

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd November 2024



Dear Parents ,

A massive thank you to the staff that attended the residential at Dol-Y-Moch. Thank you to every child that came to say thank you to us for giving up our time and weekend to make this activity happen. The children were amazing and a credit to you all. It was a difficult journey home as we were snowed in but we took a very scenic trip around Wales. The scenery was amazing seeing the snowcapped mountains. The children showed that they had learnt a lot about Respect Resilience and Responsibility.

Well Done everyone I am so proud of you!



To celebrate St Andrew's day, On Friday 29th November, we are asking all children to come into school wearing an item of blue clothing with their usual uniform.

Please can you bring £1, which will be donated to Mary's Meals.





Attendance	
Yr R	95%
Yr 1	91.7%
Yr 2	96.8%
Yr 3	98.9%
Yr 4	99.3% ★
Yr 5	97.2%
Yr 6	98.2%



★ Star of the week

- ★ Nursery - Cooper, Arthur
- ★ Yr R - Alfie, Joey
- ★ Yr 1– Eala, Thea
- ★ Yr 2 - Sienna, Jessica
- ★ Yr 3 - Ann, Anna
- ★ Yr 4 - Anais, Mihrimah
- ★ Yr 5 - Niamh, Arina, Ania, Luke
- ★ Yr 6 - Wiktor, Keelan, Petros, Faith



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. 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.

St John Vianney PTA



Sign up to our Facebook page to hear about upcoming events and Purple Shop sales



Sign up to our mailing list to help us achieve more for the SJV community



Introducing: Ruth Kidman - Secretary

This is my first year on the PTA and I went along to my first meeting in September. I wanted to get involved because I know how hard school staff work to provide a great experience for our children and I wanted to support that. School budgets are so stretched that I hope we can run some great events that support school funds (and at which the children have a great time!).



Christmas Disco 19th December

Volunteers welcomed!

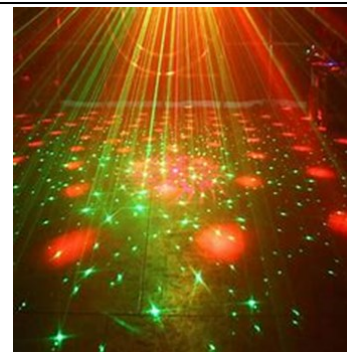
Christmas Disco

Do you know anyone who could lend us any disco lights for the evening of Thursday 19th December? If so, please do get in touch via Facebook or email.

We'll also be looking for volunteers to help for an hour or so on the day. We'd love to see some new faces, and promise that dancing is not expected!

Stocking up for Christmas?

We have a few bottles and cans left over from previous events we've run that are nearing the end of their shelf life. However, they're all fine for Christmas! So we are selling these at a reduced price to clear space for upcoming events. If you're interested, please see our FB page for details of what we have and comment on the post to let us know what you'd like – we'll DM you to confirm.



A HUGE thank you to everyone who volunteered and came along to help on Movie Night – we could not have done it without you!

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 EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number, letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest: you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/spending-and-saving>

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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!



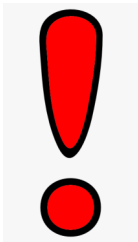
Owls Club Payments

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



Monday, 25th November

Dance - KS2 - 3.14-4.00p.m.

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

Tuesday, 26th 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.

Netball Match - away vs St Mary & St Benedict

Reception Phonics Workshop - 9.00 a.m.

Wednesday, 27th November

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, 28th 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.

Boys Football Match - home vs St John Fisher

Year 2 Inspire Workshop - 9.00 a.m.

Friday, 29th November

St Andrew's Day - wear an item of blue clothing with school uniform - bring £1.00.

Future Dates

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

Thursday 5th December

- Boys Football Match - away vs St Thomas More

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.

Tuesday 17th December

- Nursery & Reception trip to Smeds and the Smoos

Thursday 19th December

- School Disco

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.



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.

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

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

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- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 2 Choose your primary school
- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4 Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5 We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.

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