

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th January 2025



Dear Parents,

**“If we are close to Jesus, we will have joy in our hearts
and a smile on our face.”**

Pope Francis



God wants us to be filled with joy – Jesus came to make our joy complete.

In the first of his many miracles, Jesus changed the water into wine and brought great joy to the wedding celebration. For us too, Jesus changes our lives when he enters into our hearts and homes; he makes the ordinary special and life more joyful.

Pope Francis has designated this year a Jubilee Year- Year of Hope

The Holy Father has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, something which happens every 25 years. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is “Pilgrims of Hope,” and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis.

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life’s pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That’s why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the ‘anchor of hope’ refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms.

This coming week Yr 6 are going to lead a whole school assembly on Pilgrims of Hope and the Year of Jubilee and we will attend an assembly on Friday that will be live streamed by the Archbishop Bernard across all of the Birmingham Diocese. We have planned pilgrimages for all pupils in school during the Spring and Summer Term.





This week 3 children have attended Coventry Cathedral and have trained as ICON Ambassadors bringing peace to everyone in school. They will share their training with others in the next few weeks so that we can further develop our ICON Ambassadors.

We have had a big focus upon writing this week and I have had my socks blown off by the high standard from Nursery upwards. I am so lucky to be able to pop into each class and be sent pupils who have come to show me their amazing achievements. Well Done children keep up the work!



It is an honour to be considered the top performing school in Coventry this week and I am very grateful for the support from parents, pupils and staff to achieve this accolade.

We work together for the benefit of each individual pupil. Remember all staff are available at the end of the day to chat and myself and Key Stage 1 staff are on the gate each morning. It is lovely to chat to parents and pupils each morning.

Please remember to bring reading books to school daily. I am endeavouring to hear as many pupils read each week. If we can't read, we can't write. We have been fortunate to have a visiting author this week in Key Stage 1 to inspire the children to read. Next week we have a reading café to encourage as many parents to come and read in school. Our reading Café's have been a great success and one that all pupils have enjoyed.

St John Vianney PTA



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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.

PTA Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday 27th January at 6pm. This will be online and if you'd like to join us please follow the link below!

This will be a planning meeting for Gala Day. If you can help in any way on Gala Day or if you know of anybody who could contribute, please do let us know in advance of the meeting, or just come along.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://bham-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/89634792498?pwd=kKvio5Gm5zFud7ICTyh0na2oalmMSN.1>

Meeting ID: 896 3479 2498
 Passcode: 484559

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

Wednesday 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. – **Art Club**

Thursday 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. - **Games night** - Bingo, cards, dominoes, board games

Sessions will be charged at £5.50 per session payable via Arbor.

Pupils can sign up for a monthly block of sessions but also choose to do the other activities in Owls club if they prefer. If your child would like to sign up for any of these sessions please email owls@sjv.coventry.sch.uk for more information and an application form.



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

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION

13+

(Certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Adults tend to associate online videos with YouTube – but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a stream of short clips tailored to users' interests, based on what they've already watched. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while much of the content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where youngsters "were most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



While TikTok's Following feed only displays videos from familiar creators, For You is a collection based on a user's previously watched clips. Most of these videos will probably be inoffensive, but the app *could* potentially show something unsuitable. If children then engage with this content, more like it will follow. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the huge number of uploads means that a small amount inevitably slips through.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

According to Ofcom, most online harms for teens are body image related for girls (promoting unhealthy eating, body shaming and so on) and dangerous stunts for boys. Both are prevalent on TikTok. One extreme example of the latter was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. This led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase gifts for content creators. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; while that may not sound appealing, the app still generated £7.9 billion in user spending in 2023. TikTok's policy is that under-18s can't make in-app purchases, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birth date.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS



With more than 1.5 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and enables *anyone* to download or comment on them.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

Although the short videos on TikTok tend to be more frivolous than the longer ones on YouTube, clips can still influence impressionable minds in a negative way. Not only is there plenty of dangerous misinformation on TikTok, but Ofcom reports that nearly a third of 12 to 15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source – so you should be wary of misogynistic, racist or conspiracy-themed material shaping how they see the world.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

With its constant stream of eye-catching videos, TikTok can be addictive to young brains. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the app: that's twice as much as in 2020. Excessive use can interfere with young people's sleep patterns – often leading to irritability – and distract them from other, healthier activities. The instantly skippable nature of bite-size videos may also impact children's ability to maintain focus.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's, and control settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen-time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure that they don't share any identifying personal information, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's also worth talking about misinformation and propaganda, and how to identify it.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.



BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

If a child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter their settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend enabling this feature, as it can be quite easy for a young person to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins to unlock more features of the app – sometimes without even realising.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/tiktok-2025>

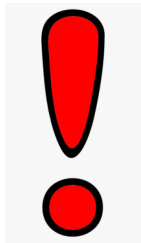
Owls Club Payments

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, 20th January

Dance - KS2 - 3.14-4.00p.m.

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

Tuesday, 21st 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.

Boys Football Match - Away vs Allesley Primary

Year 3 Reading Café - 9.00 a.m.

Wednesday, 22nd 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. - **NO SESSION**

Netball Match—away vs Our Lady

Thursday, 23rd 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.

Girls Football Match - home vs St Thomas More

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

Year 4 Inspire Workshop

Friday, 24th January

Future Dates

Monday 27th January

Thursday 30th January

Thursday 30th January

Thursday 30th January

Friday 31st January

Tuesday 4th February

Thursday 6th February

Friday 7th February

Saturday 8th February

Tuesday 11th February

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Wednesday 12th February

Thursday 13th February

Thursday 13th February

- Girls Football Match - away vs Christ the King

- Non Uniform Day - bring chocolates

- Piano Assembly

- Boys Football Match - away vs Our Lady

- Year 4 Class Mass - 2.-00p.m.

- 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

- Year 6 Trip to Islamic Exhibition Centre

- Girls Football Match - away vs Allesley Primary

- Boys Football Match - home vs St Mary and St Benedict

- Year 3 Class Mass - 2.00 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.



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.
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.

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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