

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th October 2024



Dear Parents,

Jesus is open to everyone – he has time for us and cares for us. Jesus hears our prayers and offers his blessing to every person. Being open to Jesus helps us to be more open to one another.



This week we have had History workshops in Nursery, Yr1, Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the past connected with their Topic. They loved handling the artefacts and developing their historical skills and knowledge. The lady who came praised the children and school so highly because the standard of their behaviour was exceptional. Well done everyone.

Year 1 led their Inspire workshop on St Francis and the topic of creation. They made bird feeders which we hope will encourage some beautiful birds to visit our gardens. Thank you to all the parents and family members who were able to support this event.



Congratulations To Year 4 who led our Harvest Mass. They read so well and the school sang the Harvest Samba with such joy.

Thank you to everyone who brought tins and packets of food into school for the Local Food Bank. The library is full to the brim. The Foodbank will be delighted with our donation. Thank you to everyone who brought cakes and money to school for our cake sale we made £160.73 which will go to CAFOD.





Yr3 Commitment Mass 5th October 6pm
 12th October Yr R and Yr 6 Welcome and Commitment Mass
 7th October PTA AGM 4.30PM
 8th October Yr6 Parents and sponsors only 6-7:15 in Church
 8th October Yr1 Maths Workshop
 10th October SEND Review day

Attendance

Yr R - 98.1%
 Yr 1 - 100%
 Yr 2 - 97.1%
 Yr 3 - 94.3%
 Yr 4 - 96.7%
 Yr 5 - 96.9%
 Yr 6 - 99.6%



★ Star of the week

- ★ Nursery - Sinead, Nehemiah
- ★ Yr R - Kam, Alice
- ★ Yr 1– Matila, Max M
- ★ Yr 2 - Ollie, Anna
- ★ Yr 3 - Harry, Alfie
- ★ Yr 4 - Elisha, Mekhi
- ★ Yr 5 - Nancy, Anella
- ★ Yr 6 - James. Mia



Starting Nursery in September 2025

Application forms and information are available from the school office for parents wishing to apply for their child to start in our Nursery in September 2025. Children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 can start Nursery in September 2025.

There will be an open morning for parents wishing to apply for their child to start nursery in September 2025 on Wednesday 6th November from 9.00 to 10.00 a.m.

Starting Primary School in September 2025

Children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 can start school in September 2025.

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 2025.

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. It is your responsibility to obtain and present this evidence.

There will be an open morning for parents wishing to apply for their child to start Reception Class in September 2025 on Thursday 14th November from 9.00 to 10.00 a.m.

School Clubs

Club	Day	Time
Netball Squad - Years 5 & 6	Monday	3.15 - 4.15 p.m.
Dance - Key Stage 2	Monday	3.15 - 4.00 p.m.
Lego Club	Monday	3.15 - 4.15 p.m.
Recorder Club	Tuesday	3.15 - 4.00 p.m.
Boys Football Squad - Years 5 & 6	Tuesday	3.15 - 4.15 p.m.
Fitness Squad - Years 1 & 2	Tuesday	3.15 - 4.15 pm.
Computer Club	Tuesday	3.15 - 4.15 p.m.
Mini Tennis - Years 3 & 4	Wednesday	7.45 - 8.30 a.m.
Running Club Key Stage 2	Wednesday	8.00 - 8.30 a.m.
Girls Football Squad - Years 5 & 6	Wednesday	3.15 - 4.15 p.m.
Art Club	Wednesday	3.15 - 4.15 p.m.
Dance - Years 1 & 2	Wednesday	3.15 - 4.00 p.m.
Mini Tennis - Years 5 & 6	Thursday	7.45 - 8.30 a.m.
Creative Flair Dance - Years 3 & 4	Thursday	12.00 - 12.30 p.m.
Creative Flair Dance - Years 1 & 2	Thursday	12.30 - 1.00 p.m.
Games Night	Thursday	3.15 - 4.15 p.m.
Homework Club	Friday	3.15 - 4.15 p.m.

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. - £5.50 (includes a light breakfast)

Afternoon session - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - £5.50 (includes a snack)

Late afternoon session - 3.15 to 5.30 p.m. - £8.00 (includes a snack)

If you are interested in your child attending Owls Club and would like more information please email sjv_owls@hccmac.co.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 £5.50 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 & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat: a group voice conversation that console users can have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't: meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers; emphasise that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These 'trolls' often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBT sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident preying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player would like a re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent won unfairly, or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GCRecon and has been working in the games media industry for five years. He's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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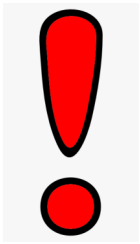
Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/in-game-chat

Owls Club Payments

If your child attends Owls Club, all payments must be made no later than the date printed on the invoices.

Owls Club is extremely popular, with some days at full capacity, and priority will be given to prompt payers.

If payment is not received by the due date, we reserve the right to withdraw your child's place from Owls Club.



Medicines in School

We can only give medicines to children where it has been prescribed by a doctor to be taken four times a day.

A medicine form must be completed before we can administer medicine.



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



School gates are open between 8.30 and 8.40 every morning.

Please ensure your child arrives in school before the gates are locked.

We have an increasing number of children arriving late each morning.

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, 7th October

Dance - KS2 - 3.14-4.00p.m.
Netball Squad - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15-4.15 p.m.
PTA AGM - 4.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 8th October

Recorder Club - KS2 - 3.15-4.00 p.m.
Boys Football Squad training - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15-4.15 p.m. - **NO SESSION**
Fitness Squad Years 1 & 2 - 3.15-4.15 p.m.
Year 1 Maths Workshop - 9.00 a.m.
Boys Football Match - away vs St Augustine's
Year 6 Confirmation Parent Meeting - Parents and sponsors in church - 6.00p.m.

Wednesday, 9th October

Mini-Tennis - Year 3/4 - 7.45-8.30 a.m.
Running Club - Key Stage 2 - 8.00 - 8.30 a.m.
Guitar Tuition
Dance - Year 1 & 2 - 3.15-4.00 p.m.
Girls Football Squad Training - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15-4.15 p.m. - **NO SESSION**
Netball Match - away vs St Augustine's

Thursday, 10th October

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m.
Piano Tuition
Creative Flair Dance - Year 3 & 4 - 12.00-12.30 p.m.
Creative Flair Dance - Year 1 & 2 - 12.30-1.00 p.m.
Fitness Squad - Years 3 to 6 - 3.15-4.15 p.m.
Girls friendly football match - away vs St John's

Friday, 11th October

Saturday 12th October

Reception and Year 6 - Welcome and Commitment Mass

Future Dates

Monday 14th October	- Reception Maths Workshop - 9.00 a.m.
Tuesday 15th October	- Year 5 Reading Café - 9.00 a.m.
Tuesday 15th October	- Netball Match - home vs Sacred Heart
Friday 18th October	- Reception Class Assembly - 2.00 p.m.
Monday 21st October	- Parents' Evening
Tuesday 22nd October	- Parents' Evening
Friday 25th October	- Wolf Run
Saturday 26th October	- Half term begins
Monday 4th November	- Children return to school

October

Half
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Monday **28th October**
to Friday **1st November**

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day

TIMES Drop off **9am** Collection **4pm**

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