

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th December 2024



Dear Parents,

“In this second week of Advent, we ask for the grace to prepare ourselves with faith to celebrate Christmas.”

Pope Francis

The Gospel this weekend serves to remind us about the importance of preparing ourselves as Christmas approaches: to repent (to look into our hearts and see if there are any ways that we could make a change for the better), and to be busy doing the things that Jesus told us to do, loving God and loving one another through our words and through our deeds. In these ways we prepare our hearts to be filled with a joy that lasts long after the Christmas festivities have passed.



On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle, sometimes called the “Bethlehem Candle,” is lit. This candle represents love and peace - both God's love for us and ours for him and others - and symbolizes the manger where Jesus was born.

Another busy week in school preparing for Christmas. We have put up our trees and lights and the children are starting to make decorations and Christmas Cards. We had a lovely inspire workshop last week whereby the children and parents learnt about Gaudete Sunday and the Advent Wreath. The inspire workshops are a great way for us and the children to learn about what we are teaching in RE and deepen our faith. Thank you to all the parents who are able to support these workshops as well as family members who come to help out. We are so grateful that our parents show such great kindness by helping other children whose parents are unable to attend -you are a shining example to others and embody our one school rule: Love one another as I have loved you. I look forward to seeing all these amazing Babinelli's at Mass on 14th December. Thank you Mrs Littlewood and Mrs Evans.

Today we have had a lovely assembly on Advent. Year 1 told us some great facts and they said their lines so well. It takes a lot to stand in front of so many people and remember when it is your turn to speak. Well done Year 1 and a big thank you to Miss Alessio and Mrs Halls.



Thank you to everyone who has brought in items of toiletries for the Fr Hudson Caritas. We are accepting soap, toothpaste, deodorant, flannels, sponges, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, comb, brush etc.

Collection to end on Monday 9th December.

Please remember to wear your Christmas Jumpers on Thursday 12th and bring an item of toiletries for the Carriers of Hope appeal.





Performances and Masses

- 10th Dec KS1 a.m.
- 11TH Dec KS1 a.m.
- 12th Dec Nursery Nativity a.m.
- 14th Dec Year 1 and 2 Mass Blessing of Bambinellis
- 16th Dec KS2 p.m.
- 17TH Dec KS2 p.m.
- 19TH Dec Disco
- 20th Dec Whole School Mass

Bring change for our raffles at each performance £1 a strip

Christmas Dinner on 12th Dec

Attendance

- Yr R - 95.8%
- Yr 1 - 94.8%
- Yr 2 - 98.6%
- Yr 3 - 99.6%
- Yr 4 - 96.7%
- Yr 5 - 96.9%
- Yr 6 - 90.4%

Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor. Please click the link for more information:

Please visit

www.mynewterm.com

to apply



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



Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help with the school disco!

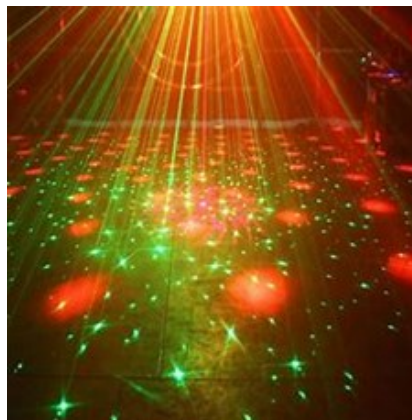
Help needed with:

Running the sweet stall

Selling snacks

General supervising

Please get in touch if you can help.



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

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!



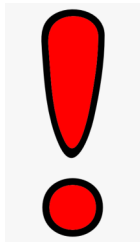
Owls Club Payments

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, 9th December

Dance - KS2 - 3.14-4.00p.m. - **FINISHED**
Netball Squad - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15-4.15 p.m. - **FINISHED**

Tuesday, 10th December

Recorder Club - KS2 - 3.15-4.00 p.m. - **FINISHED**
Boys Football Squad training - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15-4.15 p.m. - **FINISHED**
Fitness Squad Years 1 & 2 - 3.15-4.15 p.m. - **FINISHED**
Year 1 & 2 Nativity - 9.00 a.m.
Emotion Coaching 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 11th December

Mini-Tennis - Year 3/4 - 7.45-8.30 a.m. - **FINISHED**
Running Club - Key Stage 2 - 8.00 - 8.30 a.m. - **FINISHED**
Guitar Tuition
Dance - Year 1 & 2 - 3.15-4.00 p.m. - **FINISHED**
Girls Football Squad training - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15-4.15 p.m. - **FINISHED**
Year 1 & 2 Nativity - 9.00 a.m.

Thursday, 12th December

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m. - **FINISHED**
Piano Tuition
Creative Flair Dance - Year 3 & 4 - 12.00-12.30 p.m. - **FINISHED**
Creative Flair Dance - Year 1 & 2 - 12.30-1.00 p.m. - **FINISHED**
Fitness Squad - Years 3 to 6 - 3.15-4.15 p.m. - **FINISHED**
Nursery Nativity - 9.30 a.m.
Christmas Lunch - Non Uniform Day - bring toiletries

Friday, 13th November

Rocksteady Concert - 2.30 p.m.

Saturday 14th December

Year 2 Bambinelli Mass - Year 4 Readers - 6.00 p.m.

Future Dates

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
Wednesday 18th December	- Girls Football Match - away vs Allesley Hall
Thursday 19th December	- Boys Football Match - away vs Allesley Hall
Thursday 19th December	- School Disco
Friday 20th December	- Christmas Holidays Begin
Monday 6th January	- Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 7th January	- Children return to school

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.
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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.

Selected stores. Minimum spend £2+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability UK 18+. App & Opt in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools must register with Parentkind charity 1072633. Full T&Cs at asda.com/cashpotforschools. Rewards T&Cs at asda.com/rewards/terms. Ends 30.11.24