spirit is our helper, who guides us to live more like Jesus – to grow in faith and to be filled with the peace and goodness that come from God.

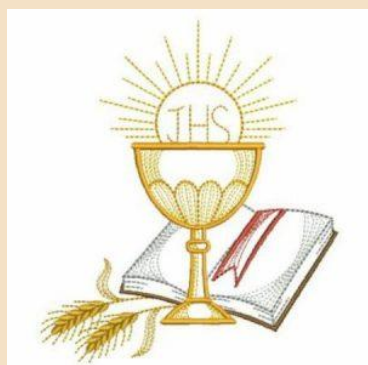
FUTURE DATES

- 9th May – Y3 FHC Mass – 11.30am
- 11th – 14th May – SATS week
- 15th May – Non-uniform day. Bring a bottle for the Gala
- 21st May – Reception Class Assembly – 9am
- 21st May – Y6 Confirmation Mass – 6pm
- 22nd May – May Procession – 9am
- 22nd May – Last day of term
- 5th Jun – Y1 & Y2 Twycross Zoo
- 12th Jun – Gala Day
- 14th Jun – Children’s Mile
- 19th Jun – KS2 Twycross Zoo
- 22nd Jun – N and R Twycross Zoo

OUR MISSION THIS WEEK

Jesus made you a great promise in the gospel, that whatever happens, you will never be alone. He asks the father at every moment of every day to send the Holy Spirit to be your helper and guide. Your mark 10 mission is to write a short thank you prayer to Jesus, thanking him for his love and the gift of the Holy Spirit.





This weekend, I ask you to keep Year 3 in your prayers as they make their First Holy Communion. The children have been very well prepared by Mrs. Connolly, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Honey and Fr Alex, and we thank them for all their hard work in making this such a special occasion.

We hope the sun shines for them on Saturday. Thank you also to all the children supporting us in the choir, and to the staff who will be there to support Year 3 on this important day.

We also ask for prayers for Year 6 who start their SATs next week. We are praying to St Joseph of Cupertino

"O Great St. Joseph of Cupertino, who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination only the questions you knew, obtain for me a like favour in the examinations for which I am now preparing. In return, I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked.

Through Christ our Lord. St. Joseph of Cupertino, Pray for us. Amen."

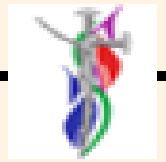
Please keep Year 6 in your prayers. They will be starting each day with Breakfast Club, which we are grateful to Morrisons for supporting, and of course to Mr. and Mrs. Aulton. Thank you for helping the children to feel relaxed, settled and ready to begin the day.



SAVE THE DATE

Gala Day Friday 12th June





Congratulations!



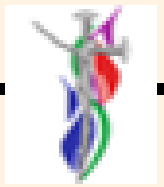
Congratulations to children across the school that entered the Nuneaton Festival of Arts for their writing.

We were so pleased to win many Firsts, Seconds and Certificates of Achievement.





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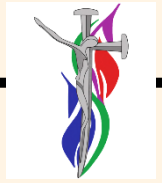
Well done to the Stars of the week

Nursery	Aryiah & Shea
Reception	Sonny & Isabella
Year 1	Shauna & Aubree
Year 2	Riley & Max M
Year 3	Sam & Connor
Year 4	Caolan & Gioele
Year 5	Devon & Wendy
Year 6	Harold & Milo
Sports	Cian (Y1) & Isla (Y5)



ATTENDANCE SJV

EYFS and KS1			KS2		
Class Name	Weekly Attendance		Class Name	Weekly Attendance	
Nursery	97.97%		Year 3	98.57%	
Reception	94.29%		Year 4	98.21%	
Year 1	98.86%		Year 5	100%	
Year 2	97.62%		Year 6	97.32%	



WEEKLY DIARY

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

Monday 11th May 2026

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

Tuesday 12^h May 2026

Reception Music – Lunchtime
Recorder Club KS2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m.
Boys Football Training – 3.15-4.15pm – **NO SESSION**
Boy's Football Match against St John's (Away)

Wednesday 13th May 2026

Running Club Key Stage 2 – 8.00 – 8.30 a.m.
Guitar Tuition
Piano/Guitar Assembly – 9.30 a.m.
Dance Year 1 and 2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m.
Girls Football Training – 3.15 -4.15 p.m – **NO SESSION**
Girl's Football Match against Grangehurst (Home)

Thursday 14th May 2026

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m.
Piano Tuition
Creative Flair Dance Year 1 - 4 – Lunchtime
Cricket – 3.15-4.15p.m

Friday 15th May 2026

Non-uniform day – bring a bottle for the Gala



Chorister Open Evening

19th May 2026



Venue: Coventry Cathedral

Who can attend? Open to Boys & Girls in current school Years 2-6

Date: Tuesday 19th May, 16:30-18:30

- Open to all children considering auditioning for the cathedral choir
- Meet and sing with the cathedral choristers in a cathedral liturgy
- Have a tour of the cathedral, and experience the cathedral organ close up
- Parents will hear their children singing in the Cathedral choir, meet with other parents & meet the Director of Music



 **Sign Up!** 

Scan the QR code to sign up for this event or click the link: tinyurl.com/choristeropenevening



ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHILDREN'S LITURGY



SIXTH & SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY 9TH MAY & 16TH MAY

6.00PM

Saint John Vianney Church, Coventry

ALL CHILDREN WELCOME



"Getting to Know You" Afternoon

Saturday 16 May 2026 (2-4 p.m.) in the Parish Hall

Are you new to the parish? Don't know many people yet?

Come along to meet members of the Pastoral Care Group and each other.

Tea, coffee, squash (for the children) and cakes will be served.

All welcome

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTED
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online videos are often associated with apps such as YouTube, but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a potentially addictive, never-ending stream of short clips tailored to users' interests based on their viewing habits. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while most content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where young people are "most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

TikTok's following feed shows videos selected from browser creators, while the 'For You' feed serves endless clips based on viewing habits. Much content is suitable for children, but some is not. Some, not suitable for long enough, signals released to the algorithm. Although TikTok does flag or remove inappropriate uploads, the volume of posts remains high. Through, increasing the chance that children encounter age inappropriate material when it is shared or reposted.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Recent reports that social media harm is for girls involve body image, while boys more often see dangerous stunts. Both types appear frequently on TikTok and spread widely through its engagement-driven algorithm. Harmful challenges have included the "ice bucket" test, where users held their breath, and playing with fire. These challenges often children, and linked to the trend, involving their activities in ways parents may not be aware of. Young people are negatively influenced there.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but children can spend money. TikTok coins, costing £1.80 to £2.20, are used for gifts for creators. TikTok Shop offers risk for selling products from influencers or companies, sometimes leading to poor quality items often by persuasive marketing. A Swedish investigation found TikTok collected personal data from many children for targeting and advertising, despite age limits, including using users' map data without their parents' permission.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

More than 1.6 billion people use TikTok, meaning there's a high risk of unwanted attention from strangers. Accounts created by even 16 for young people using a fake name or email can be made visible by default. This means that not only is contact a possible option in every post, but that it also suggests that videos to others and others invited to be liked or commented on them.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

TikTok's short videos may appear light-hearted, but they can expose young people to harmful ideas, misinformation, extremism, and other issues that rarely are found on TV. It's now made use of TikTok as a news source, increasing the chance of seeing real, unregulated, unedited or unverified content. Even short clips can influence impressionable users and shape their worldview, making discussions about online thinking, propaganda and other influences especially important for parents and educators.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

TikTok's fast-paced stream of eye-catching videos can be particularly addictive for young users. In 2019, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the platform, that's the time recorded in 2019. Researcher even such short clips, because they're so short, are distinct from traditional websites. Carefully stopping between short clips may also affect attention spans, making it harder to focus on longer tasks such as homework or reading.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's to make it manage settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (including the removal of all adult content, inappropriate content), set screen time limits, make accounts private and manage what and how often their child can send messages - and if they want to, share their screen with their settings without parental approval.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks, issues they don't share any identifying personal information in response to dangerous trends, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more time being spent on the app, it's important to talk about misinformation and propaganda.

BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

Parents can use their app just as on iPhone and Android devices to prevent accidental or impulsive in-app spending. Young people can easily spend large amounts on TikTok coins or low-quality products purchased through TikTok Shop. It's disappointing to check errors, but it's a common problem. However, restricting children to low purchases can be misleading.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been particularly affected by watching their videos, it's important to know how to spot the signs, increase visibility to and talk to your child about potential risks, or to help to improve themselves or stopping needs. Remember, the parental controls are free for creators, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

Meet Our Expert

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