

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th February 2025



Dear Parents,

“Trust the past to God’s mercy, the present to God’s love and the future to God’s care.” St Augustine of Hippo

Trusting in God’s promises isn’t always easy – but it’s always rewarding. No amount of worrying will increase our safety or comfort; it’s through trusting in God that we will find security and hope.

Congratulations to Year 5 and 6 who read beautifully at Mass. The children received a heart at Mass to keep in their pocket and remind them of the love God has for us. Please remember that if you unable to read at Mass that you let us know as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Year 3 who celebrated a class Mass on the theme of belonging this week. They read clearly and sang so well. Both Mrs Ryan and Mrs Honey are so proud of you all. Well Done Year 3!

Congratulations to Year 6 who celebrated their Class Mass on the theme of Love. Thank you, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Cook for preparing the children so well. Our Year 6 pupils have been amazing at leading so many assemblies. Thank you to all the Year 6 pupils who have shown commitment to their ministries in preparation for their confirmation keep up the great work. Congratulations to Year 5 for an amazing assembly this morning. They explained to us all how important Love is in our life. Thank you Mr Gormley and Year 5.

Our ICT leaders delivered a very important assembly on the theme of Internet Safety and how important it is to stay safe online. It is so important that as parents we manage their access to social media sites so that they stay safe online.



Please remember to let us know if someone else is going to pick up your child from school. We will ask your child for safeguarding reasons who it is who is picking them up. We will always put your child’s safety first.



Blue Peter Badges

Any child aged 5-15 is able to apply for a Blue Peter Badge if they enjoy books and reading. They will need their parent or carer to help them with the application, they need to say a little bit about what they like in the book and draw or create a picture illustrating it.

[How to get a Blue Peter Book badge - CBBC](#)



Congratulations to our pupils that represented us at a variety of sporting events this term . We are very proud of each and everyone of them for showing us their sportsmanship.

Thank you Mr Chatland for coaching our children,
you are doing a great job.

Congratulations Team Vianney!



We have been trying to celebrate all the wonderful things we do at St John Vianney by tweeting and publishing photos on our website under Curriculum enhancement as well as posting photos on our newsletter.

We try to put as much information on the newsletter and website as possible to keep you up to date with all the amazing learning that has happened at our school. This is our best way of communicating with you although I am on the top gate most mornings and a member of staff is on the bottom gate. All staff are on the playground at the end of the day and we are happy to chat with you.

Any concerns are dealt with as soon as possible and we try to speak to you by phone, email or in person. I am always grateful of the support, praise and encouragement that we receive from you in school.

We have worked hard to have a range of trips to enhance our curriculum and bring the learning alive. To save money we have been thankful of the support of the PTA to bring down the cost and sometimes we invite speakers into school.

We have a programme of visits to learn about other faiths and we are inviting visitors into school to talk about their faith. So far Yr 6 and Yr 2 have developed an understanding of Islam and will be sharing this with the whole school. All classes will be learning about different faiths.

Alongside learning about other faiths it is important that we learn about other cultures and celebrate our diversity and uniqueness. We will do this through anti-racism lessons, having an Elmer Day and celebrating our own culture by learning about the countries we come from and the foods, music and customs of our background. By developing our understanding of British Values we will learn to love one another as I have loved you.

This is the Year of Pilgrims of Hope so we have organised pilgrimages to holy places in and around Coventry. We are aiming to bring Hope to other people in our community.

Through our Catholic Social Teaching we will teach our pupils to become good citizens of the future. We are learning to fund raise and care for those in greater need than ourselves. We will pray for peace in our world and actively ask our MP to support those less fortunate than ourselves.

WORLD BOOK DAY

2025



BOOK SWAP



To celebrate World Book Day, we will be holding a book swap event in school. On Thursday 6th March the children can bring a book to school that they no longer want and are happy to swap for another book with a child in their class.



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
Jumper	36	1
	22	1
	24	9
	26	18
	28	5
	30	8
PE shirt	32	8
	24	2
	26	13
	28	6
	30	3
	32	2
Hoodie	34	1
	24	1
	26	1
Reversible jacket-fleece	28	3
	24	2
	26	5
	28	2
Fleece	30	1
	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.

Chocolate Bingo....

Thank you so much to everyone who pitched in to help with serving refreshments at Chocolate Bingo and thank you to all the staff who made everything run so smoothly and made it such an enjoyable event. Fundraising total to come soon.....

Gala Day

Planning is already well underway for Gala Day 2025 in this special jubilee year.

We would love to hear your thoughts and if you have a few minutes to complete this three question Google Form, we would be very grateful!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGWAa-0lh_toz9OWu2fWhKeTt5fByonphdtwIIRMqsx1Q6dA/viewform?usp=sharing

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HEALTH & FITNESS APPS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Physical wellbeing apps are useful tools for monitoring and improving our health. They allow us to balance nutrition, set goals, track our activities and sleep patterns, and motivate us to exercise. Nonetheless, there *have* been some reported drawbacks; this guide outlines some of these concerns and explains how to use fitness apps safely.

LACK OF PERSONALISATION

Many apps take a one-size-fits-all approach, failing to account for the varying ages and abilities of children: a 16-year-old, for example, will have different physical needs to a child of 10. This can create unrealistic expectations and set exercises which may be too advanced for younger children or too simple for older ones.

NOT DEVELOPED BY EXPERTS

Some fitness and wellbeing apps are developed by experts in the field – but a concerning number of them *aren't*. As such, these platforms may contain inaccurate information. They may present safety concerns by giving incorrect advice regarding physical activities or might include age-inappropriate content which would clearly cause more harm than good.

REDUCED INTERACTION WITH OTHERS

Physical wellbeing apps can remove the social and interactive elements which physical exercise can offer – for instance, meeting people at fitness classes, at the gym or during any other such activities. Research has found that young people generally dislike this aspect of fitness apps, suggesting that they would rather exercise in the company of friends or other like-minded individuals.

DATA AND PRIVACY CONCERNS

Fitness and wellbeing apps tend to collect a lot of personal information from their users, including name, location, date of birth, details of their physical health and more. It's worth keeping in mind that some of these apps may sell this data to third parties. We'd advise that any apps young people download should have the correct legislation in place to protect their safety and privacy while using the service.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

While many fitness apps are free to download, the initial content is quite basic. Users will only receive more helpful content (such as new workouts, nutrition advice or a personalised plan) by signing up to a subscription or paying for extra features. This can incentivise users to spend money on the service – a cost which can quickly mount up.

DEPENDENCY ON THE APP

While physical wellbeing apps can help motivate young users to manage their fitness, there's a possibility that – without being sent frequent rewards and reminders – children could start to lose their natural drive to be active. Young people may also become obsessed with tracking their exercise, health and eating habits: this can have negative effects on their mental and emotional wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXERCISE AND SOCIALISE

Highlight the importance of children enjoying fitness activities with family and friends, rather than always exercising alone. Emphasise the fun they can have by interacting with others rather than solely relying on an app to maintain their regime. Remind them of the importance of staying active, as well as the benefits of doing so with company.

PROMOTE POSITIVE BODY IMAGE

While we want children to be active and healthy, we must also ensure they don't become fixated on how they look and begin take things too far. During childhood and adolescence, the body is still growing and changing. It's vitally important for young people's wellbeing that we promote a positive body image and a healthy relationship with food, empowering them to make informed decisions about their diet and lifestyle.

REVIEW THE APP FIRST

Before allowing someone under 18 to install a fitness and wellbeing app, check its age rating, read its reviews and scroll through its data policy, to ensure its suitability for younger users. You could also try it yourself, to see if it's appropriate for the child's particular needs and decide if you're comfortable with them using it. Ensure that any privacy-compromising features – such as location tracking – are disabled.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

As with all apps, it's important for parents to familiarise themselves with any controls on the app and to use these on a child's account. The specific settings vary between platforms but – most commonly – these will relate to screen-time limits, disabling or capping in-app purchases, and managing social aspects or features which aren't age appropriate. By utilising these controls, you can help to ensure a child is getting a safe experience.

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.



#WakeUpWednesday®

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/wellbeing-fitness-apps>

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**

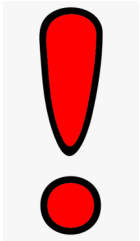
Owls Club Payments

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, 24th February

Dance - KS2 - 3.14-4.00p.m.

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

Children return to school

Tuesday, 25th February

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

Boys Football Squad training - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15-4.15 p.m

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

Wednesday, 26th 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 St Christopher's

Thursday, 27th 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 - away vs Christ the King

Friday, 28th February

Future Dates

Monday 3rd March

- Year 2 Phonics Workshop - 9.00 a.m.

Tuesday 4th March

- Year 1 Phonics Workshop - 9.00 a.m.

Wednesday 5th March

- Ash Wednesday Mass - 10.15 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

Monday 10th March

- Year 2 Reading Café (**NEW DATE**)

Tuesday 11th March

- Boys friendly football match - home vs All Souls

Thursday 13th March

- Reception Class Inspire Workshop - 9.00 a.m.

Thursday 13th March

- Boys Football Match - home vs St John's

Friday 14th March

- St Patrick's Day celebrations

Friday 14th March

- Rocksteady Assembly - 2.30 p.m. (**NEW DATE**)

Tuesday 18th March

- Year 1 Reading Café - 9.00 a.m.

Tuesday 18th March

- Boys Football Match - away vs Walsgrave

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**

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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.