



The SJV Daily News

20th March 2026

Everything we can be, with Christ in Our Hearts

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Top o' the Mornin'!

Nursery celebrate St. Patrick's Day



St John Vianney Catholic School

School Newsletter

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The world's a stage!

Another busy week at SJV and another crop of events, activities and photos to warm the heart! Our front page this week features Nursery's spectacular marking of St. Patrick's Day this week and the year 3's Egyptian assembly was a real hoot from start to finish!

We are so lucky that our teachers cram all this stuff in – it really isn't just about reading, writing and maths at SJV; it's such a happy place and all of our staff make every day and each week memorable. Once again, parents and friends of the school were crammed in on Friday morning to complete the community. I know you love seeing your children up on stage celebrating their progress as much as we enjoy having you all with us each week. I don't know of any school that is as well supported by its parents as we are – we are totally blessed in that respect.

So...the sun is out, we've a week to go until the Easter break and we've much to be thankful for. Enjoy the weekend with your families and friends and we'll see you for the run-in on Monday.

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:

- **After School Sports and Activity Clubs – No clubs this coming week -**
- There will be new clubs for each class after Easter.
- **Early morning Y1 phonics , Y4 Maths and Y5 Maths Interventions – No interventions next week. These restart on Monday 13th April**
- **Y6 Maths Booster Class – on Monday 23rd from 3.45-4.45pm moved from Thursday**
- **Reception Class visit to Kentish Town City Farm - Tuesday 24th March**
- **Class 4 visit to Estorick Collection -Tuesday 24th March**
- **Easter Liturgy:** Friday 27th March 9am – all welcome
- **Easter holidays - School finishes at the earlier time of 1.15pm on Friday 27th March for the Easter holiday**
- There is no after school club at West Green Primary School on Friday 27th March

- **Future Dates for your diary:**
- **Y5 visit The Bank of England – Tuesday 21st April 2026**
- **Y1 visit to Bruce Castle Museum – Wednesday 22nd April**
- **Whole Class photos : Monday 27th April**
- **School Closed on Thursday 7th May - our school is used as a polling station**
- **Y6 SATs week - week commencing 11th May**
- **Y6 visit to Ben Kinsella workshop - Tuesday 19th May**
- **Y1 visit to the London Transport Museum – Wednesday 20th May**
- **Half term break – Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May**

Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

The school finishes for the Easter break next Friday at 1.15pm.

All day Nursery children finish school at 1.15pm. There is no afternoon Nursery Class on Friday 27th March.

School reopens to pupils on MONDAY 13th APRIL

Government consultation on Social Media:

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

Please use the above link to have your say on the use of social media by children and young people.

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Our friends at the Lordship Lane Junior Parkrun asked us to share this – lots of SJV children are already regulars at the weekly run!

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.



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Open consultation

Growing up in the online world: a national consultation

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

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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

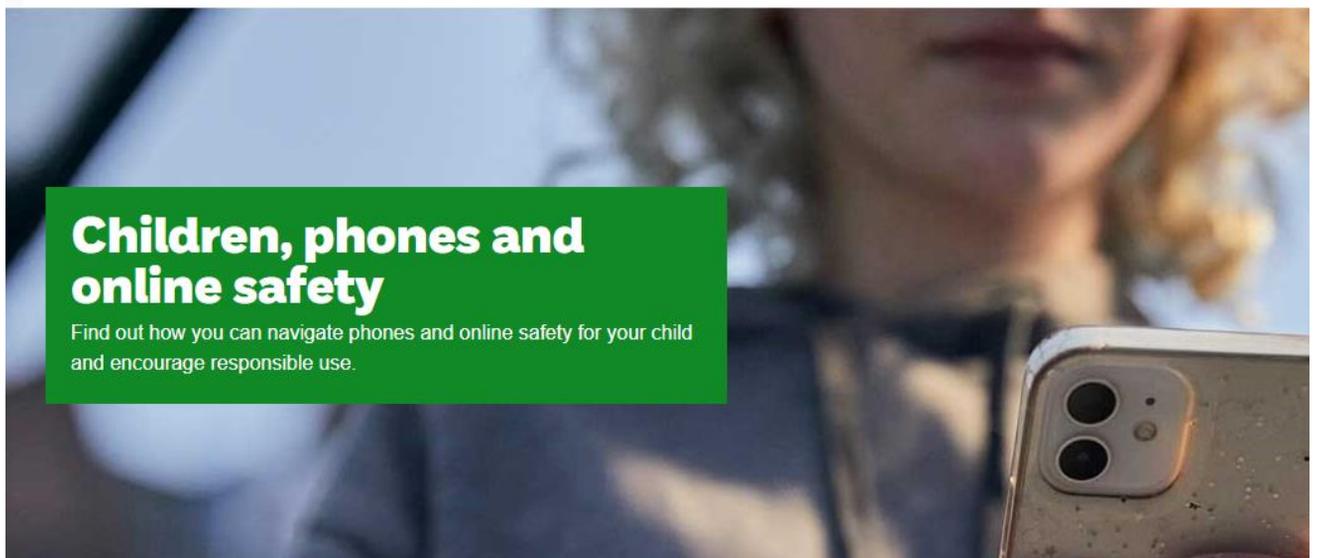
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Find out how you can navigate phones and online safety for your child and encourage responsible use.



Attendance Update

Maintaining high attendance

At primary school, children who have high attendance (95-100% attendance) in Year 6 are 30% more likely to achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who miss just 2-4 weeks of school (90-95% attendance).

This was sent to us by the DfE today, as they continue their drive to improve the nation's attendance crisis.

As you can see, attendance is clearly linked to achievement.

Term Time Holiday Requests

We are seeing an alarming number of term time leave requests in the run up to Easter. As you know, these requests will not be authorised – SJV's attendance is still not up to the pre-Covid levels, and we are rightly being pressured by the Local Authority and the DfE to do all we can to ensure that children are in school as much as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Year 3's Egyptology!



Year 3 sang, danced and acted their way through a wonderful round up of their learning from history this term!



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Red Nose Day '26!



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Class 1:

Well done to you **H** this week for really trying your best in your guided reading session! You are becoming more fluid in your reading **H** being able to spot the chatty friends and special friend sounds when it comes to reading longer sentences in words. I can see that you are really becoming more confident and enjoying the books that you are reading with your group. It is good to hear you answering how and why questions, using longer talking sentences and being able to express why a character is doing something in the story and giving in depth explanations as best as you can. Great effort.

A well done for being so focussed this week and for completing your Maths work tasks so well too. This week we have been continuing our numbers within 20 by looking at Number bonds and completing Addition and Subtraction fact families using specific numbers. In your Maths lessons you are so focussed in getting your guided practice work completed. Not rushing your work but checking as you are going along and working carefully trying to work out those Maths questions! You take such pride in your work by making sure that your work is tidy and neat. I have seen your confidence continue to grow when it comes to you doing your class work and it is lovely to see. Well done and keep working hard!

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Class 2:

This week, the star goes to D. It has been lovely to see how hard you have been trying with your work and how eager you have been to share your fantastic sentences with the teachers. Your confidence is really growing, and it's wonderful to see you so proud of your work. Well done, D, keep it up!

Our second star is for A. We have noticed how well you have been participating in class and the effort you are making to stay focused at your table. You are really trying to do your best in everything you do, and that is fantastic to see. Keep working hard, A, you're doing great!

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Class 3:

A huge well done to everyone in Class 3! They all did an absolutely fantastic job in our class assembly. They worked so hard to learn their lines, and they spoke clearly and confidently. Their acting was brilliant, and their song was amazing—it really showed how much effort they have all put in!

We are very proud of each and every one of them —what a wonderful performance!

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Class 4:

Our first star goes to J, who is everything an active learner should be. He has a real hunger to learn and always listens carefully to advice and, importantly, acts on it. He is a great partner, and so much of this comes down to his excellent listening skills. J is always laser-focused on whoever is teaching him, and as a result, he has made fantastic progress already this year. Well done, J, keep it up!

Our second star is a sewing star! We have just started sewing in D&T, and it really makes you appreciate how many small, tricky skills are involved. From threading a needle to mastering a neat running stitch, it takes patience and precision, but our star did this seamlessly! Not only that, but she was also on hand to help anyone else who needed it. Well done and thank you O.

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Class 5:

Our first star this week is for a writer who really came into his own as he did his independent work. It was such a pleasure to see him focus in such an enthusiastic way and independently spot necessary adjustments in the editing process. He was the first one on to his redraft which also stood out for a big improvement in handwriting. Well done to J.

Our second star has stood out this week in maths and computing. Two teachers commented on a newly found confidence and her recent improvement in maths in particular. She has approached her work in a methodical and determined manner and it is really paying off. This skill transferred beautifully to her coding in computing during which she gracefully guided her partner to create a very elegant code to check the temperature in different parts of the school. She quickly saw what needed to be done and just got on with the task with no fuss whatsoever. Well done P!

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Class 6:

Our two stars go to two children who are living out the Class 6 mantra : “Your very best is always good enough!” They take responsibility for their learning, going above and beyond to make sure they understand new concepts, take advice and guidance from adults in a positive way, and care so much about their learning. Furthermore, it must also be said that they really are always so polite, so respectful, appropriate in their interactions with all adults, and show genuine gratitude - an amazing example! Very well done both!

Celebrate!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY





