



# St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th February 2025



Dear Parents,

**“We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions.”**

**Pope Francis**

This weeks Gospel also reminds us not to criticise others’ actions but rather to look at our own actions and try to grow in goodness. This week we are encouraging the children to decide on some kind of action that they could take to show their love for God and others.

We are celebrating Waste week next week and want the children to bring a variety of things into school that can be recycled. Please bring them into School by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March. We will collect throughout the week.

Canon Tom Farrell has asked that we bring Foodbank items to school every Thursday. These will be collected from all 7 schools in the MAC and then we will create food parcels for needy families in our community. Should you require a food parcel please email using this address: [supportsjv@hccmac.co.uk](mailto:supportsjv@hccmac.co.uk) leaving your details and we will arrange for a food parcel to be collected in a discrete manner.

St David’s Day thank you to everyone that supported our collection today. Thank you to Fr Des who celebrated Mass for St David’s house today in school. It was lovely to see so much yellow red and green in school representing the Welsh Flag. We learnt about St David from our House Captain and Deputy House Captain.



Save the date for our St Patrick’s celebration Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March

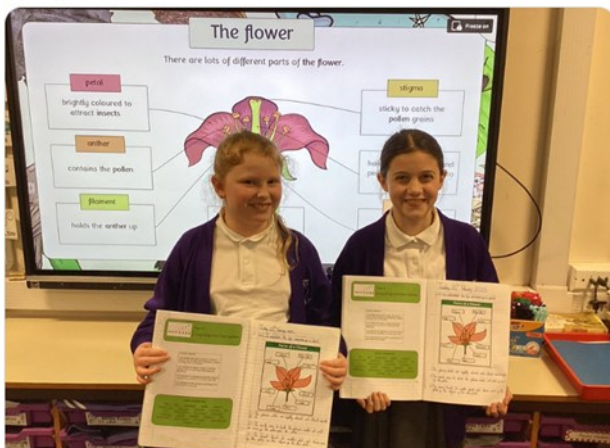


# Science at St John Vianney

Magic or magnets? Year 3 have been discovering how magnets attract or repel each other. They have used their knowledge to make magnets appear to float and to get a magnet through a maze without touching it.



During Science this week, Year 5 were learning about reproduction in plants. #Flowers



We have been investigating temperature and changing states in Y4



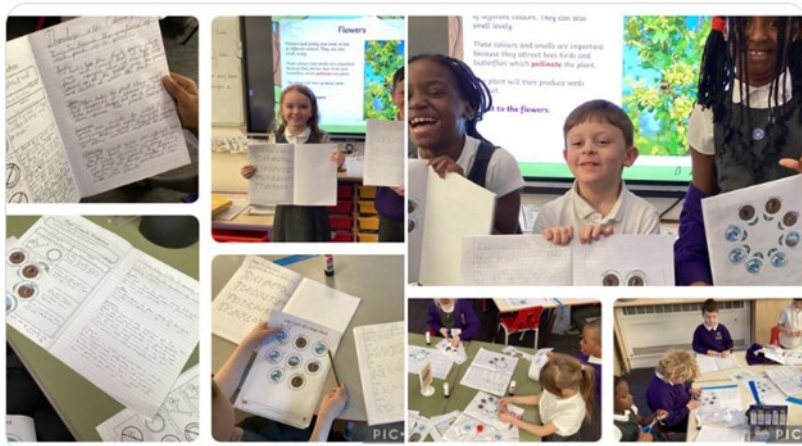
We have been thinking about fossilisation and how fossils show change over millions of years.



Year 1 have been busy birds today building nests and a contraption for collecting eggs.



Year 2 have been learning about plants and predicting what they need to grow healthily. Today, we learned about the functions of different parts of a plant and then sequenced the life cycle of a bean. We are very proud of our work!



# WASTE WEEK

We are collecting **batteries** to be recycled.  
We are only collecting these batteries:

Be Part of The Big Battery Hunt



Crisp packets - empty and folded



**BAGS OF TEXTILES WILL BE COLLECTED FOR RECYCLING ON**  
... MENS, LADIES & CHILDRENS WEARABLE CLOTHING  
... PAIRED SHOES ... HANDBAGS, BAGS, TIES & BELTS

Freephone on: 0800 054 2828  
www.rag-bag.co.uk

**We can accept the following items:**

- ✓ Wearable Clothing
- ✓ Paired Shoes
- ✓ Handbags
- ✓ Belts

**We cannot accept the following items:**

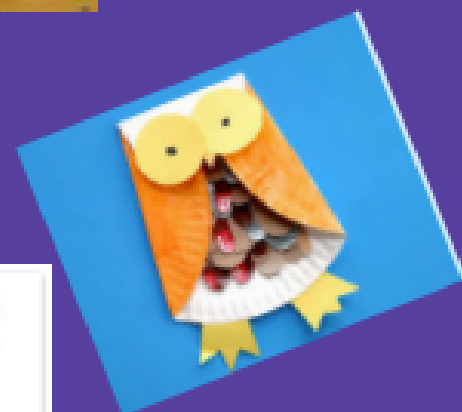
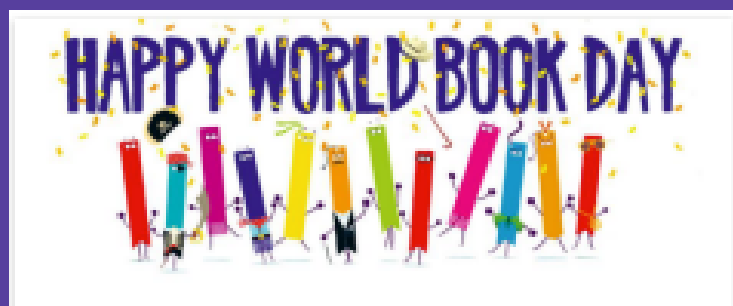
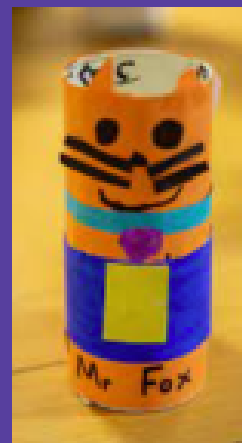
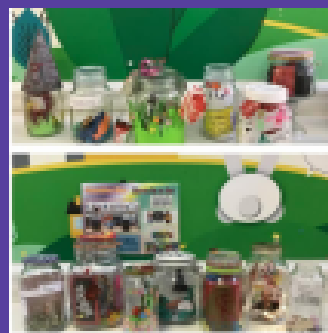
- ✗ Workwear
- ✗ Uniforms (including School Uniforms)
- ✗ Wet/Soiled Clothes
- ✗ Curtains
- ✗ Towels
- ✗ Duvets or Duvet Covers
- ✗ Pillows or Pillow Cases
- ✗ Blankets
- ✗ Table Cloths
- ✗ Linens
- ✗ Cushions
- ✗ Carpets
- ✗ Suitcases
- ✗ Books
- ✗ Bric a Brac
- ✗ Clothes Hangers
- ✗ Electricals

Please bring your bags to school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup>  
and the last day is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

# WORLD BOOK DAY 2025

World Book Day is on March 6th, 2025, and we can't wait to celebrate it! It's one of our favourite events of the year, and we have loads of exciting activities lined up throughout the week. The children will take part in various fun tasks, including online author workshops, book quiz, creative art projects, and even the chance to write alongside an author. Plus, we'll be hosting a book swap, where everyone can share their favourite reads.

In previous years, we've had so much fun taking part in activities like dressing up as our favourite characters, designing T-shirts, and creating book-related art projects at home. We've even had some amazing visiting authors come into school to share their stories with us. It's always a fantastic time, as we share our love for reading and explore the wonderful worlds inside our books. We can't wait to celebrate all things books during this exciting week! Here's to another brilliant World Book Day!



The Archdiocese currently has vacancies for the following positions:

Operations Director

IT Manager

Finance Manager

Gift Aid Officer

For more information and to apply, please visit the link below.

[Jobs & Volunteering Opportunities | Birmingham Diocesan Trust](#)

We currently have a vacancy for an Owls Club Worker.

For more information and to apply, please visit the link below.

[Before and After School Club Worker at St John Vianney Catholic Primary School, Coventry, West Midlands | MyNewTerm](#)

## Attendance

Yr R - 98.4%

Yr 1 - 99.6%

Yr 2 - 99.3%

Yr 3 - 98.6%

Yr 4 - 100%

Yr 5 - 97.6%

Yr 6 - 97.8%

## Sports Star

Edith - Year 3



## ★ Star of the week

★ Nursery - Isabella, Noah

★ Yr R - Jack, Willow

★ Yr 1– Michelle, Tommy

★ Yr 2 - Niyla, Chelsea

★ Yr 3 - Rowan, Amy

★ Yr 4 - Oliver, Devon

★ Yr 5 - Ming, Bobby

★ Yr 6 - Ayo, Evan, Cian, Bethany



# St John Vianney PTA



Sign up to our Facebook page to hear about upcoming events and Purple Shop sales



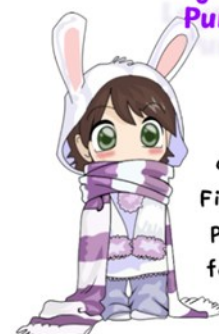
Sign up to our mailing list to help us achieve more for the SJV community



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.

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

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MARVEL RIVALS

AGE RESTRICTION  
PEGI  
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ESRB advise nobody under the age of 13 should play

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

### IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

### VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

### FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



### FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

### MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



### DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.



### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor at the Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, he has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

**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](mailto: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.



**If your child attends any after school clubs, they should be collected from the bottom church gate promptly. If not collected, they will be put into Owls Club and you will be invoiced accordingly.**

### **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**

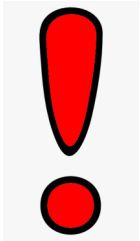
## Owls Club Payments

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, 3rd March**

Dance - KS2 - 3.14-4.00p.m.  
Netball Squad - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15-4.15 p.m.  
Year 2 Phonics Workshop - 9.00 a.m

### **Tuesday, 4th March**

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.  
Year 1 Phonics Workshop - 9.00 a.m

### **Wednesday, 5th March**

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**  
Ash Wednesday Mass 10.15 a.m.  
Girls Football Match - away vs St Augustine's

### **Thursday, 6th March**

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.  
World Book Day - Book Swap  
Year 2 Assembly - 2.00 p.m.  
Boys Football Match - away vs Allesley Hall

### **Friday, 7th March**

### **Saturday 8th March**

Year 3 & 4 Mass - 6.00 p.m in Church

### **Future Dates**

Monday 10th March	- Year 2 Reading Café ( <b>NEW DATE</b> )
Monday 10th March	- Netball Match - away vs Holy Family
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 & Talent Show
Friday 14th March	- Rocksteady Assembly - 2.30 p.m. ( <b>NEW DATE</b> )
Tuesday 18th March	- Year 1 Reading Café - 9.00 a.m.
Tuesday 18th March	- Boys Football Match - away vs Walsgrave
Monday 17th March	- Year 4 Maths workshop - 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.





# Coventry Children's Mile

**22 June 2025**  
**War Memorial**  
**Park**



**Save**  
**the date**



**In Partnership with Coventry SENDIASS**  
**Coventry Education Psychology Team will be**  
**running a FREE session for parents/carers on**

# **Emotion Coaching**

Emotion Coaching is an approach that parents/carers can use with children and young people to support their emotional development.

Research suggests that Emotion Coached children and young people:

- Are more emotionally stable
- Are more resilient
- Achieve more academically in school
- Have fewer behavioural problems

This session will introduce the steps of Emotion Coaching and it's scientific basis and will involve practical activities and resource sharing so that parents can begin to use this increasingly popular approach straight after the session.

## **‘Live’ Virtual Session**

(This session will be delivered via Microsoft Teams)

**Wednesday 5th March 2025**

**9.30am – 11.30am**

**To book a place (and get your link) please contact SENDIASS**

**Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: [iass@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:iass@coventry.gov.uk)**

**\*Please QUOTE: ‘EPS’ when booking**



Kieran Boyle 07900 911947



Mark Leeson 07973 810370



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# GIRLS GAELIC FOOTBALL TEAM



We are looking for new players for our U12, U14, U16 & U18 Girls Teams for the 2025 Season to join our highly successful teams competing in the Warwickshire Girls Leagues .



## GAELIC FOOTBALL

Gaelic Football is a fun, non-contact sport, that has great skills that compliment other sports such as football, Rugby and Netball.

## WHY JOIN?

- Make new friends
- Learn new skills
- Summer sport
- No clash with girls football/rugby
- Season runs April to September

## TRY-OUTS

We are holding free try-outs for new players to come along and try this great sport for the 2025 Season.

## LOCATION & DATES

- Free Try-outs will be held at:  
**Finham Park School, Green Lane, Coventry, CV3 6EA**
- Friday Nights 6.30pm to 7.30pm
- From 14/02/25 –14/03/25
- On Grass under Floodlights



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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.