



# St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th November 2023



Dear parents,

This week's Gospel is all about Kindness and we are reminded that every act of kindness done to someone else is also done to Jesus, and it will be rewarded accordingly.

**"Give something however small, to the one in need.  
For it is not small to one who has nothing."**

St Gregory Nazianzus

**"How marvellous it would be if, at the end of the day, each one of us could say:  
'Today I have performed an act of charity towards others!'"**

Pope Francis

I would like to say thank you to those children and parents who have shown me great kindness over the last few weeks as they have kept me in their prayers to make a speedy recovery. Thank you

I was delighted to see how amazing the Year 3 and Year 4 pupils read at the Mass of commitment on Saturday night. Fantastic Singing by the children as well!

Congratulations to Year 6 on the excellent behaviour in Dol Y Moch. They were a credit to the staff and our school. Thank you also to Mrs Holmes, Mr Carroll, Mrs Cook and Mrs Halls for giving their time to make this residential trip a great success.

Congratulations to an ex-pupil Harvey Pearson. Harvey was selected to represent England at the European Taekwon-do Championships in Madrid. The tournament took place at the end of October 2023 and we are very proud to say that Harvey is now a European Double Silver Medallist winning Silver in both Sparring and Patterns.



**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. - £5.00 (includes a light breakfast)

Afternoon session - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - £5.00 (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 £5.00 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.

### **Late Collection**

If you are more than 10 minutes late collecting your child at the end of the school day, they will be put into Owls Club and you will be invoiced for the session.

### **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.

Please apply at: **Free School Meals – Coventry City Council**



## Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

# BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

### ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

### TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

### REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

### BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

### CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

### MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

### SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

### DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

### RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

### TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



**NOS**  
**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday



## Stars of the Week

Nursery	Jack, Oliver
Reception	Max C, Emmy
Year 1	Rache, Niyla
Year 2	Archie, Harry
Year 3	Isla, Anaïs
Year 4	Ania, Eva-Grace
Year 5	Lily, Mark
Year 6	Joshua, Oliver



### Reminder:

We are a nut free school, please do not pack any nuts in your child's lunchbox.



### Reading Books

**Reading books to be brought into school everyday**



### Nursery Places for January 2024

We have limited places available for Nursery starting in January 24. Children must be 3 by 31st December. Please email [adminstaff@sjv.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:adminstaff@sjv.coventry.sch.uk) for more information and an application pack.

### Starting Nursery School in September 2024

Application forms and information are available from the school office for parents wishing to apply for their child to start in Nursery in September 2024. Children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 can start Nursery in September 2024.

**There will be an open evening for parents wishing to apply for their child to start nursery in September 2024 on Monday 20th November 3.45-4.15 p.m.**

### Starting Primary School in September 2024

Children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 can start school in September 2024. For more information about school admissions and to apply online at [www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions). Telephone 02476 831622/1613. Closing date for applications is **15th January 2024**.

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 or to the Admissions Team. It is your responsibility to obtain and present this evidence.

### Job Vacancy



### Sports Coach Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Sports Coach.

To apply, the details will be on the school website shortly.

**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*

**Monday, 27th November**

Choir - KS2 - Lunch

Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

**Tuesday, 28th November**

Running Club - Year 3/4 - 8.00 to 8.30 a.m.

Dodgeball - Year 5 - 12.30-2.30 p.m.

Recorder Club - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

Boys Football Squad - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.

**Wednesday, 29th November**

Mini-Tennis - Year 3/4 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m.

Running Club - Year 5/6 - 8.00 to 8.30 a.m. - **CANCELLED**

Guitar Tuition

Dance - Year 1/2 - 3.15 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Girls Football Squad - Year 5/6 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - **CANCELLED**

Boys Football Match - Away vs Parkgate

**Thursday, 30th November**

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 - 12.30 to 1.00 p.m.

Hockey - Year 5 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.

Netball Squad - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

Year 2 Inspire Workshop - 9.00 a.m.

**Friday, 1st December**

**Saturday 2nd December**

Year 1 and Year 2 Bambinelli Mass & Year 6 readers - 6.00 p.m.



**Future Dates**

Wednesday 6th December

Thursday 7th December

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Friday 8th December

Tuesday 12th December

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Wednesday 13th December

Monday 18th December

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Tuesday 19th December

Tuesday 19th December

Tuesday 19th December

Wednesday 20th December

Thursday 21st December

Friday 22nd December

- Year 2 Prayer Service
- Reception Class Advent Prayer Service
- Girls Football Match - home vs Hollyfast
- Year 1 Advent Assembly
- Years 1 & 2 Christmas Production
- Girls Football Match - away vs St Mary & St Benedict
- Years 1 & 2 Christmas Production
- Reception Class Nativity
- Years 3 & 4 Christmas Production - 6.00 p.m.
- Nursery Class Nativity
- Year 1 & 2 Trip to Belgrade Theatre (Cinderella)
- Years 3 & 4 Christmas Production - 6.00 p.m.
- Key Stage 2 Trip to Albany Theatre ( Oliver Twist)
- Nursery & Reception Trip to Warwick Arts Centre (Gruffalo)
- Children break up for Christmas Holidays

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.

