

# St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Thursday 14th November 2024



Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel Jesus reminds us to look beyond the troubles of the world, to something far more important. Jesus assures us that although many things in the world may change, his words will last forever. We can be certain that our faithfulness to God will be rewarded in this life and in the life to come.

When we grow in faithfulness, others will know that we are people who are reliable and trustworthy, who are loyal and have staying power through both good times and bad times. We can all ask God to help us to grow in faithfulness – it's a gift worth asking for.

We wish Year 6 a happy and safe journey to Dol-Y-Moch on Saturday. We know they will have lots of fun and grow together as a team and achieve so many things that they just didn't imagine was possible. Thank you to Mrs Halls, Mr Chatland, Mr Carroll and Mrs Gosling for giving up their weekend and time to support this amazing adventure.



Congratulations to Year 3 who received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. Thank you to Fr Des, Fr Emmanuel and Cannon Tom for making this such a special occasion. Thanks also to Mrs Ryan and Mrs Honey for preparing the children for this special Sacrament and of course thank you to the parents who are the first teachers of their children fostering that relationship with God our Father.

Year 3 have been very busy this week as they have also led a class assembly on the theme of Reconciliation. It is wonderful to see how much they have learnt in such a short amount of time and how well they learnt their lines.



Year 5 led a lovely Class Mass on the theme of Peace and Reconciliation. It was wonderful to see so many parents coming to support their children and share in this wonderful Mass. Thank you to Mr Gormley, Mrs Cook and Mrs Littlewood for your help and support.

Year 6 led a workshop on Confirmation which we call Speed Sainting. This is something that we introduced to St John Vianney many years ago and now many schools all over the Dioceses have followed our example. The speed sainting was a great hit and our parents were so supportive of the children learning new facts about the lives of the saints.

I was very proud of the children in Year 5 and Year 6 who sang at a local parishioner's funeral this week. The parishioner had been a DRA at school many years ago. We were thanked and complimented by many visitors to the parish.



Movie Night was a big success thank you to everyone from the PTA who was able to help and a big thank you to the staff who stayed to support in the classrooms. We are using the money to reduce the price of transport for trips and to save for more technology in school. We really appreciate your support.

This is the second week of switch off fortnight and our Eco Team have been checking that all electronics have been switched off when not in use. I hope our children will continue to switch off at home and save electricity, bring the bills down and most importantly save our planet.

We have had a Key Stage 2 assembly about looking at the wildlife around our rivers, keeping our rivers clean and looking after our environment. Year 5 and Year 6 had workshops about rivers thank you to the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.





## **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.

## **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](http://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.

# 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](mailto: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 CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

### 1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING

Courses like Bikeability are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began; there are Bikeability courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signaling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.

### 2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE

Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into' theirs by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a trike, handcycle or other adaptive cycle to see what works best.

### 3 TRY A CARGO BIKE

Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.

### 4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE

It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M check' is particularly useful: assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.

### 5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR

Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.

### 6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN

Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.

### 7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS

For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb if cycling on the road – riding approximately a metre out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.

### 8 AVOID PARKED CARS

When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inside opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.

### 9 START A 'BIKE BUS'

Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers, in case anything goes wrong along the way. Team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folks asking to join you?

### 10 HAVE FUN!

Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Ease children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

### Meet Our Expert

Sophie Gordon is the campaigns manager at Cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle paths, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they live.

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The National College

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

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**When collecting and dropping off children, please do not park on the bend outside school. Please park on side streets and do not block driveways. Thank you!**



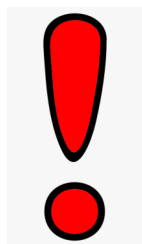
### Owls Club Payments

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*

### **Saturday 16th November**

Year 6 Trip to Dol-Y-Moch

### **Monday, 18th November**

Dance - KS2 - 3.14-4.00p.m.

Netball Squad - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15-4.15 p.m. - **NO SESSION**

### **Tuesday, 19th November**

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 4 Reading Café - 9.00 a.m.

### **Wednesday, 20th November**

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

Running Club - Key Stage 2 - 8.00 - 8.30 a.m. - **NO SESSION**

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**

Year 6 Return from Dol-Y-Moch

### **Thursday, 21st November**

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 Football Match - home vs St Thomas More

### **Friday, 22nd November**

Tempest Photography - Teams and Clubs



### **Future Dates**

Tuesday 26th November

- Netball match - home vs St Mary and St Benedict

Tuesday 26th November

- Reception Class Phonics Workshop - 9.00 a.m.

Thursday 28th November

- Year 2 Inspire Workshop

Friday 29th November

- St Andrew's Day - wear something blue (bring chocs or socks)

Monday 2nd December

- Girls Football Match - away vs St Augustine's

Tuesday 3rd December

- KS1 & KS2 trip to see Aladdin (Planet Ice)

Wednesday 4th December

- Netball Match - away vs St Augustine's

Thursday 5th December

- Reception Class Nativity

Friday 6th December

- Year 1 Assembly - 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 10th December

- KS1 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 11th December

- KS1 Christmas Performance

Thursday 12th December

- Nursery Nativity - 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 12th December

- Christmas Lunch

Monday 16th December

- KS2 Performance - 6.00 p.m.

Tuesday 17th December

- KS2 Performance - 6.00 p.m

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.



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 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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