

# The SJV Daily News

17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Everything we can be, with Christ in Our Hearts

Free

## Birthday Maths Brain Teaser!

Guess the combined age of these three giddy teachers





# St John Vianney Catholic School

## School Newsletter

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## Summer (Term) has arrived!

Of course...it always does, but never fails to give us all a lift. Lighter evenings and a bit of sunshine – simple, but a real mood lifter!

It was, of course, lovely to see you all again after the Easter break and to welcome the children back to class, where they settled in with their usual enthusiasm and confidence. We hope you enjoyed the break and are ready to 'go again'!

The summer term is always a very busy one, but it is always where we see things come together too; all the hard work starts to pay off.

Let's enjoy the term and everything it has in store for us...

*Mr. McNicholas*

# Ivy Fernandes

It was with desperate sadness that we learned this week that Ivy Fernandes had passed away. Ivy was an incredible friend to SJV over the years, having sent her daughter to our school she spent time as an SJV Mum before dedicating years of her time caring for many of your children as the SJV Child Minder. Of course, in recent years, she became a much valued and much loved member of staff. We remember Ivy's time at SJV, in whatever role, so fondly – she radiated warmth and was never without a smile for all she came across. She will be very much missed and we ask you to join us in sending our thoughts, prayers and deepest condolences to her family, especially Pascal and Sheena at this incredibly difficult time for them.



# 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 visit The Bank of England – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026
- Y1 visit to Bruce Castle Museum – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Please note there will be no phonics intervention on this date
- **Whole Class photos** : Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Please make sure your child is in the correct school uniform. Use the link below to view the parents page of the website for uniform
- **School Closed on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May - our school is used as a polling station**
- Y6 SATs week - week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May
- Y6 visit to Ben Kinsella workshop - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May
- Y1 visit to the London Transport Museum – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May
- Reception Class Assembly – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- Half term break – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May
- Inset Day – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June
- School reopens to pupils on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June
  
- Summer Fair: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Save the date – details to follow next term.
  
- A reminder regarding hair accessories - please keep these to a minimum. Elaborate hairbands with 'ears', large bows, etc are not allowed. Please use the link to view the school uniform page of the website:
- <https://www.st-johnvianney.haringey.sch.uk/parents>

## **Reminder for Parents and Carers**

*For safeguarding reasons, parents and carers must not use the children's playground toilets during drop-off and collection times.*

*Adult toilets are available near the school office. Please walk around to the office if you need to use these facilities.*

*Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.*

**Felix Project:** The Felix Project is for our school community only. Please do not share this information with the wider community. We cannot have members of the public on the school grounds for safeguarding reasons. Please also bear in mind we need to help all of our families so we ask that you only take one or two items of each product. It is not acceptable to take bags full of one product. Please do not put our staff in the awkward position of having to ask you to put products back so that others may avail of them.

# Mary Prayer May Appeal

**Help Us Make Mary's Prayer Area Beautiful!**

May is the special month of **Our Lady**, and we would love to make our school shrine bright, colourful, and full of life.

## **Can you help?**

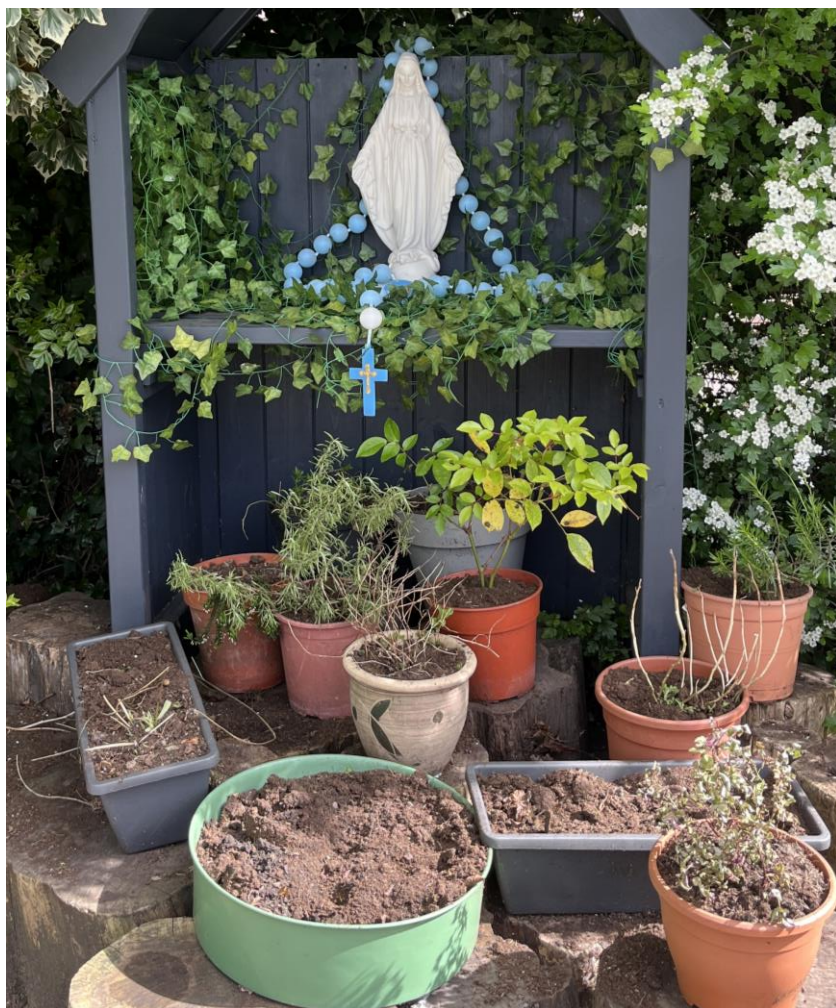
We are asking children to bring in:

- Small **potted plants**
- Colourful **flowers**
- Anything that will help decorate the shrine

Even one small plant from each child will make a big difference!

**Different children, different flowers – together we can create something beautiful!**

**Please bring your plants IN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS!**



# SJV Nursery



## SJV Nursery 15 Hours / 30 Hours Entitlement

- We have an intake in the summer term for children turning **3 by 31 March 2026**, in the spring term, subject to availability. Applications forms are available for this intake.
- **Places for Nursery in September 2026** : Application forms are now available in the school office for September 2026 intake. Your child must be 3 years old by 31st August 2026.

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



# Community Notices

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.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>

Open consultation

## Growing up in the online world: a national consultation

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From: [Department for Science, Innovation and Technology](#)

Published 2 March 2026

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### Summary

We are consulting on further measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological change. This includes potential age restrictions on social media and other services such as gaming sites and AI chatbots, restrictions on addictive design features and risky functionalities, and better support for parents and families.

This consultation closes at  
**11:59pm on 26 May 2026**

# Online Safety

## Children and Phone Safety - NSPCC

The NSPCC's guidance on children, mobile phones and online safety is a useful resource for parents. It addresses one of the most common questions parents ask: when is a child ready for a phone, and how can families manage the risks?

The guide offers balanced, practical advice on readiness, boundary-setting, parental controls, and ongoing conversations about safe and responsible use.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>

**NSPCC**

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Keeping children safe

Advice for families

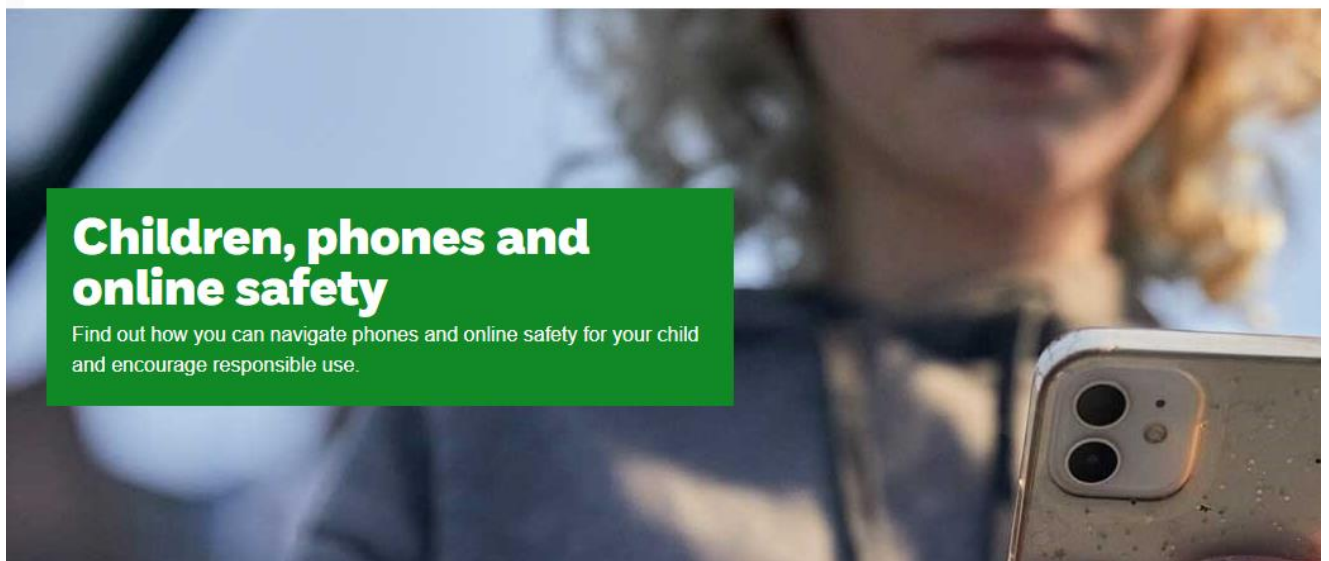
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### Children, phones and online safety

Find out how you can navigate phones and online safety for your child and encourage responsible use.



# STARS OF THE WEEK

THE FORCE IS STRONG IN THESE ONES...

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## Reception:

This week, I would like to award E as star of the week for returning after the Easter holidays with a real spring in her step and a positive attitude towards learning. She has been working hard in her phonics group, supporting her friends and confidently putting her hand up to ask questions to check her understanding — such an important life skill. She is a fantastic example to her peers. Well done!

I would also like to award M as star of the week for coming back full of sunshine and confidence. All of her teachers have been impressed with how beautifully she has been sitting on the carpet and she even helped lead our morning songs with great enthusiasm. We are so proud of the progress she has made since September and can't wait to see how much she continues to grow over the rest of the year!

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## Class 1:

Well done Class 1 for a great week. I can see that you are really ready for your Summer Term!

I would like my first star to go to V! I can see V that you have come back to school with a big Summer step! This week we have started working on our second Maths book and I was really impressed with how much effort you put into answering those tricky questions. You were able with bigger numbers to know how many ten's and one's were in a number and be able to compare the numbers too. It is lovely to see you becoming more confident on the carpet. I have noticed you putting your hand up more and sharing your learning ideas with the whole class. It was lovely to share and reflect on your Catholic Social teaching homework, you being able to talk about your work and answer your friends questions confidently. Great effort this week from you keep going!

Great work from you as well O. This week we have been doing a lot of spot check spellings and comprehension sentences. I was really impressed with the spot check spellings of words that you remembered to write down independently. You are really becoming more focussed with the work that you need to complete trying your best even if sometimes you get an answer wrong you keep persevering. That is what being in Year One is all about not giving up and continuing to do your best. Keep going because you are doing really well!

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## Class 2:

This week, my first star goes to N. Since returning to school with a broken arm, you have shown such resilience and determination. You haven't complained and have simply got on with your work as best as you can. We are really proud of your positive attitude, well done, N!

My second star is for M. You have been trying so hard in class to answer questions, and it has been wonderful to hear the thoughtful responses you have been giving. It really shows that you are thinking carefully about your learning. Keep up the fantastic effort, M!

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## Class 3:

E – He has been working really hard in writing this week. He wrote a really good conversation between characters from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and it was great to see him trying so hard to make his writing interesting and detailed. Keep up the excellent effort!

N – He has come back after the Easter holidays with a fantastic attitude to learning. He has been concentrating hard, getting on with his work sensibly, and showing a real readiness to learn in every lesson. Furthermore, he has been trying very hard to improve his handwriting. Well done!

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### Class 4:

Our first star is a writing star. We have been exploring the wordless book *Fossil* and are now creating our own written versions. M prompted a spontaneous round of applause when he read his first paragraph this week, and it was very well deserved! He captured the atmosphere perfectly, using all of the skills we've been working on, as well as experimenting with ambitious vocabulary and a range of sentence types. We are so excited to see how your story develops. Well done, M!

Our second star is a very special one and goes to F. This week we have been talking about making good choices and showing kindness, and F is someone I have long admired for exactly that. She has a strong sense of justice and a clear understanding of what is morally right. She will stand up for what is right, no matter who it involves, even if it's not her friend. She shares generously, treats others fairly, and is a wonderful role model to everyone around her. Your kindness and integrity will take you far.

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## Class 5:

We have three very deserving stars this week who are being awarded for their work on their 'Catholic Social Teaching' homework. The whole class created such beautifully thoughtful, and very individual, pieces which are deserving of high praise indeed. Our three stars took the theme of 'Community and Participation' and really created some unique and very interesting works of art. Thank you and very well done to M, R and A.

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## Class 6:

For showing outstanding positivity in the first week back after the Easter holidays. Your warm and cheerful attitude, polite manners and willingness to try your best in all subjects mean that you have made a great start to the term. Well done N!

For creating a strong atmosphere in his writing and showing a clear understanding of all the techniques we have been practising in class. N always has imaginative ideas, but has matched them with ambitious vocabulary and a variety of sentence structures (including shorter sentences) to make his writing engaging, very tense and extremely effective. Well done, N!

Celebrate!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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Authorised by the founders of Mo-Gel-Do:

Sensei R. Cronk      Sensei W. Lai

