

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th February 2025



Dear parents,

“To follow Jesus means to share his love for every human being.”

Pope Francis

We follow Jesus whenever we are kind, try to make peace, and make others feel welcome. Choosing to follow him is not always easy but it really does guide and help our families to keep growing in wisdom and love.

Last week we learnt about the Year of Jubilee from Archbishop Bernard. There are 3 things that we have been asked to do Prayer, Social Action and Fundraising our school council and liturgical team are busy making an action plan which will be shared with you very soon.

This week we have been busy in school.

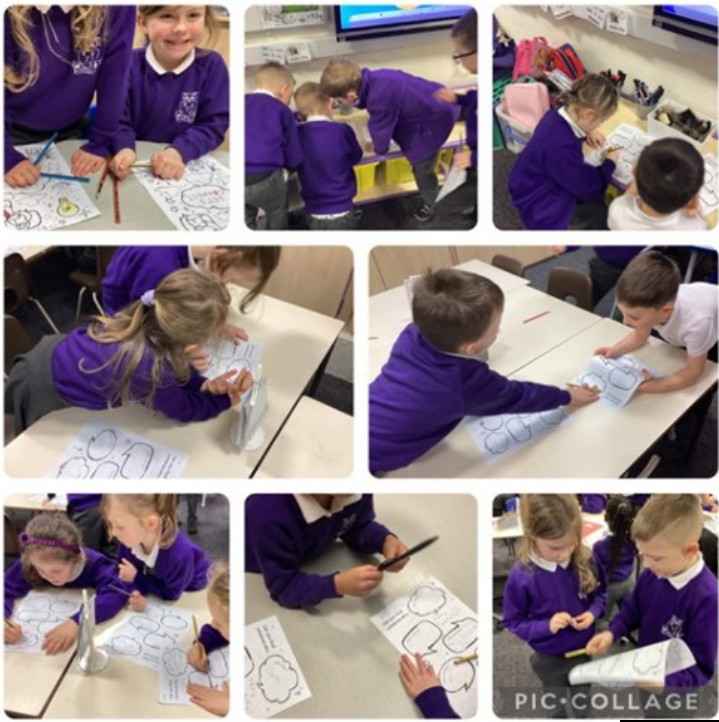
Nursery have been learning about Pope Francis' Five finger prayer



Reception have had a great time learning outside



As part of mental health week year 1 connected with their friends to find their likes and dislikes 😊 #MentalHealthWeek



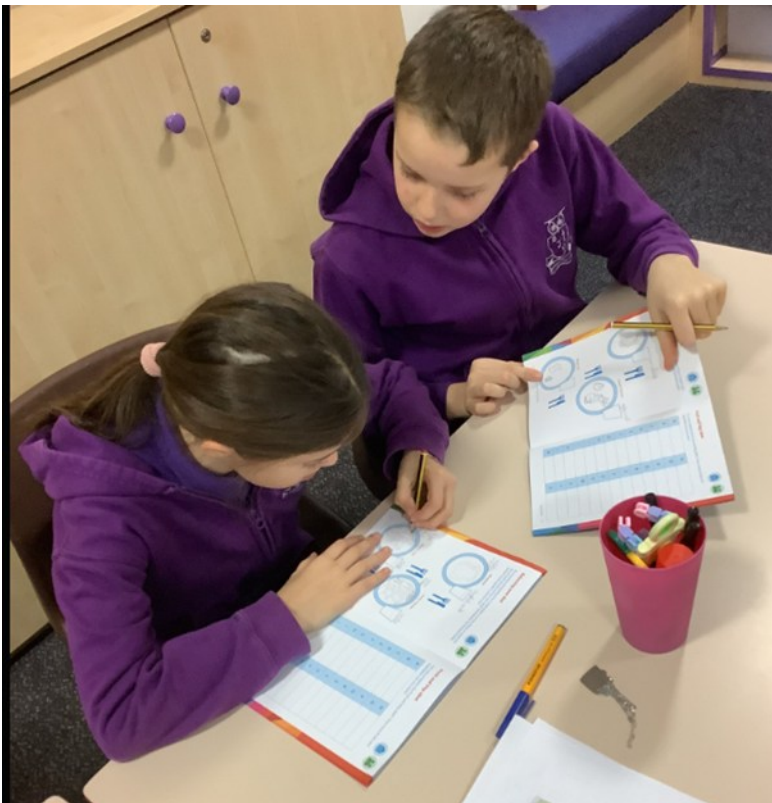
Year 2 practised their Class Mass together this afternoon. They were amazing. #Jubilee2025 #PilgrimsOfHope



Year 3 have been busy practicing their gymnastics routine in PE this half term 🙌 @SGOCoventryWest #SportAtSJV



Year 4 are sending their prayer bags home, the theme is 'Jesus you are the light of the World'



Year 5 have been working with CCFC learning about healthy eating and keeping fit.

Year 6 have been testing Darwin's theory of natural selection. Which beak shape is the best!



Thank you to everyone who supported our Chocolate Bingo Night. A great time was had by everyone. Thank you to our caller Mr Gormley and all the staff who helped the PTA make this a great fund raiser.

Congratulations to Year 2 who led their first Class Mass. They read well and sang their hearts out. Thank you to the great turn out from all the parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles.

Reminder about Parking we have had the PCSO around school recently and the local MP is trying to make parking around school safer. Please do not park near our nursery or mount the kerb near school -lets not cause danger to our children.

PARK SAFELY

This week we welcomed Claire from Myton Hospice.

She told us all about their appeal and the wonderful work they do. She spoke of qualities such as being kind, hardworking and compassionate, qualities we like to instil in all our children.

We are supporting this appeal and the children will bring an envelope home today.

We would appreciate your support with a small donation.

They need to be returned by 24th February.

There is a prize of a Monty Bear to a lucky winner who is picked at random out of the envelopes which are returned.

Many thanks, as always for your support.



HOLY CROSS MAC



HCCMAC FEBRUARY COMPETITION

31 JANUARY - 14 FEBRUARY 2025

* ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE *
PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE * THE WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE
THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL *
ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES *



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such ploys often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and suchlike. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives; talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk for more.

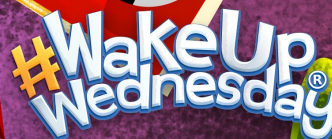


TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).



The National College®

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

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.



Please note, Owls Club is currently full every afternoon except Fridays. We do have spaces every morning for Breakfast Club.



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**

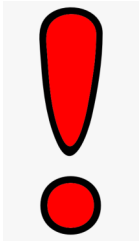
Owls Club Payments

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 most 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. This includes peanut butter, Nutella etc

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 Spring 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, 10th February

Dance - KS2 - 3.14-4.00p.m.

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

Tuesday, 11th February

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.

Year 6 Trip to Islamic Exhibition Centre

Netball Game - away vs St Thomas More

Wednesday, 12th February

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**

Girls Football Match - away vs Allesley Primary

Thursday, 13th February

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.

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

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

Year 3 Class Mass - 2.00 p.m.

Friday, 14th February

Year 5 Class Assembly - 9.00 a.m.

Year 6 Class Mass - 2.00 p.m.

Half Term Begins

Monday 24th February

Children return to school

Future Dates

Monday 24th February

- Children return to school

Tuesday 25th February

- Year 2 Reading Café

Wednesday 26th February

- Girls Football Match - away vs St Christopher

Thursday 27th February

- Boys Football Match - away vs Christ The King

Monday 3rd March

- Year 2 Phonics Workshop - 9.00 a.m.

Wednesday 5th March

- Girls Football Match - away vs St Augustine's

Thursday 6th March

- World Book Day

Wednesday 6th March

- Year 2 Assembly

Wednesday 6th March

- Boys Football Match - away vs Allesley Hall

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.





Family Hub & CIRV Youth Takeover Event

Dive into Coventry's Youth Scene
with a FREE fun day of workshops and
activities at The Moat Family Hub

19.02.2025 **11:00AM - 14:00PM**

The Moat Family Hub, Coventry, CV2 1EQ

A FREE event for Coventry families
with activities including

Music | Multi-Sports | Virtual Reality |
Arts & Crafts | Food | Youth Partners |
And Much More

In partnership with



Create it.
Shape it.
Embrace it.



Coventry Children's Mile

22 June 2025
War Memorial
Park



Save
the date





INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS & CARERS

West Midlands Police will be delivering **FREE ONLINE SAFETY** workshops for parents and carers living in Coventry, on **Thursday February 13th 2025**

We will share **guidance and strategies** on how to make the internet a safer experience for children.

A number of different topics will be explored, including:

- *Apps and appropriate ages*
- *Safety settings*
- *Grooming, sexting, bullying, radicalisation and extremism*
- *Gaming*
- *Introducing house rules*
- *How to approach conversations and what to do if your child is a victim*

To view dates and times and to book a place, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code above



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COVENTRY

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.