



St John Vianney Catholic School

School Newsletter

Edition: 346 14th November 2025

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



Power of Good

This week, our school community came together to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week, guided by the inspiring theme "The Power of Good." Throughout the week, children were encouraged to look inward, recognise the kindness and strength they each carry, and think about how they can use their own goodness to make a positive difference. From thoughtful discussions to creative arts, the children explored how small acts of courage and care can help stop bullying and make our school a happier, safer place for everyone. We're incredibly proud of the empathy, honesty, and teamwork they've shown. As our children know, if you tell us, it will stop. It will stop immediately and it will stop for good!

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:

- Week commencing 17th November – Road Safety Week
- Y4 & Y5 cinema trip – Friday 21st November
- Y5 Pendarren Parent Meeting – Monday 24th November 6pm School Hall
- Y5 visit to The National Gallery – Tuesday 25th November
- Y2 – Panto theatre visit – Tuesday 25th November
- Y6 cinema trip – Wednesday 26th November
- Flu Vaccination Team in for catch up session and Nursery vaccinations – Wednesday 26th November
- Reception and Y1 Panto theatre visit – Friday 28th November
- Y3 & Y4 Panto theatre visit – Tuesday 2nd December
- Y5 Visit to Westminster Cathedral – Wednesday 3rd December
- Y4 last after school sports club for this term – Friday 5th December
- Y5 & Y6 visit the Globe Theatre – Friday 5th December
- Last week of all after school sports clubs and before school interventions – Monday 8th – Thursday 11th December
- School choir visit to Alexandra Palace – Tuesday 9th December – after school event
- Christmas Performance – 11th December 6.30pm
- Christmas Performance – 12th December 9.15am
- FOSJV Christmas Fair – 12th December 3.30 - 5pm
- Christmas Jumper Day (donations to Save the Children) & school Christmas lunch – Wednesday 17th December
- School Choir & Soloists concert Wednesday 17th December 2.30pm
- End of Term Mass – Thursday 18th December 10.30am
- Friday 19th December – school finishes at 1.15pm for Christmas holidays

More information on these events will be issued nearer the dates but please save the dates in your diaries of the key events such as the Christmas performances and the Christmas Fair.

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.

Punctuality:

We are seeing a surge in children arriving late for school. This is hugely distracting for the children, teachers and support staff. Please make an extra effort to be on time for school. Likewise children are being collected late at the end of the school day and the after school sports clubs. If you are unavoidably delayed please make arrangements for someone else to pick up your child and let the school office know so they can relay the message to the class teacher.

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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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

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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.



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

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Star
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Reception:

I would like to choose **M** this week for always being kind and helpful. I notice that whenever a friend is unsure or needs help, **M** takes them by the hand and guides them to where they need to go or helps them with what they need to do. It is great to have a friend like you in our class **M**! She also helped me to organise and tidy all of the toys in the outside playground without being asked. Thank you super-helper!

I would also like to choose **Z** as star of the week for becoming much more confident during carpet time, especially during Maths sessions. He has started to put his hand up after counting and it is great to see how hard he is trying. Not only are your teachers proud of you **Z** but I can see that you are also very proud of yourself. Keep it up!

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Class 1:

well done for being such great ambassadors and doing your best on your school trip today! You all walked so nicely going to the cinema with your partners. Being very aware of your surroundings around you that everybody could not help but smile at your shining faces. What lovely manners you showed to the cinema staff, to your adult helpers and to members of the general public when we had to get the buses too. I can see that each and everyday you are becoming such a great team! Caring and looking after each other and doing your general best. It is for this reason that you are the star of the week! Well done **Class team 1!** Your first class star! Congratulations you truly deserve it!

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Class 2:

The first Star is **M**. In Literacy he has been writing about "The Smartest Giant in Town." He has been focused on his handwriting, he works neatly and takes pride in the presentation of his work. He has great ideas for his writing and he is always willing to share these with others.

Our second star, **A-R**, is a maths star. She has been working very hard on her multiplication. She has also been a great classroom monitor, conscientious and helpful.

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Class 3:

Al - She has been trying really hard in her work this week and she has shown lots of focus and determination. She has been working really hard to learn her weekly spelling and she has been putting in lots of effort to complete her work more independently. It's fantastic to see the progress she is making. Keep up the hard work!

Ai - She is such an excellent role model to others. She is kind, friendly, and always willing to help those around her. She works incredibly hard in every lesson, listens carefully, and always completes her work to the very best of her ability. Well done for all of your hard work!

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Class 4:

Our first star is D, who has been working incredibly hard in maths. He has shown real dedication to improving his understanding and doesn't give up when things get tricky. He knows when to ask for help and can clearly identify the steps where he finds a challenge, which shows great maturity as a learner. Because of this determination and self-awareness, his confidence and accuracy are growing every day.

Our second star goes to M, who brings so much enthusiasm and positivity to everything he does. He is always willing to put his best effort into every subject and every task. I often hear him saying things like, '*I love history!*' and then the next minute, '*I love science!*' or '*I love art!*' It's wonderful to see such genuine excitement for learning. M also shows the same positive attitude outside the classroom. He always plays fairly on the pitch, works brilliantly as part of a team, and is a supportive partner to others. His kindness, fairness, and enthusiasm make him a fantastic role model for everyone.

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Class 5:

Our stars this week are for two children who have been shining examples of how to apply yourself in class. Our first star has worked incredibly hard, this week in particular, at staying focused and listening carefully at every opportunity. She is making an impressive effort to stay alert to our new learning and remain laser focused when instructions are given. It's such a pleasure to see this star become so focused on her learning. Well done S!

Our second star has been nominated by a number of staff members this week. His hard work and positive attitude have seen him make impressive progress in his maths, reading and writing. He is relatively new to English which can make it quite difficult to follow what is happening in class but he tackles absolutely everything head on with a big smile on his face. Well done and thank you to V.

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Class 6:

Our first star this week goes to J for his efforts in improving his writing not just this week but this whole writing process. His use of direct speech is genuine, conveys a sense of character and advances the plot. He has worked so hard and he deserves so much credit for his efforts in recent weeks. Well done J! My second star is for A. It is quite telling that at the start of a half term, where teachers are figuring out good combinations of children to work together, A is one of those pupils who can work with anyone anywhere in the classroom. Why? Because she's kind, caring, and empathetic. Her great attitude to study makes her reliable and an example to many others. Well done A!

Celebrate!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY





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