



# St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th January 2024



Dear parents,

This Sunday's Gospel asks us to think about Jesus the teacher. When we have Jesus as our teacher, we are being taught by God. Jesus teaches us how important it is to follow God's laws - to live a good life that is pleasing to God. Our Catholic schools and parishes try very hard to do the same.

**"Jesus is a teacher of truth and life who shows us the way that leads to happiness."**

**"The family's strength lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love." Pope Francis**

**"Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life." Pope Francis**

Congratulations to Year 5 and 6 who led the weekend Mass last week. It was a great turn out and the children read and sang so well.

Year 4 have led an inspire workshop this week in preparation for Candlemas. Remembering that Jesus is the light of the world.

Please keep Miss Shailer in your prayers as she is very poorly. We pray that she will make a speedy recovery and be back in school soon. We are currently covering the class with teachers that are familiar to the children and following Miss Shailer's plans.

We have been focusing this week in school on switching off lights when we are not in a room. I hope that the children will do this when they are at home. This will help reduce electricity bills and lower our carbon emissions.

Children have also been reminded about internet safety and the importance of telling an adult if they see something that they think is wrong. Please help us to reinforce the importance of internet safety.





Please bring bookbags into school daily.



- 30th January - First Holy Communion meeting in Church - PARENTS ONLY
- 1st February - Non-Uniform Day - Bring Chocolate
- 8th February - Chocolate Bingo Night

[Budget Consultation  
2024/25letstalk.coventry.gov.uk](https://2024/25letstalk.coventry.gov.uk)



The council is proposing to scrap the funding for school transport to and from Bishop Ullathorne which will effect not only the children already at the school, but also those currently in Year 6 and moving up this next academic year.

We need as many people as possible to complete the form with their oppositions of removing the service.

The deadline for responses is 7th February.

*Angel of God*  
my guardian dear  
to whom God's love  
commits me here.  
Ever this day  
be at my side,  
to light and guard,  
to rule and guide.

*Amen*

*Classically*

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

**To keep your child safe when collecting, please make sure you stand at the school gate so the staff can clearly see you.**

**Please do not wait in cars.**

### **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.



### **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 Parents & Carers Need to Know about MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION  
13-19

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### FLIMSY AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in flirty or sexually explicit conversation.

### POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

### IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

### DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catfished' until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

### EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

### RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

### SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or WiFi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

## 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.



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## Stars of the Week

Nursery	Nehemiah, Josiah
Reception	Evie, Eala
Year 1	Tommy, Erinn-Elisabeth
Year 2	Xayne, Astrid
Year 3	Grace, Leo
Year 4	Kenza, Niamh
Year 5	Ayo, Jingwen
Year 6	Eoghan, Evie



### 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**



## Job Vacancy

We currently have a job vacancy for a Teaching Assistant. Please visit the website below for more information and to apply:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/147342/EDV-2024-SJVCPS-99817>



**In order to raise money for children at Bishop Ullathorne to attend a trip to Lourdes, there will be a cake sale on Sunday 4th February at St John Vianney Church after Mass.**



**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



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



**Monday, 29th January**

Choir - KS2 - Lunch

Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

**Tuesday, 30th January**

Creative Flair Music - Reception Class - Lunch

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

First Holy Communion Meeting in Church - Year 3 - 6.00-7:15 p.m - Parents Only

**Wednesday, 31st January**

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, 1st February**

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.

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

Non Uniform Day - Bring Chocolate

Netball Match - home v St Augustine

**Friday, 2nd February**

**Future Dates**

Monday 5th February

Tuesday 6th February

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Thursday 8th February

Friday 9th February

Monday 19th February

Tuesday 20th February

Friday 23rd February

Thursday 29th February

- Netball Match away v St Osburgs
- Nursery Inspire Workshop - Baptism
- Boys Football Match away v All Souls
- Chocolate Bingo Night
- 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.

