

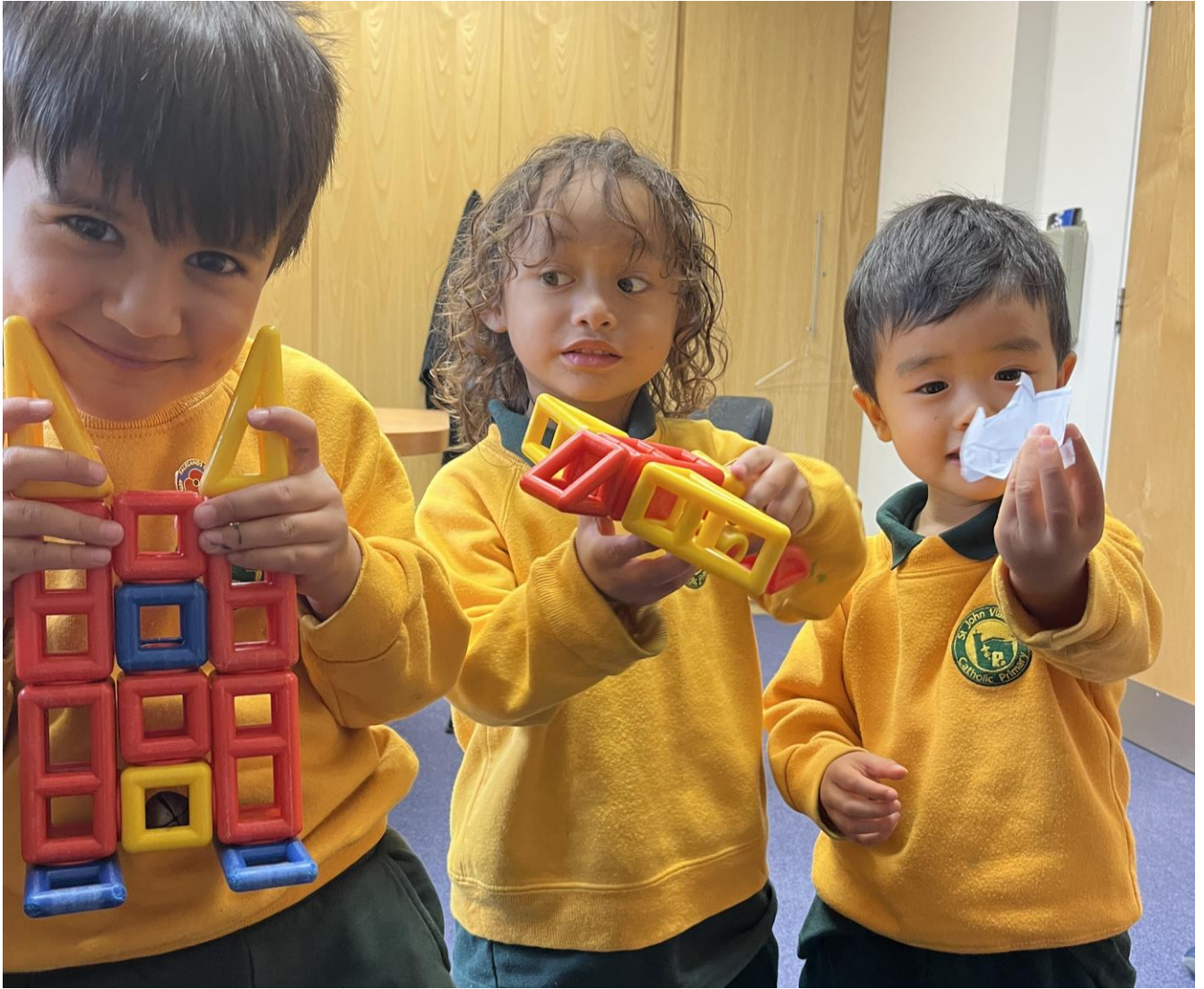


St John Vianney Catholic School

School Newsletter

Edition: 345 7th November 2025

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



Can we have some more blocks please?

The best way to ask the Headteacher for more building blocks is to send a very cute delegation to his office to show him the fantastic models that they have made...then tell him that 'if only we had more', we could have even more fun and build even more models! The extremely 'persuasive' Ms. Osborn just out of shot...have a lovely weekend all!

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:

- Y 4 boys football match Vs West Green Primary (in school time) – Monday 10th November – **this has been postponed**
- Y2 & Y3 cinema trip – Wednesday 12th November
- Y1 cinema visit – Friday 14th November
- Week commencing 17th November – Road Safety Week
- Y4 & Y5 cinema trip – Friday 21st November
- 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
- Y6 cinema trip – Wednesday 26th November
- Flu Vaccination Team in for catch up session and Nursery vaccinations – Wednesday 26th November
- 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

More information on these events will be issued nearer the dates but please save the dates in your diaries of the key events such as the Christmas performances and the Christmas Fair.

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.

School Photographs:

Photographs will be distributed to parents via the children once the bulk order is received from the school photographers – it will be after 17th November.

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

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.



Kiyan Prince Foundation



We are indebted to Dr. Mark Prince, along with Daszine Prince, for an amazing and motivational workshop this week, helping our children to 'write a brighter, safer future' for themselves. Thank you Ms. Duah for organising - it was a moving experience for ALL in the room, and it something that the children will never forget.



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Our Children's Reflections:

- Your thoughts are powerful!
- Don't act on bad voices. Don't be tempted by them and don't let them control you.
- Even though bad things happen to you sometimes, you must try your best to turn it into a positive.
- Choose your friends wisely!
- Have a good mind set. Having a good mind set means you have good habits.
- If someone is being unkind to you, you're not the problem...they are!
- You're always good enough!
- No matter what happens in life, you have to push through and you must not give up on your dreams.
- Never let anything or anyone from achieving your goals!
- Be the prince you are!



Sparklers in Nursery!



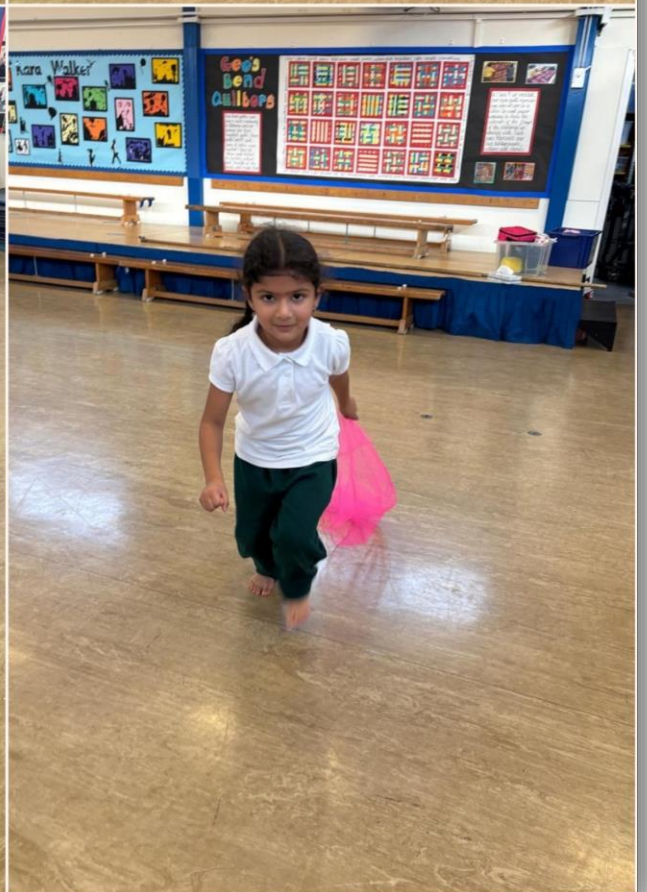
To mark Bonfire Night this week, Nursery made some fantastic sparklers!



Reception 'Fireworks'



Reception Class danced up a storm as they imitated the movement and excitement of a firework display!



Egyptian Scrolls in Y3



The children made their own paper before half term to look like papyrus paper and today they added designs to create ancient Egyptian scrolls.



Black History Month '25



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...

7th November 2025



Reception:

This week, I would like to choose **E** as star of the week for her fantastic presentation of her Catholic Social Teaching homework. E created a powerful collage showing the difference between our seas when we don't recycle and how beautiful they can be when we do. She reminded us that we must all work together to care for sea creatures and protect our planet. E also explained to her classmates, with great detail, how rubbish needs to be organised so it can be recycled properly. Well done, **E**!

I would also like to choose **N** as our star of the week for always being such a kind and thoughtful friend. Whatever the situation, we can always rely on **N** to help - whether he is showing his friends how to form letters during phonics, helping them find their belongings, or comforting someone who needs a friend. He never does this because he is asked to; it always comes from the heart. Thank you for being such a caring and thoughtful friend, **N** - you are a wonderful example to your classmates!

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Class 1:

Well done Class 1 so far, for a great start to the Autumn Term 2!

I would like my first star to go to I this week. I was really impressed with your writing about the work that you did about 'Anasi and the Talking Melon'. You used great descriptive language and were able to write key points about what you enjoyed about this story and whether you thought 'Anansi' was a clever or naughty spider! It was great to see you using your 'Fred fingers' to stretch out some tricky words and trying to make sure that you were using your full stops and capital letters in the correct places. Any time I looked over at your learning table you were carefully re-reading and checking your work well too. It is great to see you becoming more confident with your writing I well done!

Fantastic work from you as well Y X this week. You have been introduced in Science this week to our new learning topic of everyday materials this term. You were able to cut out and sort out independently which object was made out of which material whether this was glass, wood, metal or plastic. With some support you were able to identify which other objects were made out of different materials too. It was great to hear from Mrs Mejia that you were focussed and got on with this task independently at your table! Well done for being more focussed this week with your learning. Keep it up!

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Class 2:

I - for his wonderful maths work- it is always neat and well presented. He demonstrates a positive attitude and really strives to challenge himself.

D - she is always on task. She demonstrates good manners and kindness to others. This week she successfully wrote expanded sentences using subordinations.

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Class 3:

E – He has tried so hard in maths this week, showing great perseverance and determination. He worked carefully to practise solving subtraction questions using the column method with renaming, and his hard work has really paid off. It's been great to see him working independently in his maths workbook and getting all of the questions correct. Well done!

G – She has shown confidence this week by putting her hand up to answer questions during writing lessons. It's been wonderful to see her developing her ability to speak out in front of the class and share her ideas and thoughts. Keep up the hard work!

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of the
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Class 4:

Class 4 have been finishing their own 'Aesop's Fable'. The stars this week have written great stories ending with a moral - a guide on how we can live a better life. D is a shining star for his fable called 'The Wolf and the Deer' and his moral made us remember that even the smallest friend can make a big difference. The second star goes to M for his fable 'The Elephant and the Monkey.' His moral reminded us that not all big people are the strongest. Well done to you both.

STARS OF THE WEEK

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Class 5:

We have two fabulous literacy stars this week in Class 5. Both these stars stood out in how they answered their reading comprehension questions and in how they executed their independent writing task. In reading, our stars maturely considered the questions being asked and gave their opinions in a very well-constructed way. Similarly, in writing, both of them worked hard to bring in all the elements that we have been learning about and took their time to lay out their work so that it was sensible, interesting and engaging. Well done to N and G.

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Class 6:

Our first star this week goes to J for his efforts in improving his writing not just this week but this whole writing process. His use of direct speech is genuine, conveys a sense of character and advances the plot. He has worked so hard and he deserves so much credit for his efforts in recent weeks. Well done J! My second star is for A. It is quite telling that at the start of a half term, where teachers are figuring out good combinations of children to work together, A is one of those pupils who can work with anyone anywhere in the classroom. Why? Because she's kind, caring, and empathetic. Her great attitude to study makes her reliable and an example to many others. Well done A!

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