

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th January 2025



Dear Parents,

May I wish you all Good health, happiness and prosperity in 2025.

Pope Francis reminds us that, "Faith is a gift which we receive in Baptism and which allows us to encounter God." Jesus came for everyone: to draw us all into his family so that we can become more like him and joyfully share in God's own life.

Welcome back and I hope everyone has had an enjoyable Christmas spending time with your family and friends. Thank you for all the gifts and cards we received it was very generous of you all.

We are having a big focus on writing this term and will be celebrating the excellent story telling skills, spelling and handwriting. Please continue to support your child by practising their spellings and the best way to become a great writer is to become a great reader.



Read, Read, Read.

The weather has took a change for the worse and should the snow cause school to be closed we will post on our website.

Reminder we are a nut free school. Please think about the foods that you are sending into school in your child's lunch box.



Attendance

Yr R - 96.6%

Yr 1 - 98.8%

Yr 2 - 100%

Yr 3 - 94.9%

Yr 4 - 95.7%

Yr 5 - 98.2%

Yr 6 - 97.6%



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.

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



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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about JUSTALK KIDS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

JusTalk Kids is a child's version of the JusTalk app – a highly popular social networking platform – designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JusTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JusTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more fun features such as games they can play with others in a call, exclusive stickers, a badge denoting them as a premium subscriber, and exclusive ringtones and themes.

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JusTalk Kids endeavours to allow children the sense of having a chat-based app while allowing parents to set controls (within the app or from their own adult JusTalk account). The basis behind this is positive; however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JusTalk Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JusTalk Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to add contacts. The parental controls help to manage which content can be viewed and who children can add as a contact; this then allows children to chat with friends in a controlled environment. However, prospective contacts don't have to know a specific username. In theory, someone could type in a random name and then add them as a friend.

POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JusTalk and JusTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going so far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, a security lapse in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted – leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

CYBERBULLYING

Online chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which they wouldn't normally say in person. Combined with the option of group chats, there's a risk that young people might join in with this kind of behaviour, escalating it further and potentially turning what should be a fun experience into something deeply negative.

TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted a 52% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022 – as well as finding that 29% of children used their smartphones in a manner consistent with screen addiction. Introducing children to social networking apps when they're too young can lead to bad digital habits and a reliance on technology from an early age.

Advice for Parents & Educators

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JusTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politely and call out any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what is and isn't safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JusTalk can sometimes lend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) at home. Remind them that they can block a contact if someone is treating them disrespectfully.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO RETURN TO ROUTINE

Most of us look forward to the school holidays as an opportunity to slow down and relax, stay up later, sleep in and generally approach life in a more leisurely fashion. However, this does mean that returning to normal school-day routines can feel like an uphill battle. Here are some practical tips to ease that transition, reduce stress and set children up for success.

1 START SMALL AND EARLY

Begin reintroducing elements of the school routine at least a few days before term starts. Gradually adjust bedtime, wake-up times and mealtimes to be more in line with school-day rhythms. Small changes can make a big difference in avoiding last-minute panic and helping children to readjust smoothly.



WEEKLY PLANNER



2 REVISIT THE SCHEDULE

Involve your child in mapping out their daily routine so they understand what's going to change. Visual tools like charts or calendars can help keeping to that schedule feel more engaging. When children understand and anticipate their personal timetable, they feel more secure and in control.



3 CREATE A SLEEP PLAN

Sleep can present one of the biggest challenges, as children can sometimes become night owls, prone to staying up late during the holidays. Limit screen time before bed and encourage winding-down activities like reading or listening to calming music. A restful night's sleep improves focus, mood and overall wellbeing, making mornings much smoother.



4 ENCOURAGE FRIENDSHIPS

Help your child to reconnect with school friends by organising playdates, catch-ups or arranging to go to after-school clubs. Re-establishing social bonds can make the return to school more exciting and less intimidating, allowing youngsters to focus on the positive aspects of the new term.



5 GRANT RESPONSIBILITY

Give children control over some aspects of the morning routine. Maybe they could be in charge of waking everyone up, serving breakfast or choosing the radio station that everyone listens to while getting ready. Something that gives them a sense of ownership over their morning schedule can help them view the task as one they've chosen to do, rather than being told to do it.



6 FOCUS ON NUTRITION

Make sure children are receiving balanced meals (with regular healthy snacks to boost energy and concentration), putting them in the best possible state to return to education. A nutritious breakfast is particularly crucial for a positive start to the day. Involve children in meal planning to make it enjoyable and collaborative.



7 COMMUNICATE OPENLY

Talk with your child about how they're feeling about returning to school: whether they're excited, anxious or a mix of both. Validating their emotions helps them feel supported and understood. Try asking them about the things they're looking forward to at school, such as seeing their friends again. Focusing on the positives can be useful for children struggling with change.



8 RECONNECT WITH LEARNING

Ease children back into a learning mindset by incorporating fun, educational activities into their home life. Reading a favourite book, playing games that involve maths or discussing an interesting topic can gently reawaken their focus and prime their minds to learn, which can have helpful impacts on their academic performance.



9 PREP TOGETHER

Turn preparation into a shared activity, to shoulder the responsibility together and provide support where needed. Pack school bags, lay out uniforms and plan lunch the night before. This not only reduces early morning stress but also gives children a sense of ownership over being ready for school.



10 BE PATIENT AND FLEXIBLE

Transitions take time, and every child adjusts differently: so, it's important to stay calm and supportive, especially if they're reacting adversely to the change in their daily life. Be ready to tweak routines as needed, and work with the child to make the return to education as easy as possible for them. Patience can go a long way to setting a positive tone for the new school year.



Meet Our Expert

Becky Dawson is an education expert with a focus on mental health and wellbeing. Passionate about empowering adults who spend time with and care for young people, Becky specialises in creating practical strategies that promote wellbeing and resilience in children during life's transitions.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/supporting-children-to-return-to-routine>

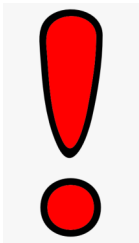
Owls Club Payments

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, 13th January

Dance - KS2 - 3.14-4.00p.m.

Netball Squad - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15-4.15 p.m.

Tuesday, 14th January

Recorder Club - KS2 - 3.15-4.00 p.m.

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

Boxing Club - Yr 1 & 2 - 3.15 - 4.15 p.m.

Girls Football Match - Home vs Holy Family

Wednesday, 15th January

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, 16th January

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.

Boys Football Match - home vs Holy Family

Boxing Club - Key Stage 2 - 3.15 - 4.15 p.m.

Friday, 17th January



Future Dates

Tuesday 21st January

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Thursday 23rd January

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Monday 27th January

Thursday 30th January

Thursday 30th January

Tuesday 4th February

Thursday 6th February

Friday 7th February

Saturday 8th February

Tuesday 11th February

- 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 2 Class Mass
- Year 5 & 6 Mass
- Netball Match - home vs St Thomas More

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.
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.
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.

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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

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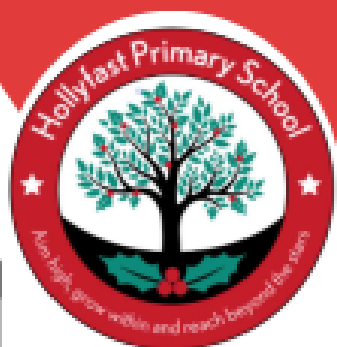


 **TIMES**
8:30AM - 4:30PM

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

17TH FEBRUARY - 21ST FEBRUARY

4 GREAT LOCATIONS



Coventry

Hollyfast
Primary
School
CV6 2AH



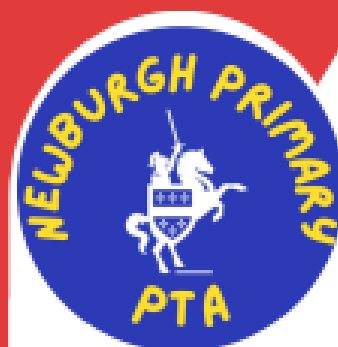
Nuneaton

Park Lane
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Rugby





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Warwick

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ACTIVITIES

LITTLE LACES    

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AMERICAN FLAG FOOTBALL & TAG RUGBY 

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