

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School



NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th October 2024



Dear Parents,

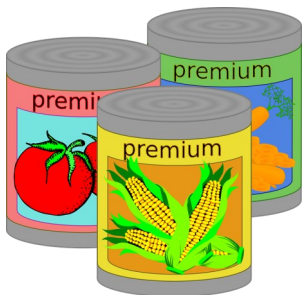
In this Sunday's Gospel, the wealthy man was looking for true happiness. We all want to be happy, to have a sense of well-being and inner joy. Jesus reminds us that, if we want to be truly happy, wealth and possessions are not as important as following him and caring for those around us.

Dear Lord Jesus, may our family be rich in love and filled with the happiness which comes from serving you and others. Amen.

Thank you to all the parents that turned up for our first Confirmation meeting in Church. I was very proud that so many parents and sponsors arrived in the torrential rain. It was an excellent turn out showing how important their faith is to their family. We look forward to seeing Year 6 and Year R at Mass on Saturday night.



Wolf Run on 25th October – wear skins PE kit and trainers - we will do this in all weathers so wear waterproofs . We are raising money for transport on trips, books for the classroom, maths equipment and technology. It would be great if every child raised £2 or more.



Hugh from the Food Bank came and collected all the amazing tins and pasta and bakes today. He said a big thank you for supporting all those in Coventry who need our help. Thank you so much!

Reminder I am still seeing ruck sacks and back packs coming into school. We do not have space to store these.

Please Do Not bring these big bags to school.



<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>





- Parents evening 21st and 22nd October
- SEND reviews 10th and 17th October

Attendance

Yr R - 95%

Yr 1 - 95.9%

Yr 2 - 98.6%

Yr 3 - 89.9%

Yr 4 - 97.8%

Yr 5 - 98.6%

Yr 6 - 96.7%



★ Star of the week

★ Nursery - Arlo, Noah

★ Yr R - Millie, Alfie

★ Yr 1– Meara, Jacob

★ Yr 2 - Orlan, Isabelle

★ Yr 3 - The whole class

★ Yr 4 - Funmilayo, Eva

★ Yr 5 - Matilda, Harrison

★ Yr 6 - Lyla, Jack



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.

St John Vianney PTA

Chair: El Molloy – child in Year 6

Vice Chair- David Walsh – children in Reception and Year 3

Secretary- Ruth Kidman – child in Year 3 and Year 1

Treasurer- Katie Mohamed – children in Year 3 and 5

Purple shop run by: Siew Wan Hee - child in Year 1 and Year 3

For e-mail updates from the PTA [please complete this form](#) or scan



We would also love you to join the [SJV PTA Facebook group here](#)



Purple Shop 21st and 22nd October alongside parents evening (*please bring any donations of uniform to school by 16th October*)

Wolf Run 25th October

Movie Night 14th November

School Disco 19th December 3:30-4:30 KS1 4:45-5:45 KS2

We are raising money for books, technology, coaches for school trips, maths equipment...

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

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



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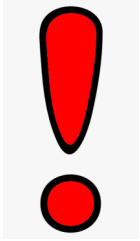
Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fire-safety>

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, 14th October

Dance - KS2 - 3.14-4.00p.m.
Netball Squad - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15-4.15 p.m.
Reception Maths Workshop - 9.00 a.m.

Tuesday, 15th 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 5 Reading Café - 9.00 a.m.
Girls Football Match - away vs All Souls

Wednesday, 16th 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.

Thursday, 17th 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.

Friday, 18th October

Reception Class Assembly - 2.00 p.m.

Future Dates

Monday 21st October	- Parents' Evening
Tuesday 22nd October	- Parents' Evening
Wednesday 23rd October	- Boys Football Club - home vs Aldermoor Farm
Friday 25th October	- Wolf Run
Saturday 26th October	- Half term begins
Monday 4th November	- Children return to school
Thursday 7th November	- Non Uniform Day - bring a bottle
Thursday 7th November	- Netball Match - away vs All Souls
Friday 8th November	- School Photos
Friday 8th November	- Year 6 Assembly

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

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