



# ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear parents,

**“To have courage for whatever comes  
in life – everything lies in that.”**

**St Teresa of Avila**

Most of us require courage at some time in our lives, so it's good and helpful to nurture courage in our children. As our children mature, it's essential for them to be brave and have the courage to say 'no' when necessary, even if it means going against the crowd or speaking up for truth.

It takes courage to stand up for the truth. This Gospel reminds us not to be afraid to speak out for what is right and true. Courage helps us to do many great things: to resist temptations, to overcome obstacles and to face our fears when we have followed what is good.

## FUTURE DATES

**29<sup>th</sup> Jun** – Send Review Day

**30<sup>th</sup> Jun** – Choir Performance at  
Warwick University – 3.30pm

**1<sup>st</sup> Jul** – Y6 Transition Day

**6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Jul** – KS2 Performance –  
Aladdin

**10<sup>th</sup> Jul** – Rocksteady Concert

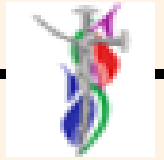
**15<sup>th</sup> Jul** – Nursery assembly/Graduation

**17<sup>th</sup> Jul** – Last day of school

## OUR MISSION THIS WEEK

**This week, try to make as many  
decisions for Jesus as you can.  
That could mean choosing to do  
the right thing when it's hard,  
forgiving when everyone is  
angry or sharing when nobody  
else is. These simple acts are a  
perfect way of showing your  
love for Jesus.**





This week, we have been learning about Refugee Week, whose theme is *Courage*. We have learned a great deal about diversity and celebrated our different cultures, recognising that we are part of a rich and diverse society. We follow Jesus' example and recognise that we are made in God's image, and we follow our one school rule to

**'Love one another as I have loved you'**

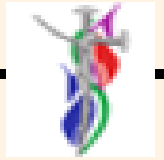
We have been learning about forced migration and have read books to help us understand the experiences and plight of other children around the world. We were fortunate to welcome Pru Porretta MBE into school to learn more about Coventry's heritage and to hear stories from other cultures.



Thank you to everyone who brought items into school for our Bags of Hope, supporting refugees, older people, people with disabilities and families in need. Thank you also to our fabulous PTA and to all the parents who supported our Gala Day last Friday.

It was a shame that the weather was so awful in the morning, but by the afternoon the sun came out, and we were able to enjoy the BBQ and bouncy castle.

We are also grateful to all the staff who stayed to support this event. Special thanks go to KT Leigh Dance Troupe for their wonderful display and to Emilie Holmes for her beautiful singing.



We hope, weather permitting, to hold the races on **Friday 10th July at 1.00pm**. If the rain prevents this, the children will complete the races during their PE lessons.

The children who visited Twycross Zoo this week showed impeccable behaviour and were excellent ambassadors for our school. EYFS are looking forward to their visit on Monday, and looking at the weather forecast, they will need plenty of sun cream!



Congratulations to Reception Class, who led a lovely prayer service with Fr Alex this afternoon. Thank you to Mrs Kelleher and Mrs Ryan for preparing the children so well, and to all the parents who attended.

## Parking Around School

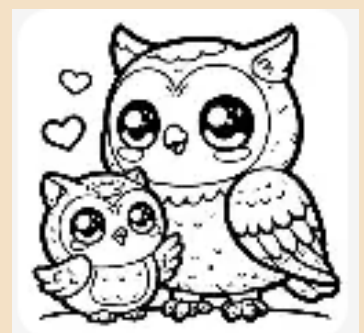
We kindly ask all parents and carers to be mindful when parking around the school site. Please avoid parking on the slip road on the bend, as we have received concerns and complaints from local residents about vehicles being parked in this area during drop of and collection.

We also ask that you do not park on the zigzag markings or double yellow lines. These restrictions are in place to protect the safety of our children, families and residents.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in helping to keep our school community safe at the beginning and end of each school day.

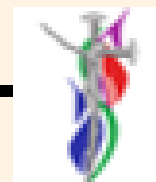
## REMINDER

**Owl's club places are filling up fast. If you require a place in September, please return your completed application form ASAP as it is first come first served basis. The deadline is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at the very latest**





# ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY



## Well done to the Stars of the week

|           |                              |
|-----------|------------------------------|
| Nursery   | Whole Class                  |
| Reception | Whole Class                  |
| Year 1    | Whole Class                  |
| Year 2    | Max & Noah                   |
| Year 3    | David & Petra                |
| Year 4    | Oliver & Xayne               |
| Year 5    | Whole Class                  |
| Year 6    | Alfie & Eva                  |
| Sports    | Evie-Grace (Y2) & Conor (Y5) |



## ATTENDANCE SJV

| EYFS and KS1 |                                                                                            | KS2        |                                                                                              |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Class Name   | Weekly Attendance                                                                          | Class Name | Weekly Attendance                                                                            |
| Nursery      | 98.5%   | Year 3     | 100%    |
| Reception    | 95.56%  | Year 4     | 95.83%  |
| Year 1       | 90.22%                                                                                     | Year 5     | 98.52%  |
| Year 2       | 98.15%  | Year 6     | 97.85%  |



## WEEKLY DIARY

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

### **Monday 22nd June 2026**

N & R – Twycross Zoo  
Choir – KS2 – Lunchtime  
Dance – KS2 – 3.15pm-4.00pm  
Netball Training – Yr 5 & 6 – 3.15pm-4.15pm - **NO SESSION**  
Girl's Football Match against Christ The King (Home)

### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026**

SEND Review  
Reception Music – Lunchtime  
Friendly Futsal Competition – Yr3/4 – 1.00-3.00pm  
Recorder Club KS2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m.  
Boys Football Training – 3.15-4.15pm

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Running Club Key Stage 2 – 8.00 – 8.30 a.m.  
SEND Review  
Visit to Oscott College – Y6 – 8.45 a.m  
Nursery Inspire Workshop – 9am  
Guitar Tuition  
Dance Year 1 and 2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m.  
Girls Football Training – 3.15 -4.15 p.m.

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m.  
SEND Review  
Catholic Athletics at Warwick University – 9.30 – 2.00p.m  
Piano Tuition  
Creative Flair Dance Year 1 - 4 – Lunchtime  
Cricket – 3.15-4.15p.m

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Whole school Mass SS Peter and Paul – 9.00 a.m



# **St John Vianney** **Catholic Primary School**



## **Terms and Holidays 2026/2027**

| Term                   | Pupil Dates                                                                                                                                        | Staff Training Days                                                                                                                |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Autumn 2026</b>     | Wednesday 2nd September 2026 to<br>Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2026                                                                            | <b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>                                                                                            |
| <b>HALF TERM</b>       | <b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2026 – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2026</b>                                                                 |                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Autumn 2026</b>     | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026 to<br>Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026                                                                   |                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b> | <b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2026 – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2027</b>                                                                 |                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Spring 2027</b>     | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027 to<br>Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2027                                                                    |                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>HALF TERM</b>       | <b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2027 – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2027</b>                                                               |                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Spring 2027</b>     | Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2027 to<br>Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027                                                                   |                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>EASTER BREAK</b>    | <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027 – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2027</b>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Summer 2027</b>     | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027 to<br>Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027<br><br><b>Mayday bank holiday: <u>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027</u></b> |                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>HALF TERM</b>       | <b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2027 – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2027</b>                                                                         |                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Summer 2027</b>     | Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2027 to<br>Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2027                                                                           | <b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July<br/>Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday<br/>20<sup>th</sup> &amp; Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup><br/>July</b> |
|                        | <b>END OF ACADEMIC YEAR</b>                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |



BERKSWELL &  
BALSALL COMMON  
TENNIS CLUB



# TENNIS COACHING CAMP SUMMER 2026

For children in school years  
Reception to Year 10

Course A: Tue 28th / Wed 29th/ Thur 30th July

Course B: Tue 4th/ Wed 5th/ Thur 6th Aug

Course C: Tue 11th/ Wed 12th/ Thur 13th Aug

**Time: 1:00 - 4:00pm**

Cost £20 per day / £50 per full 3 day course

Member discount and multi-player discount available

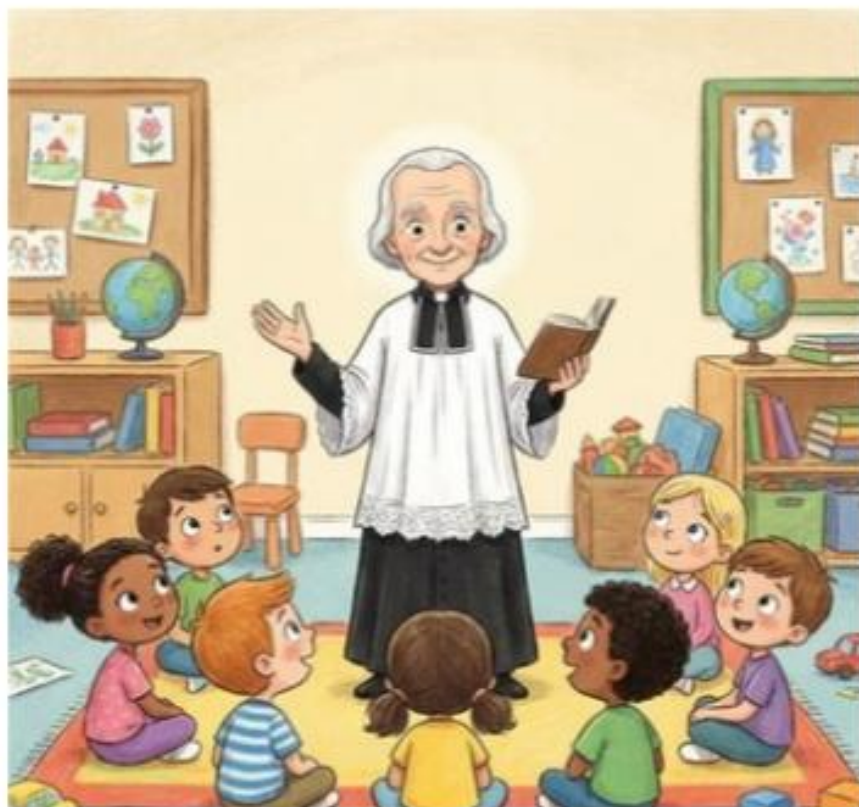


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# ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHILDREN'S LITURGY



11<sup>TH</sup> & 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

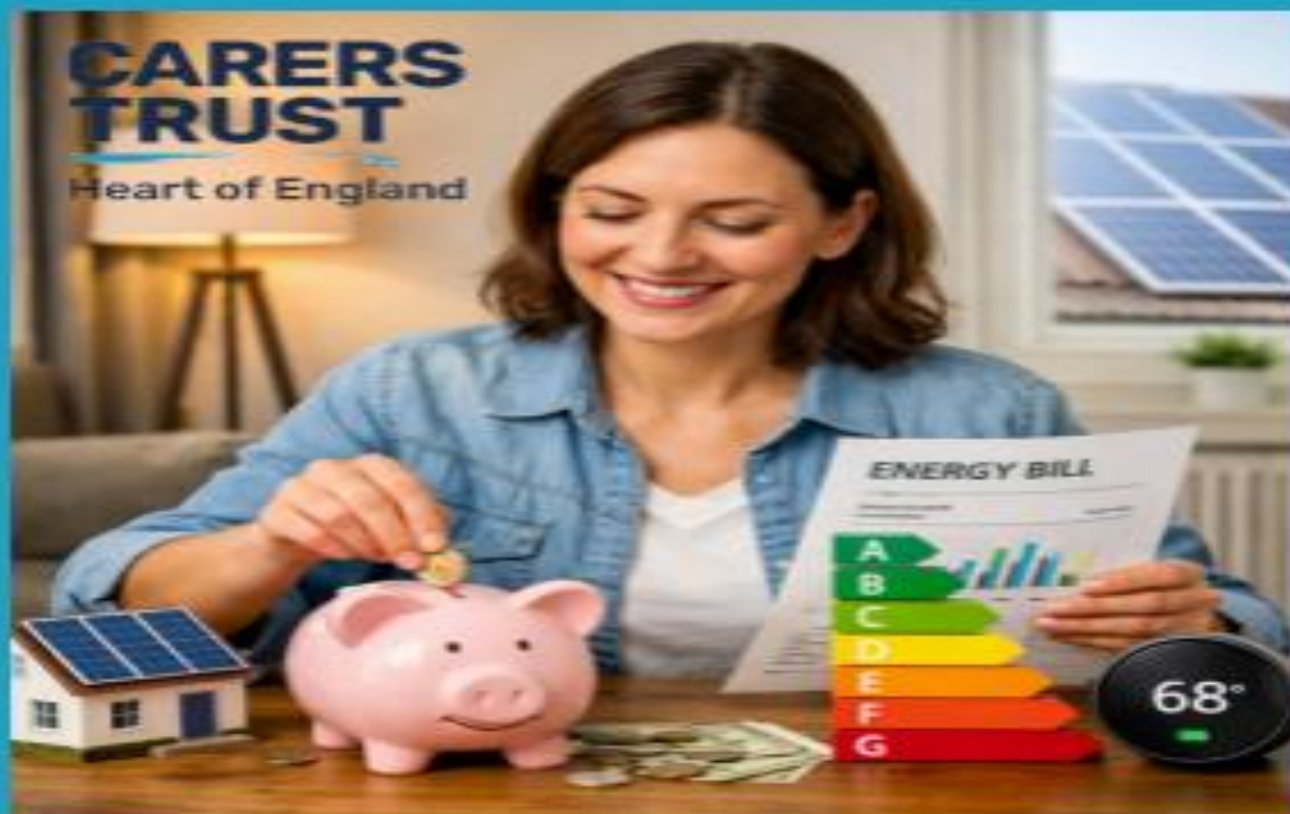
**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**6.00PM**

Saint John Vianney Church, Coventry

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# FAMILY FUN DAY

*Courage*



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Belgrade Theatre, CV1 1GS



Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026



11am-3pm

Scan to register



Refugee  
Week

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

### 1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children. They observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Try to model how you should interact respectfully with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour has influence among people and helps them to realise that respect and kindness is a healthy way.

### 2 AGREE TO DISAGREE

Teach your children from a young age to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other's point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can agree to disagree, using better listening skills when doing this can also help build empathy and understanding of others.

### 3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING

Teach children about the importance of active listening that is, making a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even (or perhaps especially) if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for a better understanding of their point of view, which in turn can make it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.

### 4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS

If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Teaching them thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel..." or "I think..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.

### 5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER

When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on critiquing and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused the upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I didn't like how you interrupted me" is better than, "You're so rude!" This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to resolve the situation.

### 6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Remind children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take deep breaths or even get a short break to help them stay composed. It's a conversation technique the instant, remind them it's OK to suggest continuing it later as in a different setting. This can prevent things getting out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.

### 7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT

Talk openly to children about what respect means to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other in friends, in strangers and even to people who might disagree with them. You could use examples of disrespectful/inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.

### 8 SEEK COMMON GROUND

When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can support them in finding a more positive way forward by helping identify areas of agreement or a common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between differing opinions and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from perceiving each other.

### 9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL

It's important that we make it clear to children they must avoid name-calling, swearing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation constructive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breathers – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and ending in doing something hurtful.

### 10 REFLECT AND LEARN

After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. Discuss why they became upset and how they might improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future. You could use role play, writing and drawing pictures, or hypothetical scenarios to further develop their skills in choosing respect during a disagreement.

### Meet Our Expert

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) co-ordinates anti-bullying work each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in schools, groups, clubs and homes. They welcome members that support this vision and support it free of charge.



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# Hearing Screening Clinics for Reception Children



Did you know your child is entitled to a free hearing test whilst they are in reception class? Here are signs that may indicate hearing difficulties:

- Not responding when called
- Speaking very loudly
- Frequently asking for repetitions or responding inappropriately
- Increasing volume on devices
- Appearing to daydream
- Slow to learn or unclear speech
- Frequent frustration or aggression

## May-July 2026

### May

**Mon 11th May 26**  
9:15am - 4:30pm  
Pathways Family Hub  
Laurence Saunders  
Road, Radford  
CV6 1HD

**Thurs 28th May 26**  
9:30am - 4:45pm  
Central Library,  
West Orchard Way,  
CV1 1FY

### June

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June 26**  
9:30am - 4:00pm  
Moat Family Hub,  
Deedmore Road,  
CV2 1EQ

### July

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July 26**  
9:15am - 4:30pm  
Harmony Family Hub,  
Clifton Street,  
Hillfields,  
CV1 5GR

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July 26**  
9:15am - 4:30pm  
Aspire Family Hub,  
Humber Avenue,  
CV1 2SF

To book an appointment, contact the School Nursing team using the details below. Please include the following details: child's full name, child's date of birth, school attended by the child, contact email address, telephone number and preferred clinic location and date.



Main contact tel: 01926 495321 Ext 7494



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