

HAPPY HALF TERM



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A photograph of three children playing in a pile of yellow and orange autumn leaves. The child on the left is a girl with blonde hair, wearing a light green puffer jacket and dark trousers, laughing with her mouth open and arms raised. The child in the middle is a boy with dark hair, wearing a dark blue puffer jacket and dark trousers, looking up with his mouth open and arms raised. The child on the right is a girl with dark hair, wearing a pink puffer jacket and a dark skirt, looking down with her hands raised. They are standing in front of a dark brick wall. The ground is covered in a thick layer of fallen leaves.

Happy Half Term!



St John Vianney Catholic School

School Newsletter

Edition: 343 17th October 2025

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Happy Half Term!

Here we are again! It's hard to believe how quickly the first autumn half term has flown by, despite it being a grueling 8 weeks (for us all)!. The classrooms that only weeks ago felt new, full of fresh pencils, books and timid smiles are now bursting with confidence, laughter, and the hum of learning. And, so much has been learned and so many happy moments have been shared and banked along the way. This morning we celebrated Year 6's wonderful time in Pendarren and it had the sense of an ending...but we know it is still just the beginning for their Y6 journey.

The children have grown in every sense, their joy the fuel we need to stave off the tiredness that comes from giving our best. Autumn was at its finest this morning – a slight chill to the air, but with a glorious blue sky shining down on golden leaves – and we were gathered together to celebrate another fabulous week, with staff, parents and children totally at one in our special community.

Inside, we feel warm, weary, and full of quiet pride. Have a wonderful half term, spending time doing things that you love, with the people you most cherish.

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:

- **Friday 31st October – Secondary school Application deadline**
- Half term holiday – Monday 27th - 31st October
- Back to School - **Children are back in school on Monday 3rd November**
- Class 5 early morning maths group cancelled – Tuesday 4th November, restarts on Wednesday 5th Nov
- Flu Vaccination Team in school Tuesday 4th November– details e mailed to parents
- Year 3 Parent Teacher consultations – Wednesday 5th November - see class windows for time slots
- FOSJV Fancy Dress Disco – Friday 7th November 5-7pm
- Y4 After Multi sports club – Friday 7th November cancelled due to the disco taking place
- Y 4 boys football match Vs West Green Primary (in school time) – Monday 10th November
- Y2 & Y3 cinema trip – Wednesday 12th November
- Y1 cinema visit – Friday 14th November
- Y4 & Y5 cinema trip – Friday 21st November
- Y5 visit to The National Gallery – Tuesday 25th November
- Y6 cinema trip – Wednesday 26th November
- Christmas Performance – 11th December 6.30pm
- Christmas Performance – 12th December 9.15am
- FOSJV Christmas Fair – 12th December 3.30-5pm

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:

These are now available to view and order on line. The deadline for ordering for delivery of photographs to the school is **4th November**. Photographs will be distributed to parents via the children after 17th November.

Flu Vaccinations – Vaccination UK will be in school on Tuesday 4th 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 has been extended to Friday 31st October.

School Lunches:

We will have a new menu after the October half term. Please see following pages for details. For reference the new menu are on the parents page of the website.

Attendance Update



We are currently running below the National and Local Averages on Attendance.

We understand that the winter months are always challenging, but please remember to ensure that your child attends as consistently as they can.
It makes all the difference...

Attendance percentage

School	95.2%
National	95.8%
Local Authority	95.4%



Attendance Update

Haringey's Educational Welfare Service (EWS) has again asked us to remind parents that term-time absences should NOT be authorised and that unauthorised absences may incur a Fixed Penalty fine.

Nationally, unauthorised absences before and after school holidays increase sharply, so as we approach the end of this half term, please read the letter below and do what you can to ensure that the children do not miss school unnecessarily.

Thank you for your support.

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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Attendance and Unauthorised Absences

I am writing once again to ask for your support to ensure that term-time absences are kept to an absolute minimum.

As parents and carers, you have a statutory, legal duty to ensure that your children receive a full-time education by regular attendance at school. Unauthorised absences will continue to be marked as such in the register and the Local Authority will rightly consider whether to issue fines in these cases.

The Local Authority are redoubling their efforts to do all they can to encourage attendance and have issued new guidance to support this:

- If your child is absent for unauthorised reasons for **5 days or more within a 10-week period**, you may be issued with a **Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) by Haringey Council**.
- This is a penalty of **£160, payable for each of your children** that have been absent from school.
- **The penalty is payable by each parent**. This means that you and your partner will have to pay the penalty. If it is paid within 21 days, the amount is reduced to £80 per penalty notice.
- Where a second FPN is appropriate, the option to pay the lesser amount is no longer available to parents. The guidance directs Haringey to issue a fine for the higher amount of £160.
- Where a third FPN is appropriate, Haringey will consider alternative legal intervention such as prosecution.
- Where sick days occur immediately before or after a school holidays, evidence may be required by the school in order to mark your child's absence as authorised. Evidence can take the form of a GP appointment card, a medicine label, a note from the pharmacist, or a hospital/dentist appointment letter.

Thank you in advance for supporting the school to ensure excellent attendance.

Yours faithfully,

Stephen McNicholas
Executive Headteacher

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.



Windrush at Bruce Castle



Year 6 took the trip to Bruce Castle Park to look at their exhibition of the Windrush generation, as part of their Black History celebrations.



Design Museum for Y5



Y5 went to the best place possible to prepare for their Design & Technology project this term. The Design Museum is a fantastic resource for our creative children!



Autumn Leaves



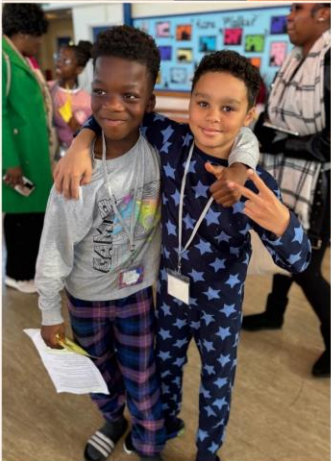
Our After School Club children couldn't resist throwing the glorious, golden autumn leaves around as they walked over to West Green.

Pendarren Award Ceremony



Year 6 cast their minds back to their Pendarren week, and celebrated all of their achievements in a heart-warming award ceremony. Thanks to parents and friends of Y6 for their 'vocal' support of our children and our school, as always!

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Lion Masks in Y2



Y2 have been busy this week in Art & Design, creating these fabulously colourful lion masks.



Autumn Walk for Y1



Year 1 picked the right day to look at the effects the changing seasons have had on our school and its surroundings! A glorious autumn day to remember, and an amazing way to get up close and personal with the science of the seasons!



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...

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Reception:

Well done Reception Class for an incredible first half term! You have settled in so well and made lots of new friends - it has been a joy to see!

I would like to choose **M** as star of the week for his fantastic listening this week. In RE, we have been learning about Baptism - where a baby is welcomed into God's family. **M** told me that Godparents "help to take care of the baby" and that they "help the baby to pray - like this..." Then he showed me how to make the sign of the cross. Thank you for always listening and teaching everyone else!

I would also like to choose **M** for her super skills in PE. This week, we were working on our bean bag skills - balancing them on different parts of our bodies and developing our throwing and catching skills. **M** found it tricky at first to throw the beanbag up and catch it. However, she persevered and by the end of the lesson, she was throwing the beanbag, clapping in between and then catching it again. It was great to see how her determination led to success. Well done **M**!

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Class 1:

A big well done to all of Class 1 for a great first term in Class 1. You have all worked so hard this first Autumn term and you should all be so proud of yourselves! I cannot wait to do some more learning with you all in Autumn 2!

I would like the first star to go to B for his great Maths work this week. Usually at the beginning of lessons you are always sitting at your table ready to be supported because you are unsure of yourself. This week myself and Mrs Rodrigues noticed a real change in your attitude towards your work. At the beginning of the term you were very reluctant to give things a go independently but it has been wonderful to see you approach your Maths task this week with ease and such confidence. In fact B you got on with your learning task straight away remembering the strategies of how to count on by putting the bigger number in your head that you were able to solve some tricky Maths questions on your own. Well done for your independence and perseverance towards your Maths work keep it up!

You have really settled well into Key Stage One Classroom M. You have tried your best in all of your learning and it has been great to see! This week we were still carrying on our writing process of being able to use our full stops and capital letters correctly and in the right places. You were able to look at your learning images from the 'Room on the Broom' story and come up with some great exciting sentences. Well done for continuing to persevere to make sure that your handwriting presentation is neat too. I know that this is tricky for you at the moment but keep pushing yourself and practising and you will get there! You should be proud of yourself for all of your hard work this term!

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Class 2:

L has shown excellent comprehension skills this week! He listens carefully during lessons and takes time to think through his answers. His ability to understand what he reads and respond thoughtfully to questions shows real focus and effort. Well done for demonstrating such careful and confident learning!

A has been wonderfully attentive in class and always shows a strong willingness to learn. She listens closely, participates eagerly, and approaches each new challenge with a positive attitude. Her enthusiasm for learning inspires others around her.

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Class 3:

T - She listens carefully, follow instructions, and she works hard in every single lesson. Her excellent behaviour makes her a fantastic role model for others. Furthermore, she always tries her best and takes pride in her work—keep it up!

N - She is a kind and friendly member of the class who always follows instructions and always gives her best effort. Her brilliant behaviour, positive attitude, and caring nature make her a joy to have in the classroom. Well done!

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Class 4:

Our first star goes to D. We have been writing our own fables in the style of Aesop, and while at first he found it tricky to come up with ideas, he did everything a good learner should do. He listened carefully to the ideas of others, worked methodically through his plan, and showed real perseverance. The result is a lovely story called *The Owl and the Deer*. I can't wait to read the final draft and hear the moral he has chosen to share. Well done, D!

Our second star is a history star - R. We've been exploring how the role of the Senate changed during the Roman Republic, and R showed an excellent understanding of this shift in power from the rule of kings to the election of consuls. He took clear notes, organised his thoughts, and demonstrated a real depth of understanding in his work. Well done, R and D.

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Class 5:

Our first star this week is for geography. Class 5 has been learning all about California and the interaction between humans and the water supply. Our star shone like the Californian sunshine not only in her California quiz, but also in tackling her disciplinary task. She listened attentively, made very good notes and as a result, produced an essay that was accurate, engaging and well written. Well done to L.

Our second star, for the second week running, is a D&T star. This star has worked incredibly hard to finish his stuffed toy. He fell in love with the idea of making a tortoise and despite knowing that it was the most intricate to design to realise, he went ahead and threw himself into the project. He has stayed in class through lunch times and break times to finish his project the way HE wants it finished, emphatically rejecting all offers of an easy way out - someone else finishing for him! For his tenacity, hard work and commitment, very well done and congratulations to I.

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Class 6:

A wonderful week in a wonderful part of the world with wonderful people and wonderful memories! Well done, wonderful Class 6 (represented here by the dual 'Spirits of Pendarren')!

Celebrate!



HAPPY
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