St John Vianney Catholic Primary

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear parents,

Jesus wants us to love each other.

When we care for and look after each other, through our words and through our actions, we are following Jesus' commandments.

This weekend's Gospel links with our one school rule

'To Love One Another as I have Loved You'

Sometimes we have to take time to understand that we are all different and have different needs.

We encourage our children to try to see each other's point of view and walk in their shoes.

I am proud to say many of our children have empathy and understand each other's reaction which shows great maturity.

Future Dates

9th Nov – Individual & Family Photos
9th Nov – Netball Match at Holy Family (Away)
10th Nov – Y3 Reading Café – 9 am
10th Nov – Boys Football Match at St Osburgs (Away)
11th Nov – Y 5 Class Mass – 2 pm
12th Nov – Reception Open Morning – 8.45 – 9.30 am
12th Nov – Re-arranged Cricket Session. Last one
13th Nov – Y6 Class Assembly – 9 am

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This week, we enjoyed a lovely assembly led by Year 1, who shared the importance of Harvest. They did so well learning their words, writing a poem and singing. Special thanks go to Miss Alessio and Mrs Halls for all their hard work in preparing the children. We were also delighted to see so many parents and relatives supporting the assembly.

The Library Service visited school to share their favourite books with our Nursery and Reception pupils. Remember to read, read, read and enjoy using the library! I have been busy hearing children read this week, and I appreciate the parents who regularly come into school to listen to our readers. Please remember to bring reading books into school every day, even if you have not had a chance to read at home.

Well done to all the children who took part in the Wolf Run today, and to the PTA members who supported the fun activities outside. We hope you continue to raise lots of money. Please remember to bring in your sponsorship money on 6th November, when we will be holding a non-uniform day.



Congratulations to the children who took part in the Tag Rugby competition this week. They had lots of fun! Well done also to our Dodgeball team, who won the competition for the first time. What a fantastic achievement!

A reminder about the end of the school day

Children should stand with their parents and leave the school site promptly so that our after-school clubs can begin on time. We have reminded the children that the trim trail and tyre park must not be used at the end of the day.

Manhattan Music Lessons

Manhattan Music lessons are continuing after half term, with limited spaces available for new pupils wishing to start piano or guitar lessons. If your child would like to take part, please contact manhattanmusic.coventry@gmail.com for further information on how to get started.

Places are limited, so please get in touch soon to avoid disappointment!

Additional INSET Day

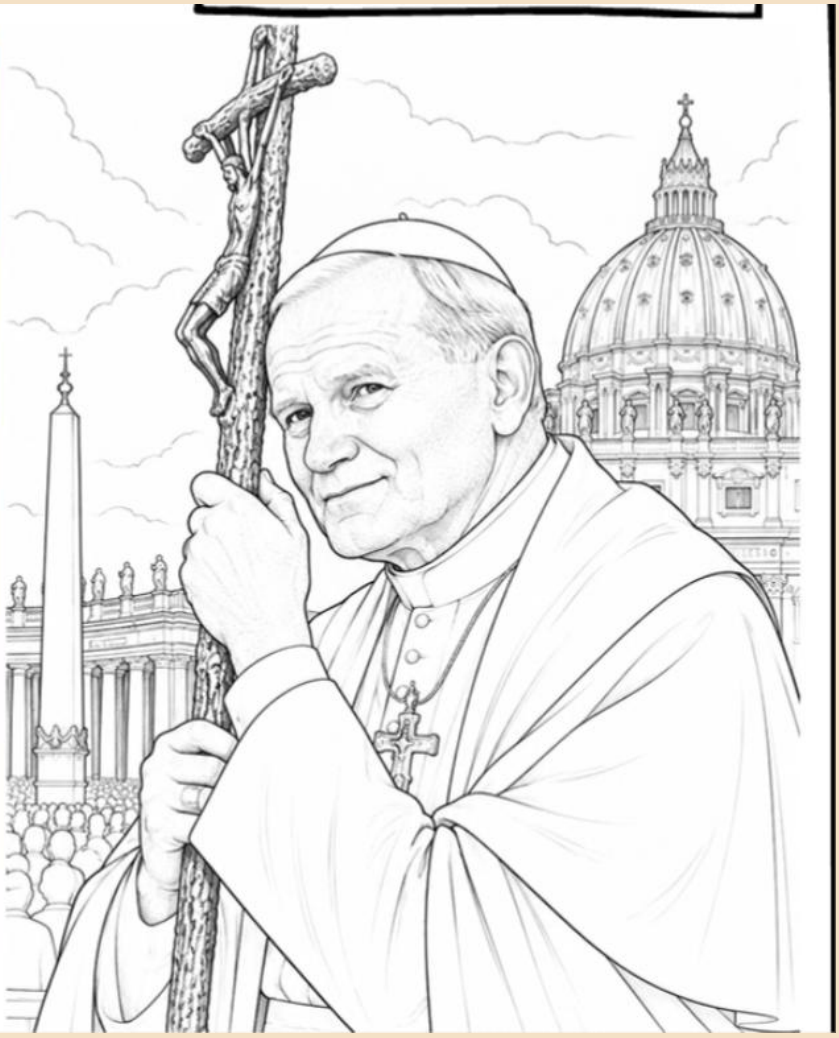
Please note that there will be an additional INSET day on Friday 12th February. School will be closed to all children on this day.

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POPE

POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II

FEAST
OCTOBER 22ND



WHO IS HE?

Pope St John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyła in Poland in 1920, and his great love for Jesus gave him courage when his country suffered under Nazi and Communist rule. He stood bravely for what was right, reminding people that every human life is precious to God and that no one should be afraid to live their faith. Through his Theology of the Body, he taught that our bodies are wonderful gifts from God and that we are made to love and give ourselves to others. He travelled the world sharing Jesus with millions, especially young people, encouraging them with words we can remember too: "Do not be afraid!"

WORDS OF ST JOHN PAUL II

"Listen carefully to God's voice in your heart. Do not be afraid.

Open your hearts. Open up your hearts to Christ.

The deepest joy there is in life is the joy that comes from God and is found in Jesus Christ, the son of God. Jesus Christ is the hope of yours. He is my hope. He is the hope of the world."

SAINT MISSION

Research what happened to Pope St John Paul II on 13 May 1981, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. You will discover the story of a dramatic event in St Peter's Square. More importantly, find out what St John Paul II did afterwards. How did he show the forgiveness and mercy of Jesus to the man who had hurt him?

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Well done to the Stars of the week

Nursery	Grace C
Reception	Harry & Eva
Year 1	Whole Class
Year 2	Cian & George
Year 3	Eala & Tommy
Year 4	Chelsea & Daniel
Year 5	Amy & Edie
Year 6	Ruby C & Sienna
Sports	Arthur (Y1) & Austin (Y6)

Attendance SJV

EYFS and KS1		KS2	
Class Name	Weekly Attendance	Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Nursery	99.19%	Year 3	98.96%
Reception	90.74%	Year 4	92.96%
Year 1	94.07%	Year 5	92.11%
Year 2	91.03%	Year 6	97.41%

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WEEKLY DIARY

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

Monday 2nd November 2026

Choir – KS2 – Lunchtime
Dance – KS2 – 3.15pm-4.00pm
Netball Training – Yr 5 & 6 – 3.15pm-4.15pm – **NO SESSION**

Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Y4 Reading Cafe
Reception Music – Lunchtime
Recorder Club KS2 – 3.15-4.00 pm
Boys Football Training – 3.15 – 4.15 pm – **NO SESSION**

Wednesday 4th November 2026

Nursing Team – Handwashing for Reception 9.15 am
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

Thursday 5th November 2026

Reception Maths Workshop – 9 am
Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 am
Piano Tuition
Creative Flair Dance Year 1 - 4 – Lunchtime
Cricket – 3.15-4.15pm – Re-arranged Session
Girls Football Match against Our Lady (Away)

Friday 6th November 2026

Non-uniform Day – Wolf Run Money to be Returned
Flag Football KS1 – Lunchtime

Starting Nursery in September 2027

Application forms and information are available from the school office for parents wishing to apply for their child to start in our Nursery in September 2027. Children born between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024 can start Nursery in September 2027. Nursery open morning Thursday 19th November from 9 – 9.45 am

Starting Primary School in September 2027

Children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 can start school in September 2027.
For more information about school admissions and to apply online at www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions. Telephone 02476 831622/1613. Reception open morning Thursday 12th November from 8.45 – 9.30 am

Closing date for applications is 15th January 2027.
Please note: If you wish to apply to a Catholic school, and your child is baptised Catholic, evidence of your child's baptism must be provided at the time of application to the school office. It is your responsibility to obtain and present this evidence.

Please share this information with friends and family.

Product Recalls
Information for Parents

Please check at home

The UK Government regularly issues product recalls and safety alerts for products that may be unsafe. Please check the latest information on the government website to see if any items you have at home are affected.

GOV.UK

Love to Dream Sleep Machine
(2609-0065)



Risk: Fire

Smyths Toys Wooden Cornhole Board with Bean Bags
(2609-0108)



Risk: Health risk

SHEIN Children's Wooden Acrylic Rainbow Sensory Blocks
(2609-0191)



Risk: Health risk

YongnKids Theme Scene Sandbox Toy Kit sold via Amazon
(2609-0148)



Hazard: Asbestos

Sophie Allport Doorstops and Draught Excluders
(2608-0008)



Risk: Health risk

HTI Toys Fun Sand Art Bottle Kit
(2607-0020)



Risk: Health risk

Check for the latest product recalls and alerts at:

www.gov.uk/guidance/product-recalls-and-alerts

Top tips for parents and carers:

- Regularly check the government website for updates.
- Check toys, baby products and household items you have at home.
- If a product you own is recalled, follow the advice on the website to keep your family safe.
- Share this information with friends and family.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

IMAGE-ALTERING FILTERS

From playful puppy ears on Snapchat to 'beauty mode' on TikTok, image-altering filters are now a routine part of how young people communicate online. While many are harmless, others subtly reshape people's faces and bodies. This can blur the line between reality and edited content, potentially influencing how children and young people see themselves and others.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALTERED BEAUTY STANDARDS

Many 'beauty' filters smooth skin, reshape facial features, or adjust body proportions. Over time, repeated exposure to these filters can skew a child's idea of what is 'normal' or attractive, creating unrealistic expectations about their own and others' appearances.

HIDDEN ADVERTISING

Some filters are linked to beauty products or brands, subtly promoting third-party brands. Children and young people may not recognise this as advertising, while also sharing personal data – such as facial images and usage habits – with apps and third parties.

PRESSURE TO LOOK PERFECT

A flawed image can often attract more 'likes' and positive comments. This can encourage children and young people to rely on editing tools to gain others' approval, rather than feeling confident in their natural appearance.

BLURRED REALITY

As filters become more convincing and realistic-looking, it can be difficult for children and young people to distinguish edited content from real life, especially when filter use is so widespread on platforms and videos.

LOW SELF-ESTEEM

Regularly viewing heavily filtered content can lead to comparisons with unrealistic images. This is linked to body dissatisfaction and reduced self-esteem, particularly among children and teenagers.

SEXUALISED EDITS

Certain beauty and make-up filters can make users appear older or more sexualised. This may attract unwanted attention, increase the risk of images being shared without consent, and expose young people to unsafe interactions.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Talk regularly about filters, such as how they work and why people use them. Ask the children and young people in your care how filtered images make them feel and encourage honest discussion without judgment.

CHALLENGE 'PERFECT' POSTS

When viewing content together, gently point out the signs of editing, filters, or posing techniques. This builds critical thinking and helps children and young people question unrealistic images.

REINFORCE WHAT'S REAL

Help children and young people understand that filtered images are digitally altered and are not an accurate reflection of real life. Emphasise that they don't need to meet these unrealistic standards.

PROMOTE OFFLINE CONFIDENCE

Encourage activities that build self-worth beyond appearance, such as sports, hobbies, friendships, and creative interests, so that confidence isn't tied solely to online validation.

Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a digital parenting expert and founder of Kids-N-Clicks, a platform dedicated to helping parents navigate the online world and guide their children. She is an expert contributor for the Internet Matters, offering practical guidance on emerging and new safety issues. Her insights have been featured by the BBC, The Telegraph, TalkTV, and other major media outlets, supporting families across the UK.

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The National College

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Semper Fidelis

PTA Needs You!

We are looking for support in our PTA team!

Support Our School

The PTA help support the school, raising money to help with costs towards trips and school equipment.

We also help support events, such as:



Movie Nights



Gala Day

... and many more!

- Help fund school trips
- Support school equipment
- Make a difference for our children



In person meeting

Monday 2nd November
at 4:00pm
at the school

All are welcome!

Together we can make a difference!

October Holiday Camp!

Venue: Allard Way, Coventry CV3 1HW

Timings: 9am – 3pm

Dates: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October.

Discount Company: SCHOOL50

Please note discount code is available till Friday 23rd October.

Booking Link:

https://www.abler.io/shop/sbitc/holidaycamps/product/Q2x1YlNlcnZpY2U6Njc5NDE=

