

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th December 2024



Dear parents

Congratulations to Year 3 and Year 4 for a wonderful Christmas play. It was well attended by parents and relatives who are getting ready for the festive period. Thank you to Mrs Ryan, Mrs Honey, Mrs Connelly and Miss Sexton for your hard work behind the scenes making the magic happen.

The children are all prepared for the festive period Key stage 2 pupils have all received the sacrament of reconciliation and have attended our final Mass in school this year. I hope that you enjoy celebrating Christmas and hope that you go to see the nativity scene in Church.

On behalf of all the staff may I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



Congratulations to Miss Shailer on the birth of her baby boy Toby George Thomas Walters born on 16th December weighing 8lb 2oz. Mum and baby are both doing well.



Attendance

Yr R - 95%

Yr 1 - 95.4%

Yr 2 - 92.9%

Yr 3 - 94.6%

Yr 4 - 97.4%

Yr 5 - 97.6%

Yr 6 - 91.9%



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!



Reminder: Children should not bring mobile phones into school at any time.

If a phone is found in school, it will be confiscated and parents will be asked to collect the phone from the school office at the end of the day.

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



Description	Size	Quantity
Nursery jumper	24	6
Nursery PE shirt	24	2
Cardigan	22	3
	24	2
	26	11
	28	7
	32	2
	34	3
	36	1
Jumper	22	1
	24	9
	26	18
	28	5
	30	8
	32	8
PE shirt	24	2
	26	13
	28	6
	30	3
	32	2
	34	1
Hoodie	24	1
	26	1
	28	3
Reversible jacket-fleece	24	2
	26	5
	28	2
	30	1
Fleece	26	1
	30	1

Purple Shop

If you're interested in items from the Purple Shop, please contact Siew Wan via FB or the SJV email address.



Layering up your Purple Uniform this winter!

Limited availability! Find us on SJV PTA Facebook for items and sizes.



A HUGE thank you to everybody that has given their time, energy and creativity to PTA events this term.

The children had a wonderful time at the Christmas disco and we would like to give a special thanks to Mrs Cooke for her brilliant afternoon of music and entertainment.

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

SAFETY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Currently, children are growing up in an immediate and throwaway culture when it comes to content that's consumed online. So much material is now deliberately created to be shorter in nature – and may often contain hidden elements such as advertising, or extreme political and cultural views. With complex algorithms built to keep people on their phones and engaging with social media content, it's becoming increasingly difficult to reduce time spent on these platforms.

1 REDUCE DOOMSCROLLING

It's concerning how common for young people to spend hours 'doomscrolling': trawling through social media and aimlessly viewing every post they see, many of which might make them feel sad or anxious. Social media can be useful for keeping in touch with friends and family, as well as staying up to date on current events. However, it's important to use it with a clear purpose, instead of endlessly scrolling through content, which could lead to young people accidentally discovering harmful material.

2 TALK ABOUT THE CONTENT

It's important to keep apprised of the kind of content that a young person is being exposed to. Discussing what they're watching online can help you understand why they're using social media in the first place. Furthermore, ensure that children are aware of hidden content, such as advertising of a product – and that they know how to spot that the creator is being paid to talk about it.

3 FIND POSITIVE ASPECTS

Despite all the concerns, there's plenty of wholesome content on social media. It's worth spending time with children to help them find something suitable and enjoyable. Perhaps you'll even discover a joint interest, and you can enjoy the content alongside the child. As part of this, you should also point out why certain things shouldn't be given attention, explaining why it isn't suitable and why it's been created in the first place.

4 REDUCE SCREENTIME

Young people can sometimes be unaware of the exact amount of time they spend looking at social media. Smart phones don't just have the capacity to monitor screentime; they also record how much time is spent on each app. Consider setting targets to reduce this and support children to meet these goals, gradually reducing the amount of time spent on different apps.

5 FILL THE VOID

Monitoring and reducing screentime can create a lot of free time to fill, and young people can even face withdrawal symptoms when made to step away from their phones. To mitigate this, consider what offline activities you could introduce the child to, and what they would enjoy. This can ensure that young users will permanently cut down on their screentime, rather than temporarily doing so while they know it's being monitored.

6 REDUCE NOTIFICATIONS

One way in which social media platforms keep people coming back is through notifications. The algorithms behind these apps track people's daily habits, including the times of the day where they're most likely to engage with the platform. This data is then used to deliver specifically timed notifications to draw them back in. To avoid young users being exposed to this tactic, simply turn off notifications for the app in their phone's settings.

7 LIVE IN THE REAL WORLD

Overexposure to social media can distort someone's perception of the real world – from body norms to social conventions. This filtered environment can make it hard for young people to distinguish reality from online content, which is now becoming even more difficult with the rise of AI. To mitigate this concern, take time to teach young people how to discern truth from fiction, both on and off social media.

8 DIGITAL DETOX

Encouraging young people to take a 'digital detox', from even just a couple of the apps that they use, can result in an overall reduction of screentime and less exposure to potentially harmful content. Alternatively, rather than avoiding the app entirely, encourage children to take a 'digital detox' from content creators and influencers, and instead, keep in touch with friends and family – which is generally a far healthier use of these platforms.

9 MODEL GOOD BEHAVIOUR

Consider the habits that you're demonstrating to your children. How much time do you spend on your phone? How much do you 'doomscroll'? Comparing your own usage with the child's could put things into perspective for them – or if it turns out that you're also overusing social media, it can turn screentime reduction into a joint mission, which you and the child can work on together.

10 BE CLEAR ON THE "WHY"

Research shows that young people can become addicted to social media. There are many schools that are moving towards being 'phone free' due to the negative impacts of using social media and phones continuously. It's important to explain to young people why managing screentime is important. Set out the benefits and ensure they have all the relevant information, so it's not just seen as a punishment.

Meet Our Expert

John Insley is a senior leader in a Birmingham secondary school and has vast experience in leading schools over the past 15 years – including the development of computing curriculums across primary and secondary schools, writing e-safety policies and supporting schools with computing and e-safety advice.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/top-tips-for-safety-on-social-media>

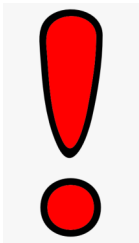
Owls Club Payments

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, 6th January

Dance - KS2 - 3.14-4.00p.m. - **NO SESSION**

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

Teacher Training Day - children do not attend

Tuesday, 7th January

Recorder Club - KS2 - 3.15-4.00 p.m. - **NO SESSION**

Boys Football Squad training - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15-4.15 p.m - **NO SESSION**

Children return to school

Wednesday, 8th January

Mini-Tennis - Year 3/4 - 7.45-8.30 a.m. - **NO SESSION**

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. - **NO SESSION**

Girls Football Squad training - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15-4.15 p.m. - **NO SESSION**

Boys Football Match (friendly) - Away vs St John's

Thursday, 9th January

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m. - **NO SESSION**

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.

Boys Football Match - away vs Allesley Hall

Friday, 10th January

Future Dates

Tuesday 14th January

Thursday 16th January

Tuesday 21st January

Tuesday 21st January

Thursday 23rd January

Thursday 23rd January

Monday 27th January

Thursday 30th January

Thursday 30th January

Tuesday 4th February

Thursday 6th February

Saturday 8th February

- Girls Football Match - home vs Holy Family

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- Year 3 Reading Café

- Boys Football Match - away vs Allesley Primary

- Year 4 Inspire Workshop

- Girls Football Match - home vs St Thomas More

- Girls Football Match - away vs Christ the King

- Non Uniform Day - bring chocolates

- Boys Football Match - away vs Our Lady

- Boys Football Match - away vs All Souls

- Chocolate Bingo - 4.30 p.m.

- Year 5 & 6 Mass

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.





Did you know that you can message the Coventry School Nurses for confidential advice and support?

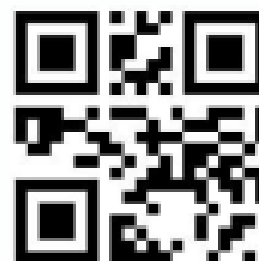


Parents can message us via
our  ChatHealth text

messaging service on:

07507 329 114

or scan our QR code



9:00am – 4.30pm
Monday to Friday
(excluding bank and public
holidays).

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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.
Fun Music Club— Reception	Tuesday	Lunchtime
Recorder Club	Tuesday	3.15 - 4.00 p.m.
Boys Football Squad - Years 5 & 6	Tuesday	3.15 - 4.15 p.m.
Boxing Club— 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.
Boxing Club—KS2	Thursday	3.15 - 4.15 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.

INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards
and we will donate **££s** to schools.

CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Only with
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Rewards

Download and
opt-in today

With
Parentkind

HERE'S HOW:

- 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