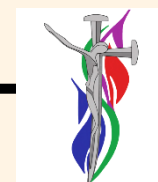




ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 16th May 2025

WEDNESDAY WORD

Love is life's greatest blessing. St Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do that matters ... but how much love we put into it."

News of the week

This week I had the great privilege of seeing the relics of Carlo Acutis who is about to be canonised and become a modern-day saint. It was truly an emotional meeting, learning about his life and how important that the eucharist was to him.

Well done to the Stars of the week

Nursery	Sinead, Kolm
Reception	Callie, George
Year 1	Jacob, Poppy
Year 2	Chidera, Isabelle
Year 3	All the children that made their First Holy Communion
Year 4	Ambroz, Alice
Year 5	Taylor, Harold
Year 6	All of year 6 after the SATs week - for excellent effort and achievement!
Sports	Ella - Yr 2, Alex – Yr 5

KEY DATES

- 23rd May May Procession
- 5th June Guitar and Piano assembly
- 6th June Peace Picnic
- 10th Conkers Trip KS2
- 12th June Nursery Inspire workshop
- 12th June Reception class Mass 2.00 p.m
- 13th June 60th Anniversary of St John Vianney School
- 16th June Reception and Nursery trip-change of date**
- 18th June Reception Assembly 9.00 a.m.
- 19th June SEND review day
- 27th June INSET day
- 30th June KS1 trip to Dudley Zoo
- 3rd July Nursery Class Mass 1.30 p.m.



SCHOOL MASS

Children in Yr2,3 and 4 will attend Mass
Friday 16th May2025
This will be led by children in Year 4

OUR MISSION THIS WEEK

MARK 10 MISSION

THE MISSION

LOVE LIKE JESUS

Your Mark 10 Mission has two parts. Firstly, write down a moment when you experienced God's love. This might have been in a huge way or very small. All these moments are important to God. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. Secondly, think about how can you show that love to others. Ask God to help you think of a person you can bless with your love and kindness. Then ask him to show you how.





Congratulations to Year3 who made their First Holy Communion at the weekend. A big thank you to Mrs Ryan and Mrs Honey for the admirable way that they prepared the children. Thank you to all the parents and families that said such lovely words of support.

Congratulations to Year 6 who completed their SATs this week. We are all proud of how well they approached the assessments. Thank you to all the staff for helping with breakfast club especially Mrs Holmes and Miss Cook. They had lots of fun at breakfast club and we are very thankful to Mr and Mrs Aulton and Morrisons for their support.

Congratulations to our gymnastics who won the MAC gymnastics competition. This was the first MAC competition and the children rose to the challenge. Thank you Mr Chatland for preparing the children so well.

Gala Day

We are not having the races on the same day as gala day this year as the focus is our 60th Anniversary. The children are all going to perform a song or dance.

We will have our races on another afternoon and parents will be invited.

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Year 6 enjoying the gymnastics competition





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SAFEGUARDING AT SJV

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT



Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of 'digital LEGO', certain game modes include features accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another player's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by stealing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creative means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away if your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gamifying loop of resource gathering and building impressive projects. It could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, so they're encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry a certain risk. In addition to the concerns about speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as it having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to learn to construct and build buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork, however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

Meet Our Expert

Uytd Columba is Gaming Editor at the Daily Star, and has worked in games media for more than 8 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.





ENRICHMENT CLUBS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

DIARY DATES FOR SUMMER 2025

Dates may be subject to change – please check your emails regularly

Monday, 19th May

Dance - KS2 - 3.14-4.00p.m - **NO SESSION**

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

Cricket – Years 1 & 2 – 3.15-4.15 p.m.

Tuesday, 20th May

Recorder Club - KS2 - 3.15-4.00 p.m. - **NO SESSION**

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

Girls Football Match – away vs Grange Farm

Wednesday, 21st May

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. - **NO SESSION**

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

Netball Match – home vs Kersley Grange

Thursday, 22nd May

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.

Cricket – Key Stage 2 – 3.15-4.15 p.m.

Friday, 23rd May







May Procession



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ATTENDANCE SJV

EYFS and KS1		KS2	
Class Name	Weekly Attendance	Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Nursery	93.8%	Year 3	97.4% 
Reception	99.3% 	Year 4	98.7% 
Year 1	97.3% 	Year 5	91.3%
Year 2	97.7% 	Year 6	98.6% 

Children arriving late to school:

Please be advised that if your child is late to school, children must be signed in by a parent/carer.



ELMER



Elmer Day

Tuesday 20th May

Get ready for the most colourful day of the year! It's Elmer Day!

We will be celebrating and learning about the meaning behind these special books within Nursery and Reception.

To celebrate this exciting day we are asking Nursery and Reception children to come into school dressed in bright colours and/or accessories.

For this year's Elmer Day we are celebrating the themes of inclusivity, diversity and friendship. These values run throughout the Elmer books.

We will be honouring the life and legacy of Elmer's creator David McKee. He was a singular voice and a shining light in children's books, whose creations, including Elmer, Mr Benn and Not Now, Bernard, touch the lives of many generations of children around the world.

We can't wait to celebrate Elmer Day!





St John Vianney PTA



Afternoon Tea

This year at Gala Day, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of St John Vianney School, we are offering the opportunity to have afternoon tea.

We'd love to see as many of you there as possible, but to ensure we can get everything ready for you, we need to ask that you book. We will be having two sittings – at 3.15pm and 4.15pm.

Afternoon Tea with unlimited tea and coffee is £7.50 pp or with prosecco is £10 pp. Please sign up using the code below by Sunday 1st June!

Also coming....



It should be a fantastic day – but we can't do it without you! Please don't forget to sign up to volunteer – just half an hour of your time will make a huge difference. Links to sign up are on our Facebook page.



Watch MC Grammar *Live from Hay Festival*

MC Grammar:
The Adventures of Rap Kid



Tile Hill Library
Saturday 24 May
2.30pm

Drop the mic!

Get ready to meet Z, his beatboxing sidekick SFX, their super-slick teacher Mr G, and his dawg Pup Smoke, in a story about friendship, the power of words and finding your voice.

Grab your bling and your shades and make your way to this epic event, jam-packed with jokes, bangin' tunes, wicked rhymes, a sick rap battle, and the greatest dance-off of all time!

6+ years

Tile Hill Library, Jardine Crescent, CV4 9PL.
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Watch Andy Day and Steven Lenton: Dino Dad *Live from Hay Festival*



Tile Hill Library
Saturday 24 May. 10am.

Enter the prehistoric world with children's TV superstar Andy Day and bestselling illustrator Steven Lenton on a fantastic magical dino-tastic adventure! Get ready to sing, draw, laugh and learn about some incredible dinosaurs.

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