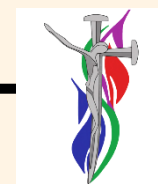




ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents,
“Trust the present to God’s love and the future to God’s care.” St Augustine of Hippo.
This Sunday’s Gospel reminds us about the value of being trustworthy people. We can show this by making good choices, especially when it comes to the use of money. When we give God first place in our lives using our talents, our time and our money to serve God, we are blessed here and now and can be certain that we will be rewarded in the life to come too.

WEDNESDAY WORD

Please see the link for this week's *Wednesday Word* below.

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Well done to the Stars of the week

Nursery	Kolm & Thea
Reception	Tommy & Sinead
Year 1	Jack & Zuzanna
Year 2	Fionn & Thea
Year 3	Zach & Ollie
Year 4	Edie & Xsavier
Year 5	Roisin & Ruby Wood
Year 6	Alana & Robbie
Sports	Max Yr 2 & Niyla Yr 3

KEY DATES

23rd Sept - Yr6 reading Café with a visit from Bishop Ullathorne staff.

25th Sept - Bishop Ullathorne Open Evening

26th Sept - Whole school Harvest Mass

29th Sept -PTA meeting 3:30 after school

24th Oct - Wolf Run raising money for playground equipment

Save the Date:

Thursday 4th December 2025 6:30 p.m.
Father Alex’s Induction Mass celebrated by Canon Tom Farrell and Canon Jonathan Veasey – The choir will be needed and there will be refreshments afterwards.

Parish Youth Group – **Monday 22nd September** 6:00-7:30 p.m. Year 6 and upwards are invited to attend every other week.



Weekend Mass times:

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m

Week Day Masses:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m.

Thursday 6:00 p.m.





Thank you to everybody who donated their £1.00 for CAFOD and the many donations that we received for the local Foodbank. More donations are always welcome. We look forward to celebrating the Harvest in our special Mass in church next Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Congratulations to our Year 5 children who created wonderful clay animals in our Inspire Workshop linked to Creation. Thank you to our Year 5 parents who joined us to support their children.

Thank you for the amazing turn out we had at last weekend's mass to celebrate the Holy Cross Feast Day; the commitment of Year 6 to their sacramental journey and welcoming Reception and Nursery to our school and parish community. Father Alex was very impressed with the choir. Thank you to Father Alex for celebrating this special occasion with us all.



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SAFEGUARDING AT SJV



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

SNAP STREAK



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT



With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see an emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse - so sexting continues to be a risk associated with snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

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.



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

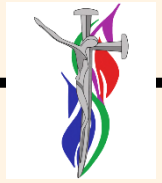
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ENRICHMENT CLUBS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

DIARY DATES FOR AUTUMN 2025

Monday 15th September

Netball Squad Trials

Dance – KS2 – 3.15pm-4.00pm

Choir – KS2 - Lunchtime

Tuesday 16th September

Recorder Club KS2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m.

Boys football squad trials 3.15-4.15 pm

Wednesday 17th September

Mini Tennis Years 3 and 4 – 7.45-8.30 a.m.

Running Club Key Stage 2 – 8.00 – 8.30 a.m.

Guitar Tuition

Dance Year KS 1 – 3.15-4.00 p.m.

Girls football squad trials 3.15-4.15pm – **NO SESSION**

Thursday 18th September

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m.

Piano Tuition







Cricket – KS2 – 3.15pm-4.00pm



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ATTENDANCE SJV

EYFS and KS1		KS2	
Class Name	Weekly Attendance	Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Nursery	89.86%	Year 3	96.77% 
Reception	91.39%	Year 4	100% 
Year 1	99.59% 	Year 5	99.26% 
Year 2	100% 	Year 6	99.22% 

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.



PTA AGM

The PTA needs committee members. This year, there are two parents leaving the PTA, leaving just two committee members. **The PTA cannot run with two members.** Ideally, we'd like the committee to consist of five/six parents to ensure the load isn't too much for any one person.

Meetings are limited and largely online throughout the year, and it is absolutely fine if you can't be involved personally with every event, but we need help with the planning and preparation.


Every year the PTA runs a lot of events at school – Gala Day, bars, Movie Night, Chocolate Bingo.....these will not take place without fantastic parents who can commit to making them happen.

The AGM will take place in St John Vianney school staffroom on Monday 29th September at 4pm.

Realised the uniform you thought fitted in July doesn't anymore? Lost a jumper?



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