



The SJV Daily News

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Walking, Talking Books!

SJV World Book Day Celebrates in Style!



St John Vianney Catholic School

School Newsletter

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Reading? What's the Point?

Long before classrooms (and SATs!), people gathered to share tales that helped them understand the world and their place in it. We have always been enthralled by a good story. Today, that magic was very much in evidence in school as we celebrated World Book Day. The classes, corridors and hall were filled with a wonderful parade of characters — from beloved storybook heroes to wonderfully imaginative new creations — and, more importantly, with a real buzz about books and reading. As the writer Dr. Seuss famously said, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Research continues to show just how true that is: children who read regularly not only perform better across the curriculum, but studies suggest that reading for pleasure can significantly improve wellbeing and even increase future life opportunities. One well-known study from the OECD found that 'reading for enjoyment' is more strongly linked to educational success than a family's economic background. In other words, books truly are gateways — to knowledge, to opportunity, and to happiness.

It's the difference; always has been and always will be.

At St. John Vianney, one of the greatest joys is seeing just how much our children love stepping through that gateway. Whether it's the quiet awe during story time, the excitement of 'Buddy Reading' or the satisfaction of finishing a new book, the love of reading is alive and kicking in every corner of our school. What a wonderful thing that is – read your way to happiness!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

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:

- **Book Fair** – after school each day from Friday 6th March – Wednesday 11th March
- **Class 1 Assembly** – Friday 13th March
- **After School Sports and Activity Clubs** – last week of clubs will be week commencing 16th March
- **Y1 phonics , Y4 Maths and Y5 Maths** - Last week of early morning interventions will be week commencing 16th March
- **Reception Class** visit to cinema – Friday 20th March
- **Reception Class** visit to Kentish Town City Farm - Tuesday 24th March
- **Easter holidays** - School finishes at the earlier time of 1.15pm on Friday 27th March for the Easter holiday
- **Local Elections** – take place on **Thursday 7th May**. **Our school is used as a polling station. School will be closed to pupils on this date**

Scholastic Book Fair:

The book fair will be here after school every day from Friday 6th March until Wednesday 11th March. Each class has been allocated a specific day to visit the fair. The children have been given a £1 World Book Day voucher which they can use at the fair. Please see the World Book Day letter for more details. Keep the vouchers safely as we do not have any spare and remember to bring them to the book fair.

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's can lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued by Haringey Council.

Staff Car Park:

The school car park is for staff only. Please do not use the car park.

Art competition;

Haringey Borough are running an art competition. The children will have some information home with them today as well as an A3 template of the borough to use if they would like to participate. Please send the artwork into the class teachers before the deadline of Friday 20th March.

SJV Nursery



SJV Nursery 2025/2026 – 15 hours / 30 hours entitlement

- Places are available for this spring term if your child has turned **3 years by 31 December 2025**.
- If your child is due to turn **3 this spring term, up to 31 March 2026**, we have an intake in the summer term 2026, subject to availability. Applications forms will be available after the February 2026 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.

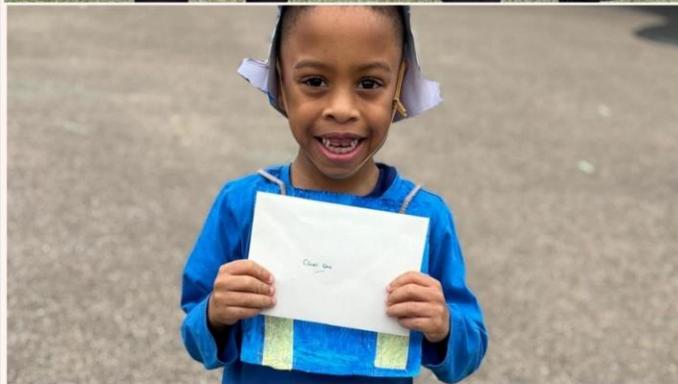
Please call into the school office to collect an application form or to speak to Mrs Alfonso if you have any questions.



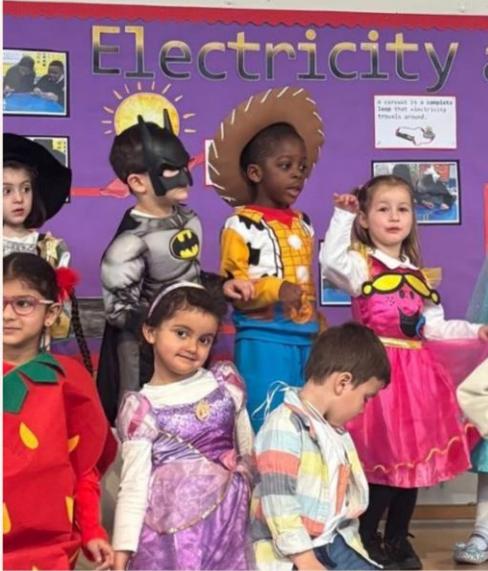
World Book Day 26



WBD '26 did not disappoint! Some truly wonderful costumes, involving imagination and showcasing a love of books! Here's some of our prize winners!



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Book Fair



And, of course lest we forget, it's all about the books! The Scholastic Book Fair visited and allowed our children to mark World Book Day with a book of their own!



Y3 & Nursery Share a Book!



One of the best features of WBD is the chance to share a book with other classes. Y3 were brilliant role models and storytellers when they invited Nursery in for story time!



Y6 & Y2 Buddy Reading



The most experienced Buddies in the school led a beautiful Buddy Reading session with their Y2 Buddies.



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Reception:

This week, I would like to choose J as star of the week for the fantastic progress she has been making with her reading. I am very impressed with how she has begun to read whole phrases, carefully sounding out the words and then going back to read the full sentence so that it makes sense. She always tries her very best in everything that she does and her hard work is really paying off. Well done, J - keep it up!

I would also like to choose A as star of the week for being a wonderful mini-scientist. A has shown great curiosity, awe and wonder while exploring our new frog spawn and learning how they grow into tadpoles. He has been asking lots of thoughtful questions, like "*What do they eat?*" and "*Why are they covered in jelly?*" It has been lovely to see such an inquisitive mind and a real excitement for learning about the world around him. Fantastic scientific thinking, A - keep those brilliant questions coming!

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Class 1:

I would like my first star of the week to go **S!** As we are in the season of Lent we have been thinking about some of the Bible stories and listened to the story of Jesus being tempted in the desert. You listened very carefully to the story that when it came to doing the writing task you were able to answer confidently and write how long Jesus was in the desert for, who was tempting him and how he felt during that time. I can see your writing is generally improving **S.** You are stretching and sounding out your words, reading back what you have written and explaining confidently your ideas through your writing. Great effort this week from you!

Next week we are sharing our assembly as Class team one and you are all in for a treat! My next star goes to somebody who only got their lines on Monday like the rest of the class but has gone home and already learnt what they need to say. I can see that they have learnt them well because when we have had mini practices this week they are not being prompted at all and can already remember their part so well. They are performing their song with enthusiasm and dedication wanting to do their best performance for their class team. This person always listens well in class, wanting to strive to always do their best well done to **O!**

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Class 2:

This week my star is going to N for your hard work in writing. It has been lovely to see the effort you have put into your sentences and the care you are taking with your spellings. I was especially impressed with how conscientious you were, checking your spellings with the teacher after you had already had a good first try yourself. This shows a fantastic attitude to your learning. Well done, N, keep up the hard work!

My next star is for M. It has been wonderful to see how hard you have been trying in class this week. You have been joining in with lessons, answering questions, and showing great enthusiasm for your learning. I was especially amazed by how much you knew about the animals we have been learning about in Science. Your interest and participation have been fantastic to see. Keep working hard, M!

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Class 3:

M - She has been working really hard to learn her times tables, and this effort is really showing during lessons and in our weekly times table challenge. This week, she has also put lots of effort into her maths work when learning about measuring lengths. Well done for your hard work and determination this week. Keep up the hard work!

A - She is always very well behaved and a wonderful example to others. She listens carefully in every lesson and always tries her very best, no matter the task. Her work is beautifully presented, and she shows care and pride in everything she does. Well done!

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Class 4:

Our stars this week are M and D - fantastic PE stars! Both boys are brilliant team players. Mrs Dewar has noted that they are always positive, willing to try anything, and bring great energy to our lessons. This term we have been working on athletics, and this week we were learning how to balance while throwing and catching a ball.

M and D both showed great skill and control, but what impressed us most was how they worked with their partners. They were helpful, encouraging, and supportive — exactly what great sportsmanship looks like.

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Class 5:

This week our stars are going to two children who have listened fantastically in our writing lessons and have made obvious improvements in their work as a result. They have proven to be a very effective partnership, each managing to get the best out of the other. Both of these children listen to each other with open minds and can converse compassionately about what to do next. Their opening paragraph for our narrative included the important skills, made sense and, crucially, made me want to read more. Well done to M and E.



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Class 6:

This week our first star goes to A for, quite honestly, the most amazing presentation and content in writing this week. Her book is an absolute joy to look at (and read!) and it is no fluke - she really does care so much! Thank you and well done to A!

Despite the obvious adversity faced by E this week, he still offered to help whenever he could. He is always so polite and respectful to all staff members, and always shows such a positive, can-do attitude in school. Well done E!

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