

# The SJV Daily News

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

Everything we can be, with Christ in Our Hearts

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## A Pizza SJV History!

*Farewell Class of 25*





# St John Vianney Catholic School

## School Newsletter

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*"Everything we can be, with Christ in our hearts."*



### Another Year to be Proud of

There are times when we all think time flies too quickly, always tempered by the times where we think it goes at a snail's pace, but...the end of the academic year rolls around with its usual certainty.

We have much to be thankful for at SJV again this year – we have THE strongest community, which underpins everything we do. Because of the respectful closeness of the staff and families, there are no gaps in the expectations we have for our children. Again, an external inspection team, this time from the Diocese, judged that the school was doing an 'Outstanding' job. But what was most satisfying were some of the other words and phrases they used: they recognised a 'calm, academic excellence' in the school and noted that the work that the teachers are doing is 'authentic', meaning it stems from a real commitment to their vocation and to the development of our children.

It is impossible to properly define the 'purpose' of Primary Education, but most definitions would include a responsibility to ensure that children are 'ready' for the next phase of their education and life. This readiness can be seen in their academic progress, of course, but is the wider, more rounded aspects of 'readiness' that mark this community as different.

Anyone who witnessed our Year 6s perform 'Oliver!' last week will have been struck that these children are bringing something very special to the next part of their schooling. Not only will they bring the exceptional outcomes seen in their SATs, but they will bring the personal confidence in their own abilities, nurtured by all that have taught them over the years, that was so stunningly evident on the stage as they gave the performance of their lives.

It's quite something to know that they still have so much more to give – they will develop, improve and mature. We will miss this cohort so much, but we know that they are ready. In every sense of the word.

To those that are only part-way through the SJV journey, will see you all again in September, when you will continue to be guided and supported to be Everything You Can Be, With Christ in Your Hearts.

Have the most wonderful of summers; you all deserve it! .

*Mr. McNicholas*

# Notices & Reminders

We say a temporary goodbye to Ms. Donald, who will be taking a sabbatical to undertake a personal project in the autumn. She will be back with us after Christmas!

In the autumn, Mr. Rob Lane will be our acting Inclusion Manager and Safeguarding Lead. Please extend him the warmest of SJV welcomes!

Now...all that's left to say is:



**...but we'll be back!**

**School restarts on Wednesday  
3<sup>rd</sup> of September!**



# Community Notice

NB: these notices are posted as they may be of interest to our families. We do not endorse them in any way and participation is at your discretion.

## ROOTS TO EXCELLENCE



***Rooted in Culture. Driven by Learning. Built for Leadership.***

Opening October 2025. Based at the London Academy of Excellence Tottenham (LAET).

## WHAT IS ROOTS TO EXCELLENCE?

Roots to Excellence (RtE) is a new Saturday school based in Tottenham, supporting young people in Haringey aged 8 to 16 to achieve their full potential – academically, culturally, and personally.

We offer high-quality English and Maths support, inspiring leadership workshops, and enriching cultural education. At the heart of our approach is a commitment to academic excellence rooted in a strong cultural context, promoting a sense of purpose, identity, and belonging, particularly for children and families from Black Caribbean backgrounds.

## WHY IT MATTERS

We want to support students from Black Caribbean heritage backgrounds to reach their full potential and not be held back from being all that they can be.

Roots to Excellence was created by local teachers, community leaders and educational experts to give young people the tools, confidence and knowledge they need to thrive in school and beyond.

## WHY CHOOSE US?

- Designed by local teachers who understand the community.
- Led by Dawn Ferdinand, Headteacher of the Year and lifelong advocate for children and families.
- Hosted at LAET – one of the UK's top sixth forms.
- Backed by trusted partners like Haringey Council, the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation, and Eastside Young Leaders.
- Nominal fee – thanks to generous support from Rokos Capital Management.

[Follow this link to find out more...](#)



# SJV NURSERY



## SJV Nursery, Autumn 2025 Intake -

If your child is due to turn 3 this spring/summer (up to and including 31st August 2025) and you would like them to attend our nursery, please call into the school office and collect a nursery application form from Mrs Alfonso.





## St. John Vianney Term Dates 2025-26

### DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026: TERM, HOLIDAY AND INSET

<b>TERM</b>	<b>START</b>	<b>END</b>
<b>Autumn 1</b>	<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025</b>	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>
<i>Half Term Break</i>	<i>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025</i>	<i>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025</i>
<b>Autumn Term 2</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>
<i>Christmas Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025</i>	<i>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026</i>
<b>Spring Term 1</b>	<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>
<i>Half Term Break</i>	<i>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026</i>	<i>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026</i>
<b>Spring Term 2</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>
<i>Easter Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026</i>	<i>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026</i>
<b>Summer Term 1</b>	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026</b>
<i>Half Term Break</i>	<i>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026</i>	<i>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026</i>
<b>Summer Term 2</b>	<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026</b>	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>
<i>Summer Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026</i>	<i>Tuesday 1 September 2026</i>

#### **INSET DAYS - SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

<b>Public Holiday</b>	<b>Date</b>
Christmas Day	Thursday 25 December 2025
Boxing Day	Friday 26 December 2025
New Year's Day	Thursday 1 January 2026
Good Friday	Friday 3 April 2026
Easter Monday	Monday 6 April 2026
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 25 May 2026
August Bank Holiday	Monday 31 August 2026

**\*\* NB:**

Star/End Dates Amended to Reflect INSET Days

Summer Term ends on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026



Oliver Jr.

LIONEL BART'S  
**Oliver!**  
JR.



[Clip now on  
School Website](#)

Year 6 made their mark on SJV history with style last week as they performed a West End quality (I'm not joking – it was astounding!) version of the classic Oliver!



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# Y6 Leavers' Mass 2025

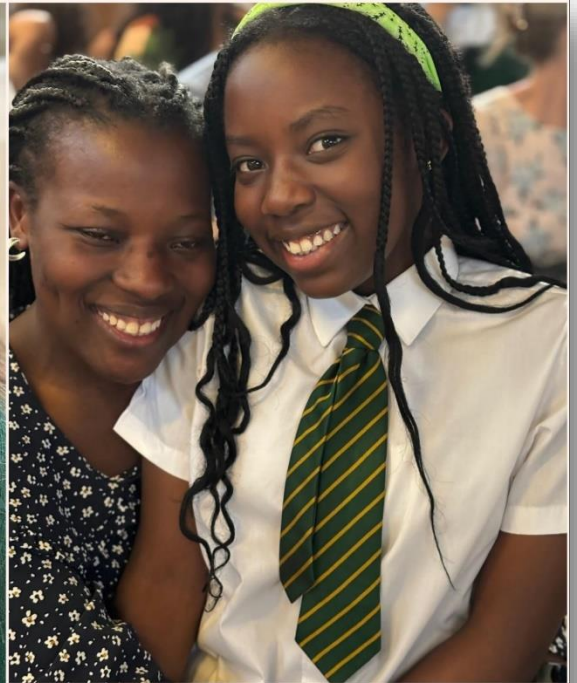


Thank you to Fr. Jerome for celebrating our special leavers' service. It is always a reflective, joyous and a little bittersweet occasion as we invite parents and children to look back on their SJV journey...and forwards to the next stop!





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# Water Fight!



How does these things ever become 'tradition'??  
Who cares, great fun and a good cool-off!





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# Y6 Leavers' Assembly



Well, isn't this lovely! The assembled parents of Y6, along with the wonderful children they brought to us all those years ago! Wholesome stuff!

[Leavers' Video on Website](#)





# Y6 Leavers' Assembly





# Art & Design in Y4

Y4 were exploring 'Tropical Mood Boards' in their last unit of the year; a very talented community of artists!





# Design & Tech in Y3

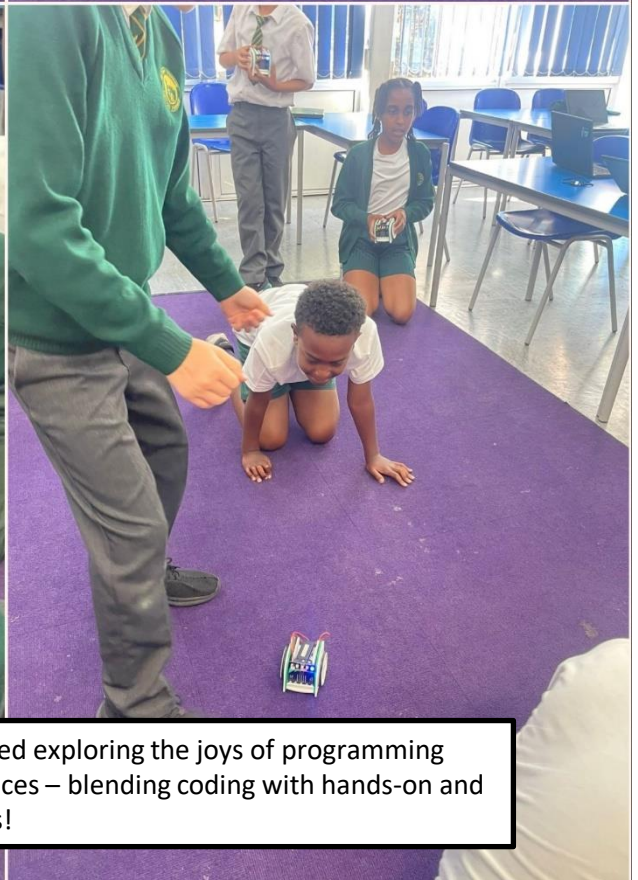


Year 3 finished off the year in style by designing and creating their own castles in their 'structures' D&T unit.





# Programming Robots!



Year 5 enjoyed exploring the joys of programming physical devices – blending coding with hands-on and visual results!



# Cooking Club Picnic



What better way to showcase your new-found cookery skills than by catering your own picnic! Huge thanks to Ms. Griffin and Ms. Ritchie for adding this gem of a club to the SJV offer!





# Burger Afternoon



Cookery Club added homemade burgers to their menu!  
This really IS a useful skill to have in your locker!





# Judaism with Ruth



Ruth, such a good friend of the School over the years, joined us for our 'Other Faiths' work last week and shared with the children all aspects of her faith.

