



ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 10th July 2026

Dear parents,

“Before we speak, it is necessary for us to listen. God speaks in the silence of the heart.”

St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Children love to be listened to, and being heard helps them to grow in confidence and self esteem. If, from a young age, they know that we truly listen to them, they are far more likely to continue listening to us as they mature.

Listening to the right people and the right messages is important for both us and our children. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear Jesus inviting us to listen to him and put his words into action.

FUTURE DATES

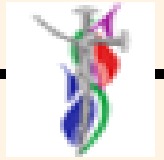
1st Sept – Teacher training day

2nd Sept – Back to school

OUR MISSION THIS WEEK

Make your heart good soil by choosing to listen to god's word at home. Make time for prayer and reading the bible. Watch some of our videos at home, they always contain the words from the bible and a quiet space to pray. See the summer break as a chance to deepen your friendship with Jesus.





Congratulations to Year 6 and to all the children who took part in our production of *Aladdin*. It was a fantastic performance by every child. It was wonderful to see so much hidden talent from Year 6.

Well done, everyone! You are all stars, whether you took on a leading role or supported in the choral parts. Thank you for giving your best and earning two standing ovations. We are all incredibly proud of you.

Thank you to the Key Stage 2 staff for all their support, with special thanks to Mrs Holmes and Mrs Cook.



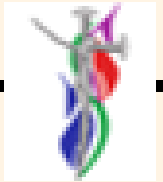
This week, our Language Ambassadors gave visitors a tour of the school and shared all that we have done over the past two years as part of our Schools of Sanctuary journey. Year 3 also visited the Warwick Arts Centre to join the Royal Ballet in learning a song and dance linked to this theme for Dance for Rights. Our children were absolutely amazing.

A selection of children spoke confidently to the visitors about everything they had learned regarding refugees and asylum seekers. We are now waiting to hear whether we have achieved the accreditation.

Last week, a selection of children sang at Warwick Arts Centre with an orchestra. Their behaviour was exemplary, and their singing was out of this world. Thank you to Mrs Cooke for teaching them to sing so beautifully.

Congratulations to Reception Class, who led a wonderful assembly showcasing all they have learned throughout the year. They were amazing, and we are so proud of the confidence they showed in standing in front of so many parents, singing and delivering their lines. Thank you to Mrs Kelleher and Mrs Ryan for all their hard work behind the scenes.

My thanks also go to the members of the PTA who supported the Key Stage 2 performances by selling drinks. We are very grateful for your continued support.



ATTENDANCE SJV

EYFS and KS1		KS2	
Class Name	Weekly Attendance	Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Nursery	92.54%	Year 3	96.67% 
Reception	98.15% 	Year 4	96.18% 
Year 1	98.67% 	Year 5	97.04% 
Year 2	100.00% 	Year 6	95.34% 



WEEKLY DIARY

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

Monday 13th July 2026

Choir – KS2 – Lunchtime – **FINISHED**
Dance – KS2 – 3.15pm-4.00pm - **FINISHED**
Netball Training – Yr 5 & 6 – 3.15pm-4.15pm – **FINISHED**
Boy's Football Match (Away) against All Souls.

Tuesday 14th July 2026

Reception Music – Lunchtime – **LAST SESSION**
Recorder Club KS2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m. – **FINISHED**
Boys Football Training – 3.15-4.15pm – **FINISHED**
Girl's Football Final against Ernesford Grange – To be played at St Christophers

Wednesday 15th July 2026

Running Club Key Stage 2 – 8.00 – 8.30 a.m. – **FINISHED**
Guitar Tuition – **LAST SESSION**
Ice Cream Van – 1.00 p.m. - £1 donation from parents
Nursery Assembly/Graduation – 2.00 p.m.
Dance Year 1 and 2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m. – **FINISHED**
Girls Football Training – 3.15 -4.15 p.m. – **FINISHED**
Year 6 leavers BBQ – 3.15 – 5.30 p.m.

Thursday 16th July 2026

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

Friday 17th July 2026

Year 6 Leavers Mass – 9.00 a.m.



St John Vianney **Catholic Primary School**



Terms and Holidays 2026/2027

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

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. We all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Modeling parental journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviour and being road safety-conscious as they prepare to drive independently. Add noise perspective activities like spotting electric vehicles – which only sound a given number of pips – and pinpoint how quiet they are. Children learn by watching adults, not just from their parents' right or wrong, but the best rule of thumb.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is more during darker winter days, and it's more to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers on the roads. In your daylight conditions, encourage children to wear bright, light or fluorescent clothing, which is dark, even when it's not bright or reflective such as a reflective vest or jacket.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and have their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practice double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're coming back to school, they should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children in cars should not be playing with keys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of slowing down at crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and speed advice that could make a big difference. For safety, children must stop and think before they get on the bus and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing at junctions or if they've played a game of tag. Even if traffic seems to be going off, it could still be approaching very quietly.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it – stopping before they get to it. It's better to stop there to see if anything is coming, rather than getting too close to traffic, is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road a safe distance so they can see any approaching traffic.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising safer crossings or pavements over streets, footpaths and roads. First, it's a place where they can see the road from both directions. Next, crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or points where traffic turns, instead of trying to cross from the side, is a good way to cross. From there, use their eyes and ears together when crossing the road, as well as when they walk to traffic. Before they cross, it's a good idea to look out for any approaching traffic, including cyclists, including cars and motorcycles or any other vehicles.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. It's an accident waiting to happen. If crossing in this way, it's likely to be a bad idea. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as a guide, looking out for any approaching traffic before crossing. They should also look out for any approaching traffic, including cars and motorcycles or any other vehicles. They should always make sure there's a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle. It's extremely dangerous, and it's best to avoid the vehicle reversing and to be on the road. They must always be on the road, not playing inside the vehicle.

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing the road. They must wait at the rear of the bus and look both ways. This is a safe place to wait and be seen by all road users. Once they reach the pavement, it's perfectly safe to cross and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert

Wake Up Weds is a national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviour – what we're doing, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed or injured on the roads each year. Find out more at <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources>.



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