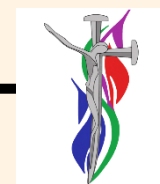




# ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear parents,

“Give something, however small, to the person in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing.”

St Gregory Nazianzus

It’s easy for us to become so caught up in the busyness of life that we don’t even notice the needs of others or, worse still, ignore them. But Jesus repeatedly teaches us about fairness, sharing and kindness to others, particularly to the poor. The question of a successful life is not: “How much did I accumulate?” but rather, “How did I use what God had given me to help others?” So, let’s not put off until tomorrow the good that we can do today. Enjoy your week and help share God’s love.

## 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	
Reception	Evelyn & Finley
Year 1	Aidan & Willow
Year 2	Aubree & Joshua
Year 3	Finn & Isabelle
Year 4	Alfie & Anna
Year 5	Austin & Amelia-Rose
Year 6	Nancy & Charlotte
Sports	Ambroz Y5 & Yllon Y 1

## KEY DATES



**24th Oct** - Wolf Run raising money for playground equipment

**Thursday 4th December 2025** 6:30 p.m.  
Father Alex’s Induction. Everyone is invited to celebrate this special occasion, and our choir will be required..

## ✝ SJV CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP ✝

### September 2025

Our Youth Group meets in the Parish Hall every other Monday evening **6.00pm-7.30pm** during term-time  
*First date of the new school year is Monday 22nd September 2025.*

Suitable for Year 6 and upwards.

We offer a friendly and safe environment for young people to gather together and have fun.

Some of our activities include: games, team building, night prayer, fundraising, bowling, theatre trips and themed parties.

Come along and meet new friends.

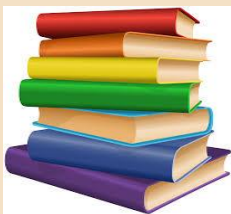




Thank you to everyone that sent in produce for our Harvest Mass. Year6 led our Harvest Mass on Friday and read so well. The singing was fabulous. The produce will go to support local people in our community who need our support and help. We have raised money for CAFOD as well

This week we have had the people from Stories of Hope and Home. Stories of Hope and Home is a story- telling project offering people seeking sanctuary a space to share their stories and others a space to hear them. The children learnt a lot from the stories that were told much that resonated with our one school rule ‘Love One Another as I have Loved You.’

On Monday we have asked that the children bring their Rosary beads in to school as October is the month of the rosary, we are going to join the Mark 10 Mission and pray the Rosary as often as we can.



Remember to Read daily and bring your books into school daily



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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](https://nationalcollege.com).

### What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# YOUTH VIOLENCE

#### UNDERSTANDING YOUTH VIOLENCE

Youth violence affects one in four children in the UK, but it doesn't have to. When parents, carers, and educators understand the risks, they're better placed to support young people. The right support, mentoring, therapy, and guidance can help young people affected by violence to feel safe, manage conflict, and make positive choices.

#### WHY DO YOUNG PEOPLE COMMIT SERIOUS VIOLENCE?

A recent study surveyed over 10,000 young people affected by violence, asking why serious violence occurs among their peers, such as an assault involving a weapon or sexual violence. The most common reasons given were due to a personal characteristic of the victim e.g. race, religion, sexuality, gender, a gang or school rivalry, and being provoked. While not all young people face these issues, many lack the emotional regulation skills needed to manage provocation.

#### WHAT ARE SIGNS A YOUNG PERSON IS AT RISK?

Children and young people often express that something is wrong through behaviour rather than words. Be alert to signs such as sudden mood changes, secrecy around friendships, excessive phone use, unfamiliar slang, unexplained injuries, fear of school, aggression, going missing, or substance use. They may also be associating with older peers. These behaviours can indicate underlying issues that can lead to violence.

#### ONLINE INFLUENCES

Social media plays a powerful role in normalising and escalating violence. Platforms like TikTok and Snapchat can expose young people to harmful content, often shaped by algorithms. Many see violent material that distorts reality, leading to fear and desensitisation. A recent study found 70% had seen real-world violence online, and 80% felt less safe in their communities. Alarmingly, 39% said it made them more likely to carry a weapon. Online conflict can often spill into real life, with serious and sometimes tragic consequences.

Opportunity

Community

Wellbeing

Respect

UNCERTAINTY

CONFLICT

FEAR

#### WHEN IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

For children and young people in England and Wales, the hours between 4 pm and 8 pm – just after school – carry a particularly high risk for serious violence. This can stem from conflicts that escalate during the school day, online arguments, or simply moving through unfamiliar areas on the way home. Understanding this risk helps us support safer travel and routines. Our recent report found that over one in three young people don't feel safe in the area they live in, and 36% don't feel safe walking the streets.

#### WHY MIGHT A YOUNG PERSON CARRY A WEAPON?

Young people may carry weapons due to fear, threats, peer pressure, or a false sense of protection. Many young people tell us they feel unsafe and carry weapons 'just in case', while others may be influenced by social media, peers, or criminal activity. Some don't realise it's illegal or may believe it earns respect.

#### WHERE IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

Violence often happens in certain places. Busy areas like transport hubs carry risk simply because lots of people gather there. Other hotspots, like places linked to drug activity, attract those more likely to be involved in violence. Some areas become risky due to poor supervision, such as under-resourced public spaces. Understanding where violence tends to occur helps us guide young people safely through their communities and advocate for better support and safer spaces.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

#### TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT STAYING SAFE

Choose a safe moment for the conversation, emotionally and physically. If a child is upset or angry, help them settle before discussing serious topics. Listen actively without judgement, even if what they share is difficult. Avoid interrupting and offer advice when the time feels right. If you're worried, you're not alone; support is available.

#### AVOID CONFLICT & MANAGE ESCALATIONS

Encourage young people to consider the 'Safe T's' – Trust instincts, Take a breath, and Talk to a trusted adult. When triggered or provoked, they may react from their 'survival brain', unable to think clearly about the consequences. Taking a breath helps calm, and helps them access their 'thinking brain'. Remind them that moments pass, and seeking support from trusted adults builds resilience and safer decision-making.

#### HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND CONSEQUENCES

Young people can be searched by police or teachers if suspected of carrying a weapon. If found with a knife, they could face arrest and criminal proceedings. A conviction can result in a criminal record. Even being present during a violent assault, encouraging it, filming, or sharing footage can lead to prosecution. Open and honest conversations can help children understand these risks and make safer choices.

#### REPORT INFORMATION

We all have a role in preventing violence. If a child shares concerns, you can act. For educators, it's important to follow your school's safeguarding procedures. Other adults can report anonymously through Fearless or Crimestoppers, and speak with other parents, the school, or local police through 101. If someone is in immediate danger, always call 999. These steps help protect children and the wider community.

#### Meet Our Expert

The Ben Kinsella Trust is a UK anti-knife crime charity educating young people through immersive workshops, awareness campaigns, and community resources. Visit: [benkinsella.org.uk](https://benkinsella.org.uk)



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

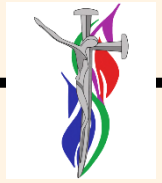
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## WEEKLY DIARY

*Date's may be subject to change – please check your emails regularly*

### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Netball Squad 3.15pm-4.15pm  
Dance – KS2 – 3.15pm-4.00pm  
Choir – KS2 – Lunchtime  
PTA meeting 3:30 after school  
History Workshop for nursery, Year 1 & 3  
Girls Tag Ruby Competition Yr 5/6 – Old Coventrians

### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

Recorder Club KS2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m.  
Boys football squad 3.15-4.15 pm  
Multi-Skills – 3.15pm-4.15pm  
History Workshop for Year 4-6

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**









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 1 and 2 – 3.15-4.00 p.m.  
Girls football squad 3.15-4.15pm

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m.  
Piano Tuition  
Creative Flair Dance Year 1 - 4 - Lunchtime  
Cricket – KS1 and KS2 – 3.15pm-4.00pm  
Holy Family Church for Year 5  
Inspire Workshop for Year 1



## ATTENDANCE SJV

EYFS and KS1		KS2	
Class Name	Weekly Attendance	Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Nursery	96.24% 	Year 3	99.28% 
Reception	97.92% 	Year 4	98.05% 
Year 1	97.12% 	Year 5	98.52% 
Year 2	100% 	Year 6	97.92% 

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm.**

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



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# KS2 FITNESS & FUN HOLIDAY CLUB

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WEDNESDAY 29TH, THURSDAY  
30TH & FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

DROP OFF: 8:50AM | PICK UP: 3:00PM

£20 PER DAY

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- ✓ LEARN MOVEMENT SKILLS & CONFIDENCE
- ✓ BUILD STRENGTH, COORDINATION & ENERGY
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