



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th January 2024



Dear Parents

Happy New Year

January is traditionally the month of beginnings – a time for making a NEW START. We reflect on the old year and we look forward to making improvements. I have spent my holiday being thankful and grateful for the many blessings in my life. We have been thinking about making a new start in school and looking for the positive things in our lives and ultimately being grateful for what we have.

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."
St Teresa of Calcutta

Pope Francis has declared 2024 as a special Year of Prayer.

Our Father,
Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

We can be sure that our efforts will be rewarded when we take time to make a new start with Jesus. Spending time with Jesus (through prayer) helps us become the best we can be.

With a New start in mind I am just going to remind parents a few things:

- Gates open at 8:30 and close at 8:40 in the morning please be prompt.
- If your child is sick please phone by 9:30 am we will phone all contacts to check for safeguarding reasons if you haven't phoned in by 10:30 we will make a home visit.
- Reading books in school daily
- Name all clothes as we get a lot of lost property
- Please wear PE KIT on PE days only Black joggers and purple t shirt and purple hoody (we possibly have spare hoodies in the purple shop)
- Holidays will not be authorised in MAY as this is assessment month
- All holidays need to be authorised before you book them please.



Each week we will have a live simply task:



When dropping off or collecting from Owls Club, please phone the school telephone - 02476 464088 - and press option 3

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 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 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 Children & Young People Need to Know about **FREE SPEECH** VS **HATE SPEECH**

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's not the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to those around us, rather than making offensive and threatening remarks. That's called 'hate speech' and knowing the difference is incredibly important.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives ...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's theories were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin, even today. A frequent exchange of ideas is vitally important for a healthy society.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having *ours* challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Freedom of expression includes the right not to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal. By law, nobody can force you to say anything you don't want to.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote, decent working conditions or same-sex marriage – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – that negatively targets a group or an individual because they are perceived to be different in some way. Demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes...

Targeting people or groups because of a protected characteristic – like race, gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on the same characteristics: referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example. Separating the target from other human beings is usually an attempt to justify the speaker's bigotry.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions. Suggesting that a certain group should be removed from society could be seen as a call to arms, for example – potentially putting people from that group in danger.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way. This kind of thinking is always incorrect – but can be incredibly harmful to the group in question.

Spreading damaging misinformation about a person or group that the speaker views as "different" – essentially, trying to turn others against them by lying. Someone might claim that a recent tragedy is the fault of this entire group, when this is simply not possible.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are. This has been illegal in the UK for a long time – but some people still try to promote the exclusion of others, which can cause a huge amount of distress.

Meet Our Expert

The Global Equality Collective is an online community for homes, schools and businesses, a collective of hundreds of subject matter experts in diversity, equality and inclusion, and the organisation behind the GEC app, the world's first app for diversity, equality and inclusion.

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#WakeUpWednesday

Source: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/contents>
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/42/schedule/1/part-1/text-1> Everyone has the right to freedom of expression



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Stars of the Week

Nursery	Callie, George
Reception	Ben, Evie
Year 1	Jessica, Isla
Year 2	Thomas, Jimi
Year 3	Evelyn, Ambroz
Year 4	George, Alana
Year 5	Jazz, Lexi
Year 6	Gabriel, Alvin



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



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. Applications required by 15th January.

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. Telephone 02476 831622/1613. Closing date for applications is **15th January 2024-next Monday**.

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.

Building Fund Contributions to the school building fund are now due for the Spring 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, 15th January

Choir - KS2 - Lunch

Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 16th January

Running Club - Year 3/4 - 8.00 to 8.30 a.m. - **NO SESSION**

Creative Flair Music - Reception Class - Lunch

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

Boys Football Squad - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - **NO SESSION**

Wednesday, 17th January

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

Running Club - Year 5/6 - 8.00 to 8.30 a.m. - **NO SESSION**

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. - **NO SESSION**

Thursday, 18th January

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 4.15 p.m.

Friday, 19th January



Future Dates

Thursday 25th January

Thursday 1st February

Monday 5th February

Tuesday 6th February

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Friday 9th February

Monday 19th February

Tuesday 20th February

Friday 23rd February

Thursday 29th February

- Year 4 Inspire Workshop
- Netball Match home v St Augustine
- Netball Match away v St Osburgs
- Nursery Inspire Workshop - Baptism
- Boys Football Match away v All Souls
- Children break up for half term holiday
- Teacher Training Day
- Children return to school
- Football Match away v Our Lady
- Boys Football Match home v Christ the King

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

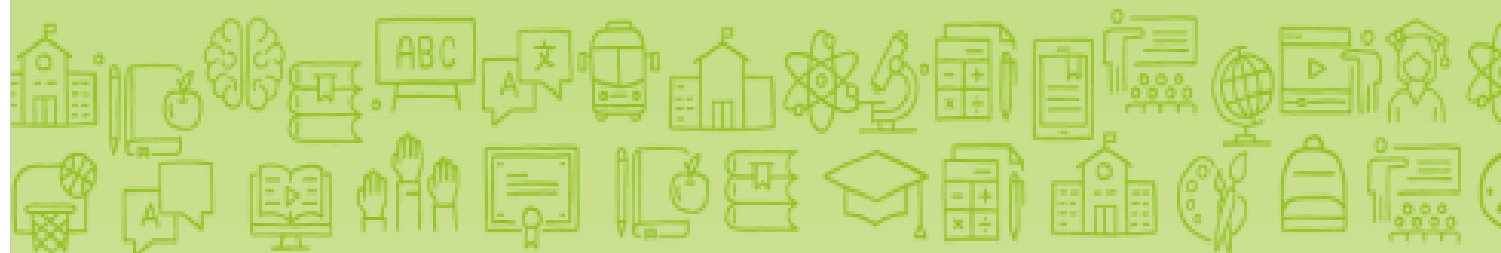
Please follow us on our Twitter account: SJV@sjohnvianney
For Owls Club follow - @OwlsClubSJV



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.





Coventry Complex Communication Team free workshop sessions for parents and carers of children and young people on the Autism spectrum or with complex communication needs

Each session will be delivered virtually through Microsoft Teams and presented by a specialist practitioner in the field of Autism and complex communication needs. There will be a series of sessions focusing on a range of topics, which include:

- **Week 1: Understanding your child and their Autism**
- **Week 2: Supporting your child with self-care and independence**
- **Week 3: Supporting your child and their sensory processing differences**
- **Week 4: Supporting your child and their behaviours**
- **Week 5: Supporting your child with their learning**
- **Week 6: Supporting your child with transitions**

The aim of each session will be to:

- To raise an awareness of how Autism/CCN affect your child
- To develop a shared understanding of some of the challenges that our children face, and the strengths they can bring
- To increase your confidence in understanding and supporting your child
- To build up a bank of ideas and strategies that can be used to support your child

All sessions are 4.30pm-5.45pm and run half termly. There are also weekly advice clinics that accompany each session, where time slots are allocated to ask specific questions relating to your child.

Please email BSCLimbrickWoodCentre@coventry.gov.uk if you wish to attend these sessions.

Whilst we appreciate you may not be able to attend every session due to work/family commitments; the expectation is that you **must** attend week 1 as this provides the foundation for the remaining sessions, and that you are able to commit to at least three of the following sessions

The newest research shows that the period of adolescence can begin around 10 years and may continue up to 25 years! So, if you think your 10-year-old already acts like a teenager that's probably because the changes in the brain that take place during adolescence may have already started!

It also tells us that this is the 2nd most complex period of development in our child's life. If you would like to know more about this and how to best support your teenager; book a place on the new 4-week programme delivered by trained practitioners by completing the request form on our website:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/parenting>

THE TEENAGE BRAIN

COMMUNICATION

Talking Teens:
Your Guide to
Understanding
Teenagers

MAINTAINING
RELATIONSHIPS



MANAGING CONFLICT



FAMILY
LINKS
The Coventry South West Midlands

DIFFICULT ISSUES

New 4-week programme available for ALL parents and carers of teenagers in Coventry

Beginning Wednesday 10th January 2024

Weekly 9:30-11:30

Aspire Family Hub

Humber Avenue, Coventry

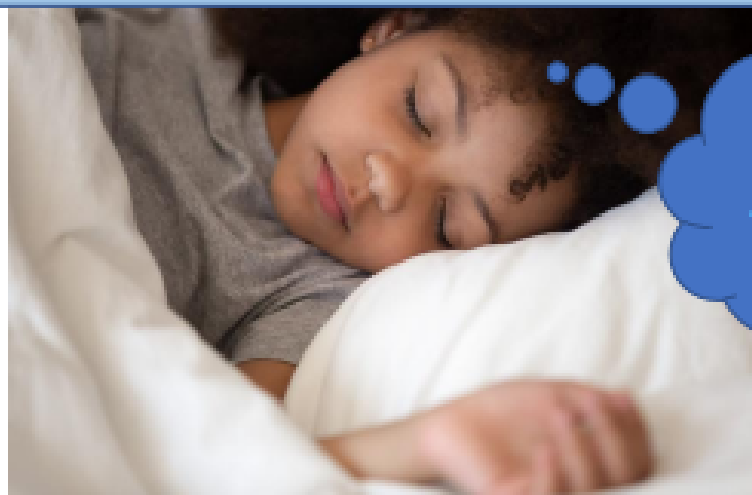
To book visit: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/parenting>

**Sleep Tight Workshop for parents/carers of children
aged 1 year and over**

Tuesday 9th January 1-2:30p.m.

Monday 4th March 1-2:30p.m.

This session will be delivered virtually on Microsoft Teams



**NEW DATES
JUST ADDED!**

Sleep issues are common for children and young people and can have a huge impact on the quality of family life. This two-hour workshop looks at the importance of sleep, understanding sleep cycles, causes of sleep issues and what you can do to support your child to sleep better.

This session will be delivered by a parenting practitioner who has been trained by The National Sleep Charity.

For further information or to book your place on the workshop please email:

parenting@coventry.gov.uk

Please include the following details in your email:

Preferred workshop date, Your name, address, postcode, parents email

age of child and child's name





COVENTRY FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE

BISHOP ULLATHORNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LEASOWES AVENUE, COVENTRY CV3 6BH

STARTING: SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY 2024

Saturdays:	Group 1: Reception & Year 1	9.00am-10.00am
	Group 2: School Year 2 & 3.....	10.00am-11.00am
	Group 3: School Year 4, 5 & 6.....	11.00am-12.00pm

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last **22 years**, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in January 2024. The course will run for approximately 10 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 11.

About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by **F.A qualified coaches**, who are **DBS** checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential football techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be fully supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
- It is an **indoor** course, held in the **new state of the art sports hall**, so children should wear trainers and sportswear.
- **Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield** quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- **Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson** quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

Presentation of trophies and award

- On the final week of the course, we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including 'premier league' and 'penalty shoot out' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

The cost of the course is £8 per week; payment is made in 2 simple instalments, with the first payment of £40 for the first 5 weeks due on week 1. (Second payment will not be due until week 6 which will cover the second half of the course). **Please Note:** Places are limited, therefore bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

Mark Frith (course co-ordinator)

www.soccercoachinguk.co.uk

TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:

BISHOP ULLATHORNE + CHILD'S NAME + SCHOOL YEAR + GROUP NO (1, 2 or 3)
and receive confirmation by text to:

07827 322780