



# St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st December 2023



Dear Parents

This Sunday we begin to celebrate the season of Advent, a time of waiting and prayer. It's a special time to pause and reflect on the real reason and true meaning of Christmas and give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus to the world.

**“The Lord is coming.**

**May we await him with open hearts!”**

**Pope Francis**



“Dear young people, Christ asks you to be wide awake and alert, to see the things in life that really matter.” Pope Francis

Advent is a time to get ready to welcome Jesus – to draw closer to God. Prayer helps us to do this. We can pray anywhere, at any time.

This weekend we look forward to seeing Fr Des at Church. He is going to bless the children's baby Jesus which they are going to bring from their nativity sets from home. The children in Year 1 and Year 2 have been invited to this Mass.

Thank you to Year 2 who have led an inspire workshop on Bambinelli's which is the Italian word for baby Jesus. I am sure that Year 2 can tell you all about their new learning.



**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**



# What Schools Need to Know about THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged "a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm" – and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools ...

## WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

### HARMFUL CONTENT

Social media sites must rapidly remove illegal and/or harmful content such as bullying or harassing comments; pornography; and content that supports extremist activity or encourages or depicts violence, suicide, self harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 10% of their global revenue while their executives may even face jail time.

### ANIMAL CRUELTY

Content featuring cruelty to animals is now prohibited, even if it originates from abroad (where the law may be different). Again, it is the platform's responsibility to remove this.

### MORE TRANSPARENCY

Sites must be transparent about the hazards that any children using them could encounter – by publishing risk assessments for their platforms, for instance.

### HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

Scams and fraudulent adverts must be blocked or removed, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined.

### NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

It's now easier to convict online abusers or people who share intimate images without consent, while legislation on the criminality of deepfakes has been clarified. The new laws also relate to any individuals who even threaten to share such images. This should help to protect women and girls in particular online.

### REPORTING AND FILTERING

Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms for children (or their parents and carers) to flag up problems quickly. They must also provide options to filter out unwanted content.

### AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

Sites must prevent children from accessing age-inappropriate material. This includes enforcing age limits and implementing robust age verification.

## What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools: it's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as artificial intelligence and other advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will still need to remain extremely vigilant.

### KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating in response to the Online Safety Act. Note that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change: many of its elements will only come into force at the end of 2023. An Ofcom consultation on 'protecting people from illegal harms online' will be running until February 2024.

### REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to maintain appropriate software monitoring and filtering, for example, will not change.

### WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are some issues on which the legislation remains less clear for now: whether it's possible for Ofcom to scan encrypted private messages (such as on WhatsApp) has yet to be resolved, for instance – making this an area where, for the moment, young people have less legal protection.

### UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Schools should learn how to raise concerns with tech companies whose platforms contain anything upsetting or unpleasant. Students also need to be made aware of the newly strengthened laws relating to cyber-bullying, sexting or posting inappropriate content. Young people do make mistakes online – so the clearer their understanding of the possible consequences, the better.

### ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affords them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online platforms' content; they now have a far greater level of support when complaining about a company or the behaviour of an individual.

## Meet Our Expert

Luke Ramsden is Senior Deputy Headmaster and Director of Safeguarding for the St Benedict's family of schools. He is a regular speaker at conferences and writes in the TES (among other journals) on school leadership, pastoral care and safeguarding. In 2022, he was named Pastoral Leader of the Year at the National Awards for Pastoral Care in Education.



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#WakeUpWednesday

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## Stars of the Week

Nursery	Bobby, Yllon
Reception	Zoe, Hugo
Year 1	Rowan, Samuel
Year 2	Xin-Chi, Elikem
Year 3	Jack, Oliver
Year 4	Millie, Charlotte
Year 5	Lyla, Ayo
Year 6	Trinity, Pippa



### 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).





### **Christmas Dinner**

**12<sup>th</sup> December**

**The Holy Cross MAC are paying for everyone to have a Christmas dinner**

### **Christmas Plays**

**12<sup>th</sup> December KS1 performance gates open at 9:00am**

**13<sup>th</sup> December KS1 performance gates open at 9:00am**

**18<sup>th</sup> December Reception performance gates open at 9:00am**

**18<sup>th</sup> December KS2 performance 6pm**

**19<sup>th</sup> December Nursey performance gates open at 9:00am**

**19<sup>th</sup> December KS2 performance 6pm**

**We will let the children into school first and then open the bottom gate**



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

### **Saturday 2nd December**

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

### **Monday, 4th December**

Choir - KS2 - Lunch - **LAST SESSION**

Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m. - **LAST SESSION**

### **Tuesday, 5th December**

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

Dodgeball - Year 5 - 12.30-2.30 p.m. - **LAST SESSION**

Recorder Club - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m. - **LAST SESSION**

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

### **Wednesday, 6th December**

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

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

Guitar Tuition

Dance - Year 1/2 - 3.15 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. - **REARRANGED TO WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER**

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

Year 2 Prayer Service

Movie Night

### **Thursday, 7th December**

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

Piano Tuition

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

Creative Flair Dance - Year 1 & 2 - 12.30 to 1.00 p.m. - **LAST SESSION**

Hockey - Year 5 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - **LAST SESSION**

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

Reception Class Advent Prayer Service - 9.00 a.m.

Girls Football Match - home vs Hollyfast

### **Friday, 8th December**

Year 1 Advent Assembly



### **Future Dates**

Tuesday 12th December

- Years 1 & 2 Christmas Production

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- Girls Football Match - away vs St Mary & St Benedict

Wednesday 13th December

- Years 1 & 2 Christmas Production

Monday 18th December

- Reception Class Nativity

Monday 18th December

- Years 3 & 4 Christmas Production - 6.00 p.m.

Tuesday 19th December

- Nursery Class Nativity

Tuesday 19th December

- Year 1 & 2 Trip to Belgrade Theatre (Cinderella)

Tuesday 19th December

- Years 3 & 4 Christmas Production - 6.00 p.m.

Wednesday 20th December

- Key Stage 2 Trip to Albany Theatre ( Oliver Twist)

Thursday 21st December

- Nursery & Reception Trip to Warwick Arts Centre (Gruffalo)

Friday 22nd December

- 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.



## A Very Gospel Christmas

A concert with special guests Lichfield Gospel Choir

Step in from the winter chill and join us for an  
Evening of joyful music and festive cheer! Hear

From Sunday Times best selling author, Magnus  
MacFarlane-Burrow, and enjoy mulled wine, mince  
Pies and browse our delightful seasonal stalls.



Tickets £10

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Doors open 6:30pm for 7:30pm start

St Martin in the Bull Ring, Birmingham



For tickets visit:

[Averygospelchristmas.eventbrite.co.uk](https://averygospelchristmas.eventbrite.co.uk)

Or call 0800 698 1212

Or email [info@marysmeals.org](mailto:info@marysmeals.org)

