



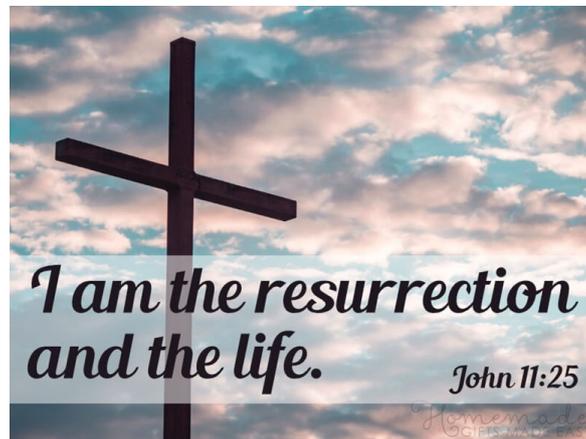
St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 31st March 2023



Dear Parents,



Happy Easter and welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope you have all had a lovely break. The children have been telling me lots of lovely things they have managed to do during the holiday. We look forward to the warmer weather and hope you enjoy the activities this term. We would also like to welcome Mrs Carter, our new Admin Assistant.

There are many events happening this term so we need to save a few dates:

13th May – 11am – Year 3 First Holy Communion

19th May – Non Uniform Day – Bring a bottle

25th May – Non Uniform Day – Bring chocolates/sweets

26th May – May Procession

9th June -Gala Day – more information to follow

24th June – 6pm – Year 6 Confirmation – we encourage all KS2 children to be part of the choir



Job Vacancy - Lunchtime Dining Room Assistant

We have a vacancy for a Dining Room Assistant at St John Vianney School - 1 1/4 hours per day, 5 days per week. If you are interested please email admin@sjv.coventry.sch.uk or phone the school office on 02476 464088 to arrange to come into school for an informal chat. Please see school website for more information - <https://www.sjv.hccmac.co.uk/>

SJV Owls Club

SJV Owls Club which provides before and after school care for the children of St John Vianney School. The charges for Owls Club are as follows:

Morning session - 7.30 to 8.30 a.m. - £4.75 (includes a light breakfast)

Afternoon session - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - £4.75 (includes a snack)

Late afternoon session - 3.15 to 5.30 p.m. - £7.50 (includes a snack)

If you are interested in your child attending Owls Club and would like more information please email owls@sjv.coventry.sch.uk or phone the school office.



SJV Owls Activity Club

Owls Club are now also offering after school sessions as follows:

Maximum number in the group 30. Activities are open to all children in school from Nursery to Year 6

Monday 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. - **Lego Club** – play with Lego and use Lego interactive with the school computers

Tuesday 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. - **Computer Club** - Bee-bots, computers and tablets

Wednesday 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. – **Art Club**

Thursday 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. - **Games night** - Bingo, cards, dominoes, board games

Friday 3.15 - 4:15 p.m. - **Homework club**- reading and support with homework

Sessions will be charged at £4.75 per session payable via Arbor.

Pupils can sign up for a monthly block of sessions but also choose to do the other activities in Owls club if they prefer. If your child would like to sign up for any of these sessions please email owls@sjv.coventry.sch.uk for more information and an application form.



Free School Meals

If you think that you may qualify for free school meals, even if your child is in KS1 or does not want to receive school meals, please take the time to apply as the school will receive additional funding if you qualify.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

FREE School Meals for families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)



Are you living in Coventry and No Recourse to Public Funds?



Is your annual household income below £22,700 (for families if you have one child)?

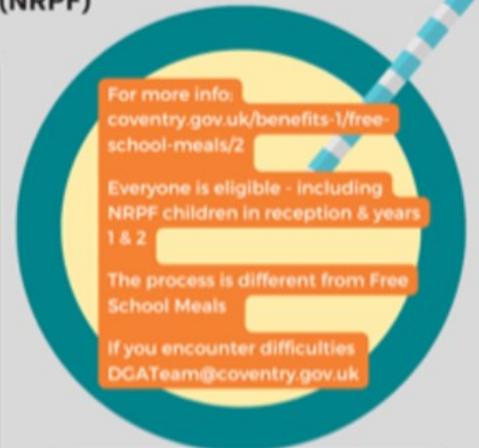


Are your total savings or capital under £16,000 or £26,300 (if you have two or more children)?



If you answered yes to these questions...

you are eligible for Free School Meals.



For more info: coventry.gov.uk/benefits-1/free-school-meals/2

Everyone is eligible - including NRPF children in reception & years 1 & 2

The process is different from Free School Meals

If you encounter difficulties DGATeam@coventry.gov.uk



What should you do ?



Fill out the self declaration on the back of this leaflet



Take it to your children's school to make the request

Online Safety: Parent information evening 23/05/23

Blue Coat have been offered expert help of the local West Midlands Police in partnership with Coventry City Council's Prevent Team to help make Online Safety easier to navigate.

The engaging workshop lasts for approximately **1h 15 mins** this will be an in person event at 6pm at Blue Coat to be held in the **Theatre** it starts at **6pm**. It is open to parents of students from all years. All attendees receive a resource pack with useful tips and links for further support following the session. We will share guidance and strategies on how to make the internet a safer experience for children.

The following topics will be explored:

- Apps and appropriate ages
- Safety settings
- Grooming, Sexting, Bullying, Radicalisation and Extremism
- Gaming
- Introducing house rules
- How to approach conversations and what to do if your child is a victim

Identifying some of the issues and areas of concern and the strategies, methods and tools that parents can put in place to help keep their children safer when they go online.

You can turn up on the night, but it would be helpful if you are interested in attending please register your interest by emailing c.penn@bluecoatschool.com with how many people will be attending.



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

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Fortnite may be something of a veteran in gaming terms (having launched back in 2017), but it remains massively popular – with more than 250 million people playing online every month. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons', which bring more subtle changes. The latest iteration, Chapter 4 Season 2, adds a cyberpunk-themed city and anime-style areas, for example, along with new weapons and characters.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away of a certain length – such as days out and holidays – than you might have expected.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic skins, rare weapons and so on – which don't really impact on gameplay, but can cost quite a significant amount. These items are bought with game's currency, V-Bucks – which can be earned through playing, but are also often purchased from the game's store for real-world money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like *The Walking Dead* to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as *Street Fighter*. This means you could find your child asking questions about the creature from *Alien* or who Geralt from *The Witcher* is a little sooner than you'd possibly anticipated.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with vast numbers of gamers – of various ages. Crossplay lets friends play with and against each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation or PC – while party chat allows them to communicate during the game. This chat feature can also, therefore, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them. That said, there's no blood or gore: the violence is generally rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood (fishing mini-games, for example). The machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different overarching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep returning to their screens.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to want to play Fortnite alongside their friends. With this in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of your child's social group and trying to coordinate their gaming around certain hours of the day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help your child feel that they're getting adequate opportunity to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into splashing out on those sought-after items before they disappear again for weeks. This could potentially lead to surprise outlays on your card if your child is tempted into an impulse purchase. You could consider setting up a prepaid card for them to use – or ensuring that any online purchases require adult authorisation.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free – but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 (and are available as part of larger bundles) and can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with more trusting younger audiences means that there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure your child knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously via the same TV or computer. That's ideal for siblings or when your child's friends visit – but it also offers you an opportunity to spend time doing something fun with your child, while also being able to make sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows, you might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including iAN and TechRadar.



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Stars of the Week

Nursery Noah, Meara

Reception Franek, Lucja

Year 1 Megan, Archie

Year 2 Funmilayo, Franco

Year 3 Luke, Niamh

Year 4 Emily, Nathaniel

Year 5 James, Pippa, Aniruth, Lacey

Year 6 Ella, Oscar



Reading Books



Reading books to be brought into school on Tuesdays and Fridays.



Reminder

The school gates are open every morning between 8.30 and 8.40 a.m.
Please ensure your child arrives in school between these times.

Starting Nursery School in September 2023

Application forms and information are available from the school office for parents wishing to apply for their child to start in Nursery in September 2023. Children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 can start Nursery in September 2023.

Building Fund Contributions to the school building fund are now due for the Autumn Term (£10.00 per child or £15.00 per family) or for the whole school year (£30.00 per child or £45.00 per family).

Please make your donations via Arbor.



Dates may be subject to change – please check your emails regularly

Monday, 24th April

Choir - KS2 - lunchtime
Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.
PTA Meeting 5:30pm (Gala Day)

Tuesday, 25th April

Athletics - Year 3/4 - 8.00 to 8.30 a.m.
Recorder Club - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.
Football Training - Year 3/4 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.

Wednesday, 26th April

Athletics - Year 5 & 6 - 8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.
Mini-Tennis - Year 3 & 4 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m.
Guitar Tuition
Dance - Year 1 & 2 - 3.15 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Thursday, 27th April

**Strike Action—Nursery, Reception, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 Do Not Attend.
Year 3 and Year 6 Morning Attendance Only (12pm finish).**

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m. - **NO SESSION**
Piano Tuition
Creative Flair Dance - Year 3 & 4 - 12.00 to 12.30 p.m. - **NO SESSION**
Creative Flair Dance - Year 1 & 2 - lunchtime
Hockey - Year 4 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - **NO SESSION**

Friday, 28th April

Creative Flair Music Club - Reception Class - lunchtime



Future Dates

Tuesday 2nd May	- Strike Action
Thursday 4th May	- Year 3 Inspire Workshop
9th to 12th May	- SATs testing week
Saturday 13th May	- Year 3 First Holy Communion Mass - 11.00 a.m.
Wednesday 17th May	- Nursery Class Prayer Service
Friday 19th May	- Non Uniform Day - Bring a bottle
Saturday 20th May	- Year 3 lead Parish Mass - 6.00 p.m.
Friday 26th May	- Year 3 Class Assembly - 9.00 a.m.

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SJV@sjohnvianney



For Owls Club follow - @OwlsClubSJV

Facebook - SJV PTA have a Facebook page. If you would like to have access and be added to the page, simply search 'Sjv pta' and submit your request, one of the current members will see your request and add you accordingly.

