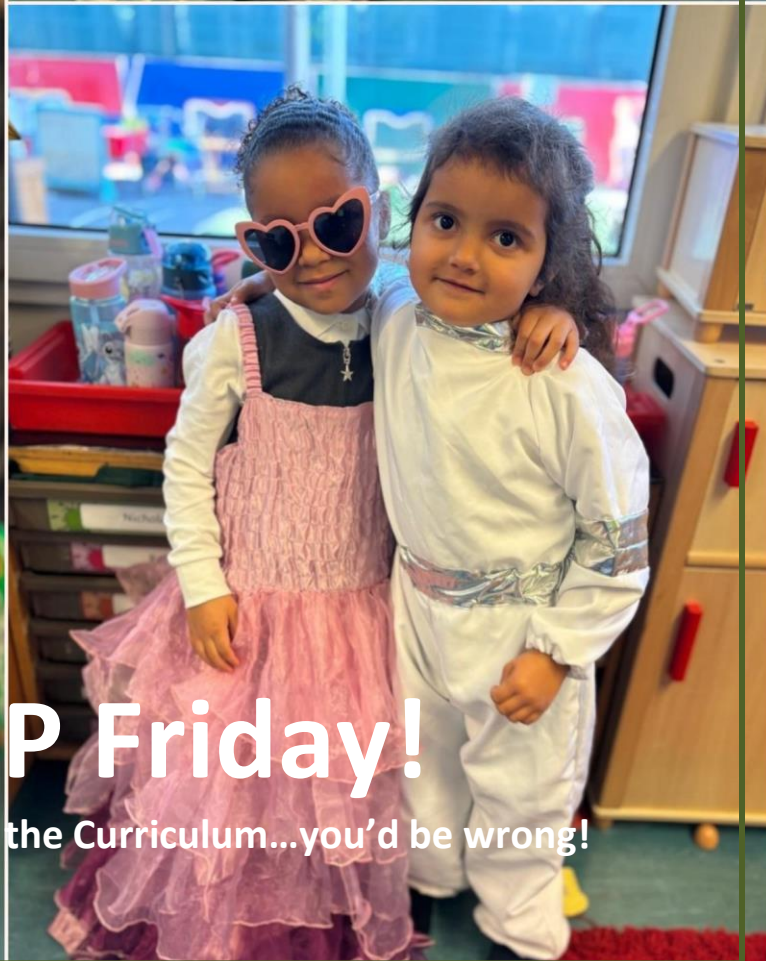


The SJV Daily News

21st November 2025

Everything we can be, with Christ in Our Hearts

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Dress UP Friday!

If you think that this is NOT in the Curriculum...you'd be wrong!



St John Vianney Catholic School

School Newsletter

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Enrichment at SJV

I hear that Ofsted are going to start judging schools, in part, on how well they provide children will opportunities beyond the National Curriculum. Well...I spent morning approving the latest batch of trips and visits our teachers have planned for the lucky children of SJV! Galleries, museums, exhibitions, cinema trips, bowling, cathedrals, royal parks, farms, libraries, the Royal Albert Hall and the Houses of Parliament are just a few of the recent trips approved and enjoyed. It really is an incredible array of opportunities, so we certainly have nothing to fear from Ofsted on that front!

What was particularly lovely was that this time round, I approved trips that will give all of the children at this school the chance to go to the theatre (not all at once!), which is an amazing thing to be able to offer. And...we have our incredible Friends of SJV to thank for that – they were determined that their fundraising allowed children to enjoy experiences like these; huge thanks to them, our boys and girls are going to enjoy some world class theatre in the 'theatre capital' of the world! Incredible...the best of the best!

Mr. McNicholas

Notices & Reminders

We are a NUT FREE Zone – we have children and adults with NUT allergies. Please be mindful with your child's packed lunch and after school snacks.

Key Dates for your diary - Please keep this information for reference:

- Y5 Pendarren Parent Meeting – Monday 24th November 6pm School Hall
- Y5 visit to The National Gallery – Tuesday 25th November
- Y2 – Panto theatre visit – Tuesday 25th November
- Y2 After school Art club is cancelled on Tuesday 25th due to the late arrival from the school trip.
- Y6 cinema trip – Wednesday 26th November
- Flu Vaccination Team in for catch up session and Nursery vaccinations –Wednesday 26th November
- Reception Class and Year 4 **Buddy Assembly** – Friday 28th November – all welcome
- Reception and Y1 Panto theatre visit – Friday 28th November
- Y3 & Y4 Panto theatre visit – Tuesday 2nd December
- Y5 Visit to Westminster Cathedral – Wednesday 3rd December
- Y4 last after school sports club for this term – Friday 5th December
- Y5 & Y6 visit the Globe Theatre – Friday 5th December
- Last week of all after school sports clubs and before school interventions – Monday 8th – Thursday 11th December
- School choir visit to Alexandra Palace – Tuesday 9th December – after school event
- Christmas Performance – 11th December 6.30pm
- Christmas Performance – 12th December 9.15am
- FOSJV Christmas Fair – 12th December 3.30 - 5pm
- Christmas Jumper Day (donations to Save the Children) & school Christmas lunch – Wednesday 17th December
- School Choir & Soloists concert Wednesday 17th December 2.30pm
- End of Term Mass – Thursday 18th December 10.30am
- Friday 19th December – school finishes at 1.15pm for Christmas holidays

Nursery Applications for January 2026:

If your child turns 3 before 31st December 2025 and you are looking for a Nursery place please come to the school office to collect an application form.

Punctuality: children are arriving late for school. This is hugely distracting for the children, teachers and support staff. Whilst we understand it is difficult and partly due to ongoing roadworks please make an extra effort to be on time for school. Likewise children are being collected late at the end of the school day / after school sports clubs. If you are unavoidably delayed please make arrangements for someone else to pick up your child and let the school office know so they can relay the message to the class teacher.

School Money / Eduspot: have an app called **Teachers2parents**. It is a much easier way of making payments for trips, breakfast club, school fund, etc. Please ask the school office for further information.

Uniform: Boots are not part of the school uniform. Whilst we understand the need to wear them when the weather is cold they are not practical for indoor wear. If your child wears them to school please make sure they change into their correct school shoes on arrival at school.

Bikes, scooters and pushchairs parked outside the Nursery Gates:

Please note that these items are left at your own risk. They should ideally be locked as we cannot monitor that area. In the past items have been stolen from the area.

Autumn / Winter Menu Week 1

10th Nov, 1st & 22nd Dec, 19th Jan, 9th Feb, 2nd & 23rd March

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WEEK ONE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option	Red Tractor Pork Sausage Roll & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Beef Taco with Corn Tortilla, Tomato Sauce & Sunny Rice	Roast Chicken, Gravy, Stuffing & Mashed Potato or Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Tomato & Cheese Pizza & Home-baked Potato Wedges	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Option	Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Lentil Fritter Taco with Corn Tortilla, Tomato Sauce & Sunny Rice ^{VG}	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Cheese Flan	Vegetable Fingers & Chips with Ketchup ^{VG}
Vegetables	Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Mixed Salad or Broccoli	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Sandwiches	Freshly Made Sandwich with Cheddar, Tuna Mayonnaise or Ham				
Baked Jacket Potatoes and pasta Options	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Pasta with Cheese or Tomato & Basil Sauce	Pasta with Cheese or Tomato & Basil Sauce	Pasta with Cheese or Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans
Dessert	Vanilla Shortbread ^{VG} & Chocolate Sauce	Chocolate & Pear Crumble ^{VG} & Custard	Strawberry Jelly ^{VG}	Oaty Date Cookie	Vanilla Ice Cream

Available Daily: Pick & Mix Selection, Salad, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

Autumn / Winter Menu Week 2

27th Oct, 17th Nov, 8th Dec, 5th & 26th Jan, 16th Feb, 9th March

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WEEK TWO	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option	Pork Sausage & Mash with Gravy	Red Tractor Beef Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Roast Gammon, Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Home-baked Potato Wedges	MSC Battered Pollock & Chips
Vegetarian Option	Veggie Sausage & Mash with Gravy ^{VG}	Plant-based Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Chilli & Sunny Vegetable Rice ^{VG}	Cheese Flan & Chips
Vegetables	Broccoli, Sweetcorn or Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, or Sliced Carrots	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Sandwiches, & Pasta	Freshly Made Sandwich with Cheddar, Tuna Mayonnaise or Ham				
Baked Jacket Potatoes and pasta Options	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Pasta with Cheese or Tomato & Basil Sauce	Pasta with Cheese or Tomato & Basil Sauce	Pasta with Cheese or Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans
Dessert	Shortbread Pin Wheels & Fruit Slices ^{VG}	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Apple Crumble ^{VG} & Custard	Flapjack ^{VG}	Chocolate Mousse

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Autumn / Winter Menu Week 3

3rd & 24th Nov, 15th Dec, 12th Jan, 2nd & 23rd Feb, 16th March

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WEEK THREE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option	Beef Burger with Home-baked Potato Wedges	Mild Chicken Curry served with Mixed Rice	Roast Chicken Gravy, Stuffing & Mashed Potato/Roast Potatoes	Margherita Pizza with Home-baked Potato Wedges	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Option	Vegetable Burger with Home-baked Potato Wedges ^{VG}	Spinach & Sweet Potato Curry ^{VG}	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Sweet & Sour Vegetables & Sunny Rice ^{VG}	Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Chips ^{VG}
Vegetables	Sweetcorn, Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	Broccoli or Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Sandwiches & Pasta	Freshly Made Sandwich with Cheddar, Tuna Mayonnaise or Ham				
Baked Jacket Potatoes and pasta Options	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Pasta with Cheese or Tomato & Basil Sauce	Pasta with Cheese or Tomato & Basil Sauce	Pasta with Cheese or Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Oaty Slice ^{VG}	Syrup Sponge Pudding & Custard	Apple & Cinnamon Rolls	Vanilla Cookie & Fruit Slices ^{VG}	Iced Sponge Cake with Sprinkles

Available Daily: Pick & Mix Selection, Salad, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt



Community Notice

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New series of free monthly workshops for parents

Do you think your child may have ADHD or are they on the waiting list for an assessment?

- Come along and hear about helpful information and strategies.
- Meet other parents and professionals



Led by
CAMHS and
the
Educational
Psychology
Service

Sign up here:

<https://sendpowerinharingey.eventbrite.com>



Upcoming sessions:

Tuesday 21st October 2025 - ADHD and executive functioning

Tuesday 18th November - ADHD and sleep

Tuesday 16th December - ADHD and support in school

Time: 10 - 11.30am

Place: Chestnuts Community Centre (N15 5BN)



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New series of free monthly workshops for parents

Who can attend these workshops?

These workshops are for any parent/carer whose children:

- live and/or go to school in Haringey
- and/or have a GP in Haringey



What are these workshops about?

These are interactive workshops where you will have the chance to get accurate information around ADHD from practitioners, ask questions, and meet and chat with fellow parents/carers.

There will be individual sessions on a range of topics - attend when you can, sign up in advance if possible.

What topics will be discussed?

Future topics for workshops next term (Spring 2026) include:

- ADHD: pros and cons of diagnosis and medication
- ADHD over the lifespan
- ADHD and managing behaviour
- ADHD and emotion coaching
- ADHD and screen time
- ADHD and the development of attention

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SJV Nursery



SJV Nursery 2025/2026 – 15 hours / 30 hours entitlement

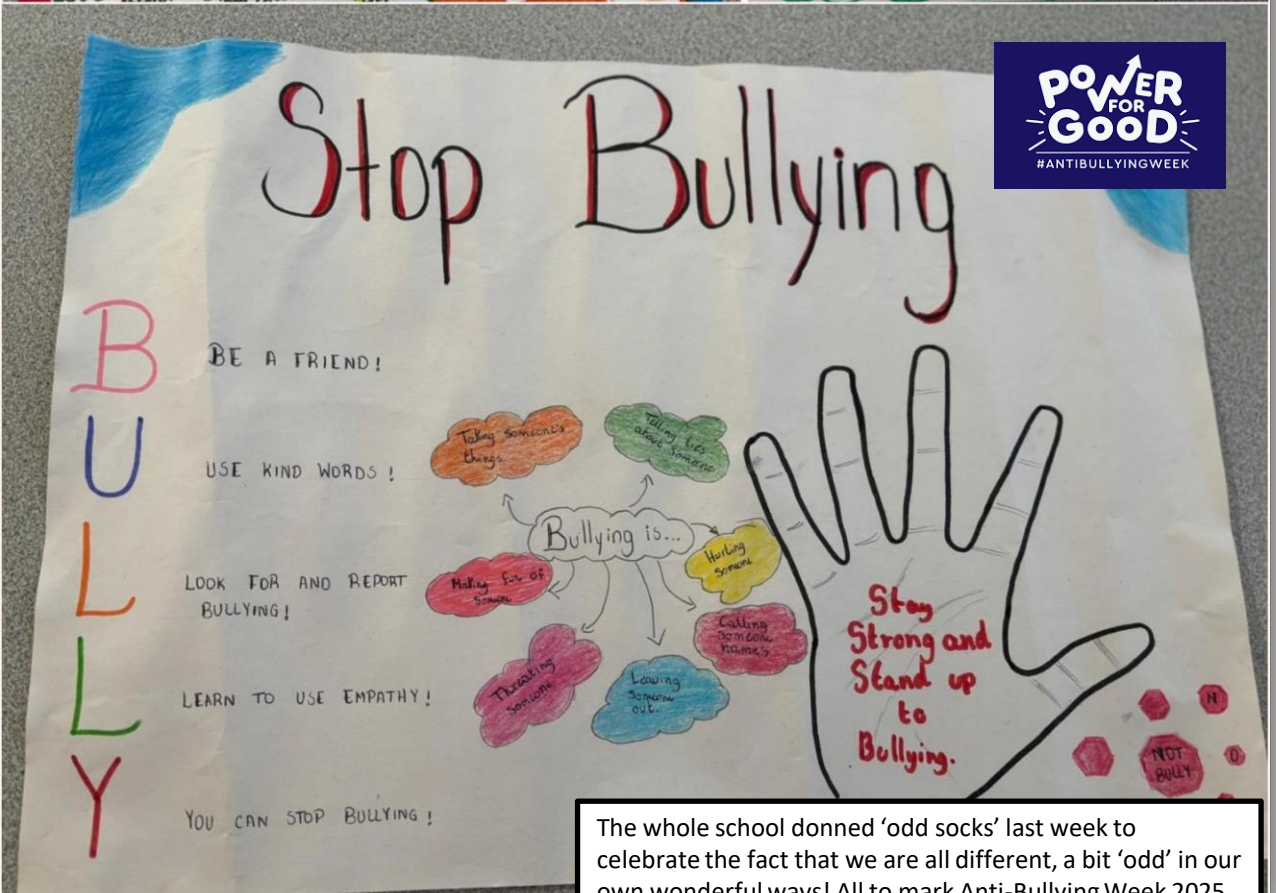
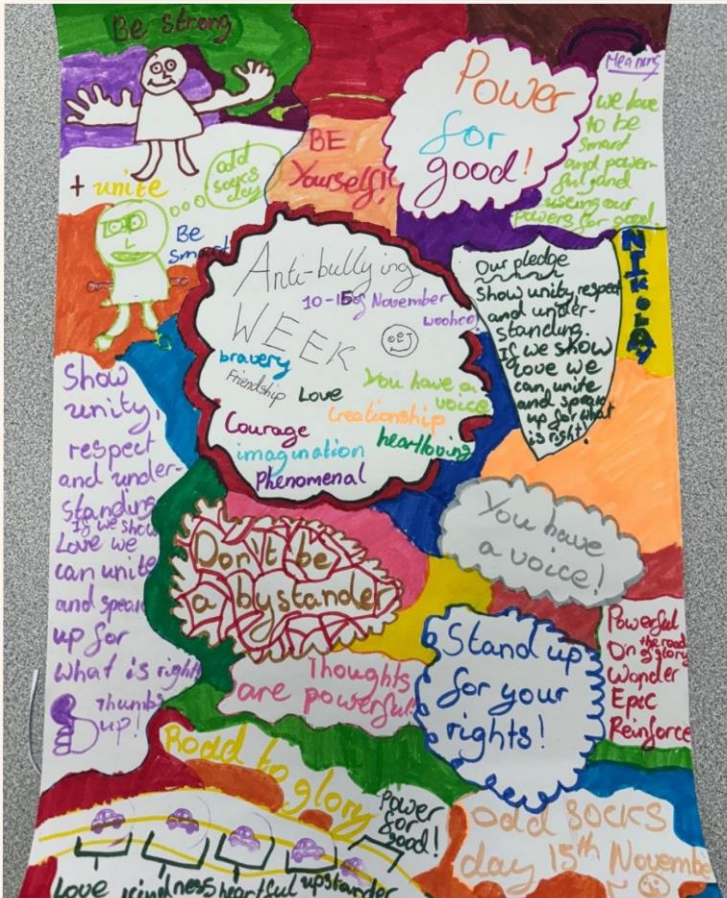
Places are available for this autumn term if your child has turned **3 years by 31 August 2025**.

- If your child is due to turn **3 this autumn term, up to 31 December 2025**, we have an intake in the spring term 2026, subject to availability. Applications forms will be available after the October 2025 half term holiday for this intake.
- We also have an intake in the summer term for children turning **3 by 31 March 2026**, in the spring term, subject to availability. Applications forms will be available in February 2026 for this intake.

Please call into the school office to collect an application form or to speak to Mrs Alfonso if you have any questions.



Anti-Bullying Week



The whole school donned 'odd socks' last week to celebrate the fact that we are all different, a bit 'odd' in our own wonderful ways! All to mark Anti-Bullying Week 2025.

Anti-Bullying Week



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#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



Friends of SJV Disco!



What a colourful, energetic way to end the week! Massive thanks to the Friends of SJV for organising one of the children's annual highlights – the Fancy Dress Disco!! Great fun had by all!



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Online Safety

Age ratings

Despite age restrictions, many primary school children access popular social media and entertainment platforms. These Apps are NOT recommended for primary aged children, particularly without parental controls and supervision:

YouTube (13+) – Video streaming platform with a separate YouTube Kids app for younger users.

TikTok (13+) – Short-form video-sharing app with a restricted mode for younger users.

Instagram (13+) – Photo and video-sharing social media platform owned by Meta.

Snapchat (13+) – Social media app for sharing disappearing messages and videos.

Roblox (13+ for full access, but children under 13 can have restricted accounts) – Online game creation and playing platform.

Discord (13+) – Chat and voice communication app popular among gamers.

Facebook (13+) – Social media platform, though less commonly used by younger children.

Twitter (now X) (13+) – Social media and microblogging platform.

Twitch (13+) – Live streaming platform, mainly for gaming content.

Reddit (13+) – Forum-based social platform with a variety of discussions.

Online Safety

There are several reliable websites where parents can check **age ratings, safety information, and parental controls** for apps their children are using. Here are some suggestions:

1. Common Sense Media

- Provides **detailed reviews** of apps, games, movies, and websites.
- Includes **age ratings, expert opinions, and parent/child reviews**.
- Explains risks such as privacy concerns, in-app purchases, and chat features.

2. ESRB (Entertainment Software Rating Board)

- Official age ratings for **video games and some apps**.
- Helps parents understand the content (e.g., violence, language, online interactions).

3. Google Play Store & Apple App Store

- Official age ratings for each app.
- Found in the **app description** under "Age rating" or "Parental Guidance".

4. Internet Matters

- UK-based resource with **parent guides on digital safety**.
- Provides **app safety advice, age ratings, and parental controls**.

5. National Online Safety

- Provides **free downloadable safety guides** for popular apps.
- Covers potential risks like **cyberbullying, privacy, and in-app purchases**.

STARS OF THE WEEK

THE FORCE IS STRONG IN THESE ONES...

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Reception:

This week, I would like to choose **J** as our Star of the Week for her wonderful imagination during playtime. Earlier in the week, I saw her pretending to be the teacher - organising the children, helping them find their spots and getting them ready to learn. She used all the techniques we use in class, encouraging the children to put up their hands to answer questions and praising them for their "good sitting" and "good listening." It was such a joy to watch and I think we may have a future teacher in the making!

I would also like to choose **A** for trying so hard with his handwriting. I have noticed the great effort he has been putting into using a tripod grip and forming each letter correctly. He has been listening carefully and watching closely as I model how to write the letters, and his hard work is really starting to show. Keep it up **A**!

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Class 1:

I would like my first star of the week to go to **B-R, B-R** I can tell that you really enjoy story time in year 1. You are always putting your hand up and really think about the questions in the story that are being asked of you. You answer the questions thoughtfully and always give in depth reasons as to what you think is going to happen in the story, how the characters feel and answer how and why questions really well too. Your vocabulary and the language you use when you answer questions is great and I can see that your class friends really enjoy listening to what you have to say. Well done!

H you have been so kind and helpful to our new friend. Any time I looked over at you this week you were helping him become more familiar in the playground. Showing him your class reading garden and reading books with him. You are such a kind and thoughtful friend **H!** Well done for being so welcoming and showing such kindness to people all around you!

Welcome to St John Vianney school **D!** You are trying to pick up your class routine and really trying to use your talking words to share your ideas more. Well done for all of your efforts this week **D.** I can see that your class friends are really excited to have you as part of Team Class 1. Continue to do your best, you will get there!

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Class 2:

This week, our star is A. She has been trying so hard to answer questions and participate confidently in lessons, and it has been wonderful to see her growing in confidence. A has also been a real team player in class helping others, working well with her classmates, and showing such a positive attitude. Well done, A, keep up the fantastic effort!

My next star is for T. I have been so impressed with the thoughtful questions you have been asking, it really shows how eager you are to learn new things. You have also been trying exceptionally hard in your phonics group, working well on your sounds and spellings. Keep up the brilliant effort!

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Class 3:

C and E - A huge well done to both of them for their fantastic writing this week! They have both worked incredibly hard to create exciting and interesting sentences using fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, similes and compound sentences. Their character descriptions of the Iron Man from Ted Hughes' novel was full of creative ideas, imaginative detail and brilliant vocabulary choices. They both really tried to capture the reader's interest, and their writing was engaging, thoughtful and a pleasure to read. Well done to both of you!

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Class 4:

Our first star goes to **LJ**, for the fantastic effort she has put into improving her presentation and handwriting. Her work is becoming beautifully neat and a real pleasure to read. It has been lovely to see you take pride in your work and show the determination to follow it through. Well done LJ.

Our second star is **R**, who showed genuine, old-fashioned courtesy and good manners when our new friend joined the class this week. R was the first to go up to him, introduce himself, and offer a firm handshake. He helped him choose his lunch, showed him around, and made sure he felt welcome - all without being asked. R, you are the perfect example of what it means to be an **SJV** child: polite, thoughtful, and full of heart.

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Class 5:

Our first star this week has really upped his game in terms of how he actively listens in class. He has made fantastic contributions to class discussions and has been working hard to improve the presentation of his written work. Looking at his books, you would think that a completely different child had started them off in September. Well done to A.

Our second star is going to a young lady for sheer effort and determination in class. Her tenacity is impressive and I don't think the words 'give up' even exist in her mind. This was most evident last week as she quite deservedly earned herself a pen licence. She is lucky to have understood something that others can take years to get their heads around; it doesn't matter how fast you get somewhere, it just matters that you **do** get there and get there well. Well done to E.

STARS OF THE WEEK

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Class 6:

This week our first star of the Week is **E** for showing outstanding care and commitment to his learning. He always puts in his best effort, asks thoughtful questions, and takes time and pride in improving his work. His positive attitude sets a fantastic example for others, and we are so proud of the determination he shows in every task of every day. Well done **E**!

Our second Star of the Week is **C** for growing in confidence when answering questions in whole-class discussions. She has been challenged to share her ideas more often, and it's wonderful to see her taking time to think about her answer and letting her voice shine through. She continues to work hard especially in her spellings and in her maths, approaching each challenge with discipline, effort and determination. Her hard work and positive attitude make her very deserving of this week's star. Well done, **C** —keep shining!

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