The SJV Daily News

13th March 2026 Everything we can be, with Christ in Our Hearts Free

Room on the Broom?

Sure….Hop on!

St John Vianney Catholic School

School Newsletter

Edition: 359 13th March 2026

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

We are all included!

This week, Year 1 treated us to a wonderful retelling of Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson in Friday's assembly. With great enthusiasm and confidence, they reminded us of the story's simple but powerful message: there is always room for one more when we choose kindness and sharing and that we can always make room for one more friend in our lives. It perfectly reflects what we value at St. John Vianney, where we work hard to ensure every child feels welcomed, supported and part of our school family.

It was also a fitting theme for a visit from our School Improvement Partner this week, who has been spending time in school across the year looking at how our children — particularly those with additional needs — access their learning, build friendships and enjoy school life. He was very positive about what he saw: happy children, supportive classrooms and a strong sense of belonging. He looks forward to returning later in the year to see our community continue to flourish.

We're gonna need a bigger broom!

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** – last week of clubs is next week. There will be new clubs for each class after Easter, letters to follow.
- **Early morning Y1 phonics , Y4 Maths and Y5 Maths Interventions** – Next week is the last week for this term. Interventions start back on Monday 13th April
- **Class 3 Assembly** on Friday 20th March - all welcome
- **Reception Class** visit to cinema - Friday 20th March
- **Reception Class** visit to Kentish Town City Farm - Tuesday 24th March
- **Class 4 visit to Estorick Collection** -Tuesday 24th March
- **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 this date.
- **Future Dates for your diary:**
- **Whole Class photos** : Monday 27th April
- **School Closed on Thursday 7th May -** our school is used as a polling station. School will be closed to pupils on this date

Absence from school:

If for any reason your child is absent you must call the school office any time before 8.30am and leave a message on the absence line (option1). Alternatively please e mail the office on : admin@st-johnvianney.haringey.sch.uk . You must call or e mail EVERY DAY of absence. Once your child is well enough to return to school please send an absence note to the class teacher explaining the absence. Failure to comply could result in the absence being unauthorised. Continuous unauthorised absence can lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued by Haringey Council.

Art competition:

Haringey Borough are running an art competition. The children can submit their work using the A3 template of the borough sent home last week. Please send the artwork into the class teachers before the deadline of Friday 20th March. Make sure they have included their name on the artwork.

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.

Mary's meals:

The deadline for bring in old foreign coins and bank notes is Friday 20th March. Please help us support this worthy cause.

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

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

Year 1 Assembly

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Year 1 sent us into the weekend with a warm fuzzy feeling, as they retold one of their favourite books “Room on the Broom” in their assembly! Soooo brilliant!

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Mothers' Day in Nursery

Nursery created some beautiful 'bunches of flowers' as a gift for mothers' day!

World Book Day Run

Getting good value for their money, the SJV team wore their World Book Day costumes on their Sunday morning Park Run!

WBD – Teachers' Edition!

Brian Buddies in Y4

Year 4 completed their Brain Buddy course and were awarded their certificates this week. A really useful and enjoyable learning experience – the more we understand our brains, the more we can stay happy and healthy!

Michael Rosen Workshop

Year 3 joined thousands online on World Book Day to listen to renowned author Michael Rosen. WBD is, after all, all about the love of reading!

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/

STARS OF THE WEEK

THE FORCE IS STRONG IN THESE ONES...

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Reception:

This week, I would like to choose N as star of the week for being such a thoughtful and careful writer. While retelling the story of *The Enormous Turnip*, he wrote a sentence and then read it back to himself. He realised that it didn't quite make sense so he went back and rewrote it, making sure to include finger spaces between the words. This shows great independence and a real understanding of how to improve his work - something not everyone can do yet. Well done, N!

I would also like to give star of the week to Z for the wonderful improvement in his focus. All of his teachers have noticed how hard he has been trying across lots of different areas. Mrs Yerrill has shared that not only has he been working hard in his phonics, but he has also been very switched on and focused during memory games. He did a fantastic job remembering where the pieces were and even won the game. Well done, Z - keep up the great effort!

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This week I would like to award **everybody star of the week!** Team class one what a great assembly you did today in front of everybody! As soon as I gave out your lines to you, you superglued them straight away to your brain boxes! You sang with confidence in your assembly song and were so confident to share all of your learning about the wonderful story 'Room on the Broom' in front of the whole school. It has been such a pleasure to practise your assembly and to have fun doing it too! We are so proud of you! Well done team class one big **CONGRATULATIONS!**

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Class 2:

This week our star goes to M for the great effort you have been putting into your reading. We have also noticed you participating much more in class, which has been lovely to see. Your confidence is growing and it's wonderful to see you getting more involved in lessons. Keep up the great work, M!

Our second star goes to O for the extra effort you have been showing in class. You have been participating well in lessons and showing very sensible behaviour when working at the table. It has been fantastic to see you focusing on your tasks and trying your best. Well done, O, keep it up!

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Class 3:

E – She shows such a sensible and mature attitude in class every day. She listens carefully to instructions, stays focused on her tasks and always completes her work carefully and to a high standard. Her hard work and determination make her a fantastic role model for others in the class. Well done!

N - She has worked really hard in writing this week and produced some fantastic sentences. Her use of direct speech when writing about the characters from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was brilliant, and her ideas made the writing interesting and engaging to read. Keep up the great effort!

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Class 4:

Our first star is A, who has really stood out in writing. We have been learning about complex sentences, and A was the first to spot an incorrectly punctuated sentence and explain clearly why it was wrong. Her explanation showed a real understanding of SPaG and also how carefully she listens and looks out for the details in our lessons. Keep it up A!

Our second star is proof that when you decide to give something 100%, you can achieve great things. A has not been joining his handwriting, but this week he pulled all of his skills together and produced some really lovely work. His determination and pride in presentation have been brilliant to see, and he has even inspired several other 'non-joiners' to join the joining movement!

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Class 5:

Our first star this week is for a child who stands out for their excellent partner work. This young star is always thoughtful and deliberate in everything she does, seeking to achieve the highest standards in all her work which includes her interactions with her partners. She listens with genuine interest and compassionately puts her own ideas forward, making sure she is genuinely supportive. Well done to L.

Our second star is for someone who stands as an excellent model in the classroom of how to answer a question with full, mature consideration. She listens carefully to what is being asked and makes sure that what she has to say herself makes sense with full deference to the facts at hand. Her analytical skills always raise the level the of conversation in the class and for that we have to say a very big thank you and well done to N.

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Class 6:

For using and applying our systematic process of tackling worded maths reasoning questions, for taking teacher advice on how to set out each stage of working clearly, for checking your answer makes sense and for generally trying to get even better in the subject of Maths, well done J!

For impressive knowledge of a multi-clause complex sentence with subordinating and coordinating conjunctions, for explaining it brilliantly to your partner, for taking great notes and for applying your knowledge to start to write some of these sentences yourself, well done T!

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father
Celebrate!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Fire exit
TO FIRE EXIT
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Celebrate!
St John Vianney Catholic Primary
It's My Birthday
HAPPY BIRTHDAY