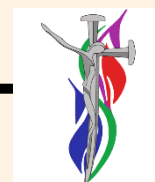




ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 25th September 2026

Dear parents,

**“To live is to change, and to be perfect
is to have changed often.”**

St John Henry Newman

In this Sunday's Gospel, the father represents God and the sons represent ways that we can respond to God.

Initially, one son refused his father's request, but then he had a change of heart for the better. This Gospel sets us a challenge.

Sometimes, we may not always respond to God in the best way.

However, God our Father is always there to welcome a change of heart. No matter how many times we need to start again, God will be there for us.

In this Sunday's Gospel, both sons changed their minds, but only one of them changed for the better. Each new day is an opportunity for us to change.

We can ask God to help us to change and so enrich our lives and the world around us, to love as Jesus loved and to change for the better.

FUTURE DATES

3rd Oct – Y6 Commitment Mass/ R Welcome Mass 6pm

6th Oct – Y1 Maths Workshop – 9am

8th Oct – Flu Immunisations Rec-Y6

12th Oct – Y2 Library Visit

13th Oct – Y5 Reading Café – 9am

14th Oct – Y6 St Chads Cathedral Visit

16th Oct – Y1 Library Visit

16th Oct – Y2 Prayer Service – 2pm

17th Oct – Y3 Commitment Mass – 6pm

19th Oct – Parent Consultation Meetings – 3.30 7.30pm

20th Oct – Parents Consultation Meetings 3.30 – 5.30pm

21st Oct – R & Y6 Heights & Weights – 9.15am

22 Oct – Y1 Class Assembly – 9am

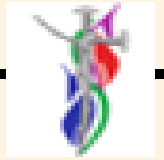
22 Oct – N & R Library Visit in School

23rd Oct – Wolf Run

23rd Oct – Last Day of term

2nd Nov – Return to School





Thank you to all the pupils who have brought items of food into school for the Food Bank, Carriers of Hope and for people from Stories of Hope and Home. The House Captains and Deputies will count the items. We are very grateful for all your donations.

Today, we had a lovely Welcome Assembly for Reception. Reception were absolutely amazing and sang their hearts out. We are so proud of you!

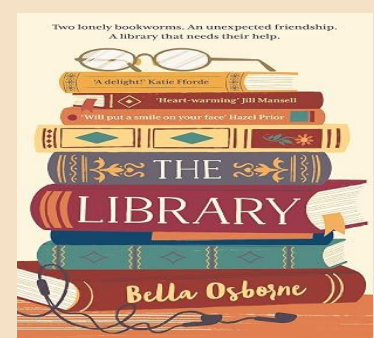
There was a fantastic turnout from family and friends to support the children. Thank you, Miss Gough, Mrs Frempong and Miss MacDonald, for your support and help.

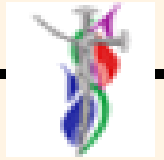
This week, we had Father Hudson's Caritas in school to talk about the work they do to help the homeless. Last year, a lot of our fundraising was to support this excellent charity.



Thank you to the parents who supported our Year 6 Reading Café this week. We have bought some lovely books to develop our reading for pleasure and magpie some creative skills. It is always lovely to have parents in school to support their child's learning.

Year 6 have also supported their reading for pleasure by visiting Allesley Library, and we hope that more children will use the library and borrow books to continue developing their love of reading.





REMINDERS

1st Oct - Yr1 Inspire Workshop

Cake Sale on 2nd Oct bring in cakes and £1

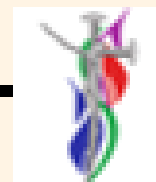
3rd Oct 5pm meeting in Church for Year6 parents and pupils
6pm Yr6 and Reception Mass in Church

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled. We already have a collection of sweatshirts, cardigans and P.E. Hoodies in school that are not labelled so we are unable to return them to the correct child

SINGING LESSONS

There are still a few spaces available for singing lessons. If your child would like to take part, please contact the school office for further information and to secure a place.



Well done to the Stars of the week

Nursery	Esme
Reception	Lilah & Brody
Year 1	Evelyn & Tommy
Year 2	Aidan & Willow
Year 3	Jacob & Meara
Year 4	Sienna & Vinnie
Year 5	Caolan & Macie
Year 6	Austin & Roisin
Sports	Conan (R) & Meara (Y3)

ATTENDANCE SJV

EYFS and KS1			KS2		
Class Name	Weekly Attendance		Class Name	Weekly Attendance	
Nursery	95.24%		Year 3	100%	
Reception	99.26%		Year 4	99.63%	
Year 1	100%		Year 5	97.49%	
Year 2	100%		Year 6	99.26%	



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WEEKLY DIARY

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

Monday 28th September 2026

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

Tuesday 29th September 2026

Y2 Maths Workshop – 9am
Reception Music – Lunchtime
Recorder Club KS2 – 3.15-4.00 pm
Boys Football Training – 3.15 – 4.15 pm – **NO SESSION**
Boys football match against CTK (Home) 3pm

Wednesday 30th September 2026

Running Club Key Stage 2 – 8.00 – 8.30 am
Guitar Tuition
Flag Football KS2- Lunchtime
Dance Year 1 and 2 – 3.15-4.00 pm
Girls Football Training – 3.15 -4.15 pm – **NO SESSION**
Girls football match against All Souls (Home) – 3pm

Thursday 1st October 2026

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 am
Piano Tuition
Y1 Inspire Workshop – 9am
Y5 Holy Family School – 10-12pm
Promotional School Meal
Creative Flair Dance Year 1 - 4 – Lunchtime
Cricket – 3.15-4.15pm
Boys football match against St John Fisher (Home) – 3pm

Friday 2nd October 2026

Harvest Mass & Cake Sale - 9am
Flag Football KS1 – Lunchtime

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children at a safe distance from any fireworks activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one gets near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000°C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than having one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are having your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and have a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and can't risk collapsing. Only burn wet or damp materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other chemicals. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both good choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, even just a candle is a fire hazard. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from a window, table or curtain. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any reckless dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply first aid to burns, so you can teach children these techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20-30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these trap heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other businesses, helping them to establish a safe working environment.



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SCHOOL NURSING NEWSLETTER

Primary Schools

Welcome

A big welcome to the autumn 2026 term! We hope you had a lovely summer and have settled into the back-to-school routine.

The school nursing service works all year round, Monday to Friday excluding public and bank holidays! Our details are at the bottom of the page. We can support with the following:

- Toileting
- Sleep
- Challenges with eating and diet
- Delivering the NCMP for Reception and Year 6 pupils
- Puberty
- Emotional/Mental health
- Managing behaviour
- Hygiene



IT'S TIME TO CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT!

As the weather becomes cooler, we can expect an increase in seasonal illnesses such as colds, flu, and other infections, including Norovirus. With this in mind, we'd like to remind everyone of the importance of practising good hand hygiene and following the "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it" guidance.

Remember to wash your hands thoroughly after blowing your nose, sneezing, or coughing to help prevent the spread of germs and protect those around you.

To refresh your knowledge of effective handwashing techniques, please watch the short video using the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>



Child Friendly Cov

The Child Friendly Cov campaign is committed to creating an environment where the needs of children are prioritized, ensuring that they are valued, safe, healthy, and have access to opportunities. If you are looking for information on safe locations and guidelines for traveling around the city with children, please visit www.childfriendlycov.co.uk



Immunisation

Ensuring your child is up to date with their vaccinations is one of the most effective ways to protect them against a range of serious illnesses. The Immunisation Team will shortly be contacting your child's school with details of their upcoming flu vaccination visit, during which the nasal spray vaccine will be offered.

Your child should have received their pre-school booster before starting Reception. If they have not, please contact your GP.

In the meantime, you can check your child's vaccination status by following the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

School year	Vaccine	To protect against
3 Year & 4 months	4-in-1 pre school booster	Diphtheria, Polio, Tetanus & Whooping cough
Flu vaccine	Annual vaccine offered to all from reception till they finish school	Protects against flu, which can lead to acute bronchitis and pneumonia. Please note - porcine free (gelatine free) option now available.

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!

Our brand new Coventry Family Health and Lifestyle Services website is now live!

We're excited to launch our brand-new website, bringing together information, advice and support for children, young people, and families.

Find the information you need when you need it.

Visit our new website today:

www.coventryfamilyhealthandlifestyleservices.nhs.uk



Contact us (Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, excluding bank holidays)

01926 495321 Ext 7494

swg-fr.contactschoolnurses@coventry.nhs.uk

Text via [ChatHealth](#) 07507 329 114 (Parent Line)



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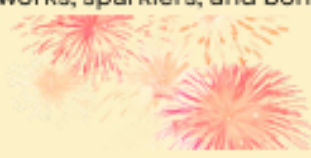
Firework, Bonfire & Sparkler Safety

- Adults should always supervise fireworks and bonfire displays. Never leave children or young people unattended around fireworks or bonfires.
- Ensure children always remain at a safe distance from bonfires and firework displays.
- Never carry fireworks in your pockets or set them off in streets or on roads.
- Do not approach or attempt to relight a firework that has already been lit.
- Before leaving, make sure bonfires are completely extinguished and safe.
- Always wear gloves when handling sparklers, as they can become hot enough to cause serious burns.
- Avoid waving sparklers near other people, and once finished, place them in a bucket of water to cool safely.



There is a wealth of information available on staying safe around fireworks, sparklers, and bonfires. Please take a moment to review the helpful resources linked below.

<https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/fireworks-safety>
<https://capt.org.uk/lessons-for-little-ones/>



Road safety

During the winter months, shorter days and reduced daylight can make it more difficult for drivers and other road users to see pedestrians. This is particularly important during busy school and nursery drop-off and pick-up times, when traffic levels are higher and visibility is often poorer. To help keep your child safe, it is essential that they are clearly visible when walking near roads, especially in low-light conditions. Wearing bright or fluorescent clothing during the day can significantly improve visibility. This could be as simple as a fluorescent strip on a coat, a high-visibility vest, or a bright patch attached to a school bag. These small measures can make a big difference in helping drivers spot children sooner and reducing the risk of accidents.

[Road Safety For Children | Child Accident Prevention Trust](#)



Fun Indoor Games for Colder Days

When the nights start to draw in, it can be harder to play outside. Why not try some of these fun indoor activities to keep busy, active, and smiling:

- ★ Build a cosy den and create your own secret hideaway.
- 🏃 Design an indoor obstacle course and race against the clock.
- 🔍 Go on a treasure hunt with clues hidden around the house.
- 💃 Have a dance party and show off your favourite moves.
- 🎨 Get creative with drawing, colouring, painting, or crafts.
- 🎤 Put on a talent show and perform for your family.
- 🎳 Play mini bowling using empty plastic bottles and a soft ball.
- 🧩 Challenge yourself with puzzles, board games, or word searches.
- 👨🍳 Become a junior chef and help make a tasty treat.

Indoor days can still be full of adventure, creativity, and family fun! ☀️

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