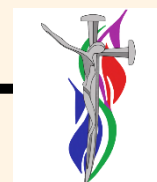




ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 17th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to making St John Vianney such a special place to learn, grow and flourish.

First and foremost, thank you to our amazing children. Each one of you has worked incredibly hard this year, showing determination, resilience and a genuine desire to learn. As we reflect on where many of you began in September, the progress you have made—academically, socially and spiritually—is something of which you should all be immensely proud. You truly have been the very best versions of yourselves.

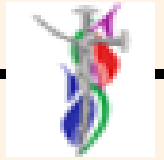
Thank you to our parents and carers for your unwavering support throughout the year. Whether helping with homework, attending school events, supporting fundraising initiatives or simply encouraging your children each day, your partnership with us is invaluable. Together, we have created a strong and caring school community where our children can thrive.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to our wonderful PTA. Your enthusiasm, generosity and countless hours of hard work have brought our families together through so many enjoyable events. Your commitment continues to make a real difference to our school community.

We are especially grateful to **Fr Alex** for his constant guidance, encouragement and support. Through our Masses, liturgies and celebrations of the Sacraments, he has helped our children and families grow ever closer to God, reminding us that Christ is always at the centre of all that we do.

To our dedicated staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment and care. Day after day you go above and beyond to inspire, nurture and challenge our children. Your hard work has enabled our pupils to achieve excellent standards of behaviour, develop a fantastic work ethic and grow in confidence, faith and character. You have lived out our school mission each and every day.





Congratulations to our Nursery children, who celebrated their Graduation this week. It was wonderful to see how much they have grown in confidence during their first year with us. We look forward to welcoming them into Reception in September as they begin the next exciting chapter of their learning journey.

Thank you to **Miss Shailer, Miss Murphy and Miss Waterworth** for the love, care and dedication you have shown to our youngest learners throughout the year.

Today we also say farewell to two much-valued members of our staff.

We wish **Miss Shailer** every success as she begins her new role as **EYFS Leader** at her new school. Having started her journey with us as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant before qualifying as a teacher, she has made a lasting contribution to our school community. We thank her for her dedication and wish her every happiness and blessing in this exciting new chapter.

We also say goodbye to **Mrs Ryan**, who leaves to begin her teaching career with a class of her own. Like Miss Shailer, Mrs Ryan has grown professionally during her time at St John Vianney, and we know she will take with her the knowledge, skills and values she has developed here. Her warmth, kindness and commitment to our children will be greatly missed.

Mrs Ryan and Miss Shailer, thank you both for everything you have given to our school. We know you will be wonderful teachers, and we pray that God blesses you both as you spread your wings and continue your vocation in Catholic education.

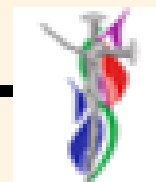
As we begin the summer holidays, may we all remember the words of Jesus that guide everything we do at St John Vianney:

"Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34)

May this continue to inspire us to show kindness, compassion and respect wherever we go. We pray that God watches over all of our families during the summer break, keeping you safe, healthy and happy, and bringing us back together refreshed and ready for another exciting school year.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership.
Have a wonderful summer, and may God bless you and your families.

**With every good wish,
Mrs Gosling**



FUTURE DATES

1st Sept – Teacher training day

2nd Sept – Back to school

There are still some spaces available for children to join the guitar lessons in September at school.

Please get in touch with Manhattan Music to secure your child's place on manhattanmusic.coventry@gmail.com.

Piano lessons are also available. The places are filled for September, but to add your child's name to the waiting list, please do get in touch.

Many thanks
Samantha Faulkner
Manhattan Music

ATTENDANCE SJV

EYFS and KS1		KS2	
Class Name	Weekly Attendance	Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Nursery	99.03%	Year 3	94.81%
Reception	91.85% 	Year 4	99.22%
Year 1	96.44%	Year 5	98.15% 
Year 2	98.15% 	Year 6	96.06% 
			

NEW FOR 2026

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

We're excited to be launching our brand new After School Club at your school!

- ✓ Fun, active and engaging sessions for children of all abilities.



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17TH AUGUST 2026

Club details and bookings will be announced and go live on this date.



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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	

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the Internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV, including on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer for streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new models also have Internet enabled – so that has you thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider their online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+, to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for those mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your account, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen, not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that excessive time in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases, buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a pretty big bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

UNCONVINING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that Internet-enabled TVs need not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of Internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to spy on users as owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've worked these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the parental rules.

CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs from their content partners such as BBC iPlayer to add services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of their viewing explicit content.

CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

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