

# The SJV Daily News

10<sup>th</sup> October 2025 2025  
Free

Everything we can be, with Christ in Our Hearts

## Top of the World! *Y6 Scale New Heights!*





# St John Vianney Catholic School

## School Newsletter

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## Free! All-Inclusive Holiday!

(...always read the small print!)

As I write this, I am looking out as the sun is going down over the rolling Welsh hillsides, while the other three teachers do all the hard work. Like they have all week. Genuinely.

We have had a wonderful week here at Pendarren House, and the surrounding beauty of the Brecon Beacons. We are truly blessed to be able to take this time together, as the Y6s start the long transition to life beyond SJV.

We have really struck lucky with the weather too! Absolutely beautiful end of summer / start of autumn sunny gorgeousness! I know you were all a bit worried about the cold (everything gets back to me!), but our experience of October has ALWAYS been great, and this was no different.

The children have exceeded all expectations – behaviour, manners, adventurousness and, of course, that all important courageousness! They have lapped up everything thrown at them and have done what we hope all SJVers do when they go to Pendarren: become more independent and to bond with each other, recognising we can do more than we thought, but we need each other to succeed! The Miracle of Pendarren strikes again! In the morning, we pack up our stuff (most of it anyway, there's always a pile of 'unwanted' underwear), and we head back into the warm embrace of our families and our community, teddies tucked under our arm and memories stored forever in our hearts!

Have a lovely weekend!

*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:

- Parent Teacher meeting sign up boards outside classroom doors 10<sup>th</sup> Oct for one week, Class 6 – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October
- Year 5 visit to the Design Museum – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October
- Nursery Tapestry meetings – 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Oct
- GEMHS Coffee Morning – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October after assembly
- Parent Teacher Consultations week – Week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> October
- Year 6 visit to Bruce Castle Museum – 21<sup>st</sup> October
- Year 6 Pendarren Award Assembly – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October
- Half term holiday – 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October.
- Back to School - Children are back in school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- Flu Vaccination Team in school Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November– details e mailed to parents
- FOSJV Fancy Dress Disco – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 5-7pm
- Christmas Performance – 11<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm
- Christmas Performance – 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am
- FOSJV Christmas Fair – 12<sup>th</sup> December 3.30-5pm

## Macmillan coffee afternoon:

Thank you to those who support the cake sale for this charity which raised £126

## School Photographs:

Once the photos are available to view and order you will receive notification via a school jotter.

## Parent Teacher Consultations:

These will take place in week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> October (Monday to Thursday).

The sign up boards will be available outside the classrooms every afternoon until next Friday (17<sup>th</sup> Oct). Class 2 Parent Teacher meetings will be after October half term – date to be advised.

## Flu Vaccinations – Vaccination UK will be in school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November:

Parents have been e mailed information about this visit – please use the link provided on the e mail to agree or disagree to your child having a flu nasal spray vaccine. The deadline for completing this is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

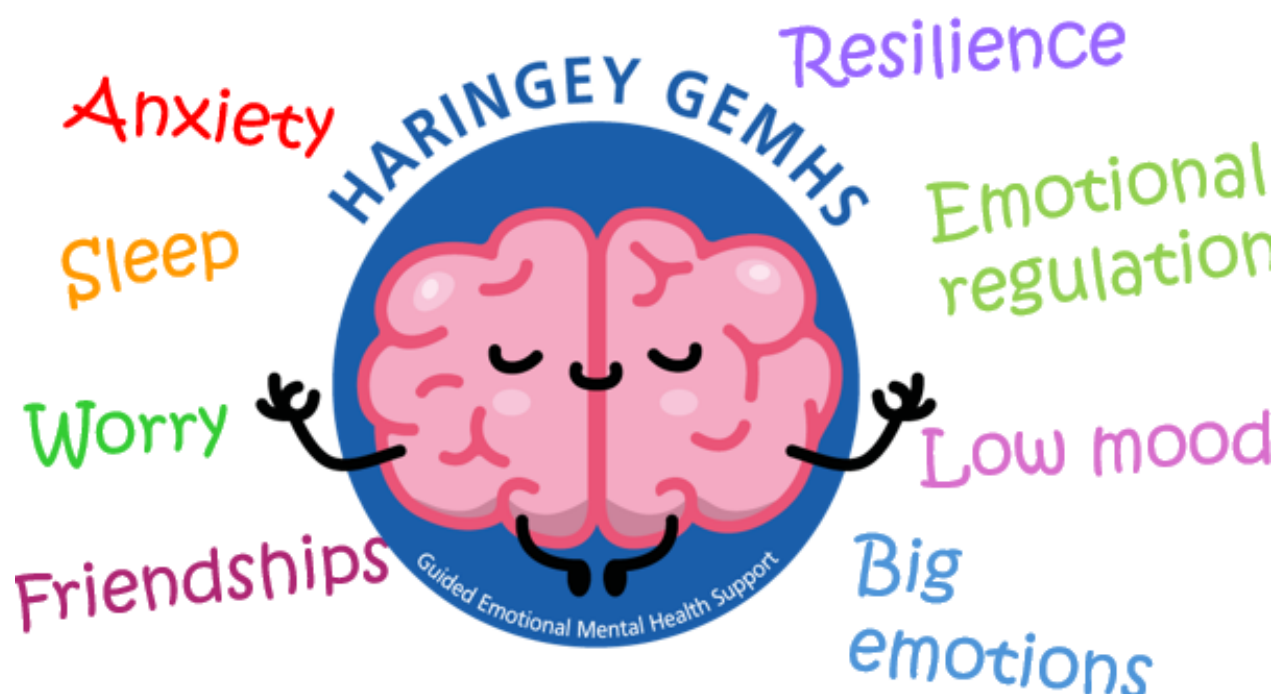
**Felix Project: If you take food from the Felix Project please make sure you take all the consumables off site and not leave it lying around the playground as this attracts vermin and someone else has to clean it up. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.**





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North London  
NHS Foundation Trust

# COFFEE MORNING



Meet GEMHS- Your local Mental Health Support team come find out how we can support you and your child.

*Where: SJV Hall*

*Date: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October*

*Time: 9:30-10:30 (After Assembly)*

Better Mental Health. Better Lives. Better Communities



# 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 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025 - ADHD and executive functioning

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November - ADHD and sleep

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - ADHD and support in school

Time: 10 - 11.30am

Place: Chestnuts Community Centre (N15 5BN)



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### 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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## Together For Families (TFF)

### Empowering Parents, Protecting Children's Futures

TFF creates safe community spaces and prioritises early intervention, empowering parents to build stable, enriching environments for their children.

TFF offers a non-judgemental, accessible one-stop shop where parents can receive guidance, tools, and support to foster positive communication with their children, promote independence, and address various challenges such as emotional distress, domestic abuse, housing instability, and financial issues.

TFF is a local initiative offering early, holistic support for parents through a trusted network of professionals.



#### Session details:

- 24 September 2025: 9.30am –12pm
- 29 October 2025: 9.30am –12pm
- 26 November 2025: 9.30am –12pm
- Rising Green Family Hub, 2A  
Lymington Avenue, Wood Green, N22  
6JA

Just drop in - no appointment necessary

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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.





# SJV Heroes of the Week



## Thank You!

These three deserve the thanks of the whole SJV community – parents (who showed their appreciation as the bus pulled in!), staff and children are rightly proud that we can rely on such dedication, skill and care to look after our children on trips like this.

Not all heroes wear capes, but these three wore wellies, waterproofs and a smile all week. Have a restful weekend!

## Pendarren 2025

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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.



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## Reception:

Well done on another fantastic week in Reception Class! You have all been working so hard and filling your days with wonderful learning experiences.

This week, I would like to celebrate **E** for being such a kind and caring friend. Every day, I have noticed him offering help to others - whether someone is hurt or simply needs a friend by their side. He puts his arm around them, offers comfort and shows genuine kindness from the heart. It is such a joy to see and we are so lucky to have a friend like you in our class, E!

I would also like to recognise **E** for her fantastic effort across all areas of learning. She approaches every activity - from phonics and counting to imaginative play - with enthusiasm, curiosity and a big smile. I am especially impressed by her thoughtful nature and teamwork skills. She notices what helps her classmates feel calm and is always eager to ask questions and learn more. What a wonderful role model and valued member of our Reception Class!



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## Class 1:

Well done to everybody in Class 1 this week for continuing to try your best! You are all becoming confident and independent learners every single day well done and keep going!

Syou have worked so hard this week with all of your learning. Any time I look at you, you are focussed and ready to produce the best work that you can. I was so impressed with how you wrote some of the story of Adam and Eve in R.E that we heard this week. You were able to identify why Adam and Eve felt sad and how God felt knowing that Adam and Eve had disobeyed him too. You always have such neat handwriting and your homework/ school work is always produced to such a high standard. It is so clear that you take pride in the work that you are producing in year 1. Well done and keep it up!

Thank you M for always being such a polite and thoughtful member of our class. This week we were doing a lot of cutting activities in our Maths lessons so our classroom was not looking its usual tidy self. When it came to play time instead of going straight out to play like you were allowed to do. You went all around the classroom picking up pieces of paper on the floor and being a tidying up detective! When I said that you could go out to play you still insisted on staying behind in some of your playtime so everything was nice and tidy ready for us to use our classroom again after breaktime. We are very lucky to have you as part of Class Team one, thank you for your thoughtfulness and all of your help this week!



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## Class 2:

**S** has tried really hard this week with her writing. She used some very interesting present tense verbs in her sentence writing about George's Marvellous Medicine. She persevered to write independently and she really challenged herself. Her enthusiasm and determination provides a great role model for others. Well done!

**D** has impressed us this week for his determination in maths. The maths was challenging but he showed great perseverance and he didn't give up! It has been great to see Dominik participating more keenly in maths activities. Keep it up!

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## Class 3:

A huge well done to **M** and **N**

They both always try their best and they work so hard in every lesson. They listen carefully, follow instructions, and set a wonderful example to others. This week, their creative writing about the story book *'Journey'* was fantastic— their sentences were both creative and imaginative and they both worked really hard to capture the reader's attention!

Keep up the brilliant effort!



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## Class 4:

Our stars this week go to three amazing readers! It has been so lovely to see the progress that C, M, and L have already made in their reading this term. Their improvement is down to their hard work, determination, and a newly found passion for books. M and L have become much more confident in decoding words, while C has made great strides in her fluency and is eager to take on more challenging texts - something she's doing brilliantly! Together, they are all becoming more confident at predicting what might happen next in their stories, answering questions thoughtfully, and working out the meaning of trickier words from context. We are so proud of the progress you are making - keep up the great work, super readers!



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## Class 5:

M has been working hard this week and has kept good focus in class. His maths work has been particularly good! He also wrote an excellent answer in RE using the guidance but relating it to the belief that we have been focusing on, that we are made in the lightness of God – very impressive! He has been helpful in class, reminding me of things I need to do, but in a very polite way. He has been conscientious in remembering his class job – even covering when his partner forgot! He was also positive in his attitude in the pre-lesson this week for an all-around great week – well done!

The second star has had an excellent attitude this week in all areas. She is organized, listens well, and always tries her best. She has been answering well in geography and in RE lessons and has been a fantastic partner. Mrs. Ritchie has also been impressed by her reading progress – she is flying – so good to hear! Thank you for always smiling, H.



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## Class 6:

What can I say? Class 6 are the most obvious and deserving candidates for the 'Whole Class Award' this week. They have been a pleasure to be with, and have taken full advantage of the SJV Pendarren experience – they tried everything, loved everything and were a credit to us all. The staff at Pendarren, cleaners, cooks, office staff and instructors left us with their thanks for the way in which our children behaved, listened and gave everything a go! Very proud of them all.



# Celebrate!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



