



# St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th May 2023



Dear parents,

Well Done to Year 6 who have thoroughly enjoyed Breakfast Club this week. It was a chance to have a little bit of fun before they completed their SATs. My thanks to all teachers who helped with the breakfast club and a special thank you to Mrs Holmes and Mrs Cook. All children have tried their best and we could not be any more proud of them.

Today we celebrated the King's coronation. The children looked amazing in their Crowns and tiaras. Some children had made their crowns in Forest schools which looked fabulous. We celebrated at Dinner time with a truly British Meal – Fish and Chips and made a special cake for everyone to enjoy and toasted the King with squash. A group of children in Year 5 led the assembly and provided a PowerPoint on King Charles III.

This weekend we celebrate the children of Year 3 who will be making their First Holy Communion. We hope the sun shines on this special day but know that won't stop the joy they will receive on this special day. Please keep Year 3 in your prayers.



**Any donations of toys and games in good condition would be greatly appreciated by SJV Owls Club. Thank you!**



### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



### **Half Term Activities at CV Life**

For information about half term activities at CV Life centres, please visit the link below:

**[Children's Activities - CVLife](#)**

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# TELEGRAM

AGE RESTRICTION  
**17+**

Telegram isn't new, but it's grown significantly in popularity over recent years, thanks to its secure nature and speedier performance than many of its competitors – including WhatsApp. While Telegram is an excellent app in terms of actual performance, like any messaging platform it brings its own challenges for parents when it comes to feeling confident about children being able to handle their own messaging conversations and contact with the outside world in general. Here's everything that trusted adults need to know about using Telegram safely.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### LACK OF AGE RESTRICTION

17+

Telegram has a 16+ age restriction on using the service, while someone is required to be over 17 to actually download the app. Once that's accomplished, however, there's no need to provide further identification. That means there's no guarantee that under 17s aren't using the app – and no way to confidently verify that any other user actually is who they say they are.

### POSSIBLE CYBERBULLYING

If your child uses Telegram, they could well be in a group with friends and peers on the app. These groups are managed by admins who can remove the option to post replies – possibly leading to instances of cyberbullying in which the victim has no ability to respond. Messages can be forwarded from groups, too, which potentially opens up images and text being seen by people they weren't intended for.

### UNMODERATED CONTENT

CENSORED

Because Telegram relies on users' self-moderation, it can sporadically become a hotbed for illegal or inappropriate content. In the past, the circulation of this material has led to its temporary removal from the App Store. In fairness, the same can be said of several messaging platforms, but Telegram's features (Secret Chats, for instance) certainly present more issues than the likes of WhatsApp.

### PREMIUM COSTS

Telegram is free to use, but it also offers a premium membership (£4.99 per month or £35.99 a year) which increases download speeds, adds translation features, and increases channel and account limits. If your child has access to your Apple ID or Google Pay details, they may be able to sign up for the premium package without your knowledge.

### UNAUTHORISED ACCESS

One of Telegram's major selling points is that it's accessible across multiple platforms. Once the app's been downloaded, users can log in from a phone, tablet or computer. This multi-device availability means increased opportunities for someone else to gain unauthorised access (if your child leaves a computer or tablet at school logged into their Telegram account, for instance).

### SECRET CHATS

Telegram offers a feature called Secret Chats, which allows for messages which self-delete after a specified period of time. There are instances where this can be useful (journalists often use Telegram to protect their sources, for example), but for young people it can make it extremely difficult to prove that someone has been abusive or inappropriate towards them on the app.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### PRIVACY CONTROLS

If your child wants to use Telegram, we'd strongly suggest using the app's built-in privacy settings to restrict who can see when they were last online, their profile photo, and their phone number. This can be set to 'everybody', 'my contacts' or 'nobody'; we'd recommend either the second or third options, depending on how locked down you want the platform to be.

### DISCUSS SECURITY

It's important that your child understands the merits of strong passwords and logging out of devices when they're finished – and the benefits of protecting their personal data in general. This could range from relaxed chats and simple tips like "don't send your bank details" to how to set up passcodes for Telegram so your child's chats stay secure when they step away from their screen.

### REPORT UNSAFE CONTENT

If your child receives private messages which include content that could be considered illegal, unsafe or upsetting, they can of course block the account responsible within the app itself. Be aware, however, that Telegram won't necessarily take any further action unless this offensive content involved a user-created channel, bot or sticker.

### USE THE BLOCK FUNCTION

Users can block spam, abusive, or imposter accounts within the app. Blocking stops that account from messaging your child, or viewing their profile and activity. If the user in question is one of your child's peers or friendship circle, it may be worth bringing it to the attention of their school. Also bear in mind that your child can also voluntarily leave a Telegram group at any point if they wish.

### PROTECT PAYMENT METHODS

Apple and Google's storefronts offer family sharing options, but it's also worth double-checking your settings to ensure that a password or two-factor authentication option is set up to prevent any unexpected purchases. If your child does pay for a premium Telegram subscription without your consent, Apple and Google have been known to issue refunds in some cases.

## 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 regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



PREMIUM ACCESS



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

Source: <https://www.telegram.org/> | <https://www.engadget.com/telegram-explained-2022-183035088.html>

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## Stars of the Week

*Nursery* Emmeline, Tommy D

*Reception* Rachel, Chidera

*Year 1* Caolan, Xksavier

*Year 2* Devon, Wendy

*Year 3* All the children for working so hard to prepare for their First Holy Communion

*Year 4* Sophia, Evan

*Year 5* Mia, Wiktoría

*Year 6* All the children for working so hard on their assessments this week



### KS1 and KS2 School Trips

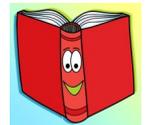
Trip letters for each class were sent out last week.

Please can you return the reply slip no later than 17th May.

### 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).



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



**Saturday 13th May**

Year 3 First Holy Communion Mass—11:00a.m

**Monday, 15th May**

Choir - KS2 - lunchtime

Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

PTA Meeting 4:30-5:30

**Tuesday, 16th May**

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, 17th May**

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.

Nursery Prayer Service - 9:00 a.m.

**Thursday, 18th May**

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m.

Piano Tuition

Creative Flair Dance - Year 3 & 4 - 12.00 to 12.30 p.m.

Creative Flair Dance - Year 1 & 2 - lunchtime

Hockey - Year 4 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.

**Friday, 19th May**

Creative Flair Music Club - Reception Class - lunchtime

Non Uniform Day - Bring a bottle

**Future Dates**

Saturday 20th May

- Year 3 lead Parish Mass - 6.00 p.m.

Thursday 25th May

- Non Uniform Day - Bring chocolate/sweets

Friday 26th May

- Year 3 Class Assembly - 2:00 pm.

Thursday 8th June

- Year 6 Inspire Workshop

Friday 9th June

- Gala Day

Thursday 15th June

- Nursery Inspire Workshop

Don't forget to follow us @sjohnvianney and you can also see our twitter feed on our website.

Please follow us on our Twitter account:  
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.

