



The SJV Daily News

9th January 2026

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Free

Reception Art!

Painted by a 5 year old! Hat's off to Avroop!



St John Vianney Catholic School

School Newsletter

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**WELCOME BACK TO
THE SPRING TERM!**

2026

Welcome back to all our families and children!



Happy New Year!

I am well aware that the weather does not quite look like the image above, but the sentiment is genuine! 2026 is an opportunity, like all 'new years' to write another chapter in our lives, both inside and outside of school. Our children have come back with their trademark enthusiasm and have slotted back as if they have never been away.

I'd like to thank you all, on behalf of all of the staff at SJV, for your kind wishes, Christmas messages and gifts – you really are an amazing community and we are proud to serve you.

We look forward to a wonderful term, more success, more progress and...maybe a bit of warm weather when we are ready!

Welcome to 2026, SJV style!

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:

- **All morning interventions** – Y5 Maths, Y4 Maths and Y1 phonics continue on their set days
- **After school sports / activities clubs start** - Tuesday 13th January
- **Whole School Mass – Friday 16th January 10.30am.** Parents and Carers are welcome to attend. There will be no assembly next Friday.
- **Y6 SATs Booster Classes** start week commencing 19th January – more details will be sent to parents next week
- **Speak Out, Stay Safe Week** – 2nd February
- **Y5 visit to Parliament** – Tuesday 3rd February 2026
- **FOSJV Valentines Day Cake Sale** – Friday 6th February 3.30-4.30pm
- **National Child Measurement Programme** – Y6 and Reception Class – Friday 13th February
- Friday 13th February – school finishes at the normal time of 3.30pm for the school half term holiday

Adverse weather – outdoor clothing:

Please make sure your child is appropriately dressed with a clearly named warm coat, hat, gloves and sensible school shoes. A fleece or gilet is not sufficient, not waterproof nor warm enough for this time of year.

After School Sports & Activity Clubs:

If your child has gained a place at the club they will have received a notification letter today. Other applicants will be placed on the waiting list and will be notified if a place becomes available.

Lost Property:

The lost property box is already overflowing with un-named items. Please make sure your child's uniform is CLEARLY labelled with their name so we can return misplaced items to their owners.

Unnamed items that cannot be returned to their owners will be placed in the Traid recycling bin at the end of the half term.

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.



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Reception:

What a wonderful start to the year, Reception Class!

This week, I have chosen **O** as my first star because she has returned to school with a real spring in her step. Her hand is often the first to shoot up on the carpet and I have noticed how she is challenging herself and persevering, even when she feels unsure. She even wrote the word 'kitchen' completely independently, carefully sounding it out on her Fred fingers. Well done, O, for your fantastic determination!

I would also like to choose **E** for the thoughtful way she reflected on a New Year resolution and how she feels at the start of 2026. She shared that she loves her mummy and would like to help her more this year. What a kind and caring thought and such a lovely way to begin the year.

My third star this week is **L**. He throws himself wholeheartedly into everything he does, whether it is his work in school or his own projects at home. I was particularly impressed with his drawing of the Three Wise Men, where he carefully included their beautiful clothes, crowns and special gifts for baby Jesus. Thank you, L, for always giving your very best in all that you do!

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Class 1:

A big well done Year 1 for all of your hard work this week. What a great start to 2026! Even though we have had a short week you have all started the new academic year doing and striving to do your best keep it up and I am sure you will all have a fantastic learning year!

M I would like to say well done for your lovely Catholic Social teaching project. It was lovely to hear you talk with such pride about your work! To answer your class friends' questions clearly and confidently and sharing your learning with us with such joy and positivity! Your class friends and I really enjoyed your song about celebrating our differences too! Your enthusiasm is so infectious well done!

Fantastic work from you this week **O**. You are really coming along with your reading and it is great to see you becoming confident reading a mixture of real words and 'alien words too!' I really like the way that you listen carefully to your teachers so that you can apply different learning strategies to your reading. I was very impressed when you completed your mini reading challenge with me this week. You are really working hard, keep being focussed and keep it up!

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Class 2:

This week the star is going to **C**. You are always trying so hard in everything that you do, but I have seen a really mature side to you since you returned to class after the Christmas break. Keep working hard and setting such a great example for others in the class.

The star is also going to **A**. You consistently show a fantastic work ethic and a positive attitude to your learning. You always try your best, listen carefully to instructions, and behave sensibly in class. You get on with your work quietly and responsibly, which makes you a great role model for others. Keep up the excellent work!

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Class 3:

M – She has been making excellent progress in maths. This week, she has been working really hard in her multiplication and division lessons and she has been practising her times tables regularly, which is helping her improve even more. It's been fantastic to see the effort that she is putting in to her learning. Well done and keep up the hard work!

D - He has returned to school from the holidays with a positive attitude, he is ready to learn and to try his best. He has been working hard on practising his sounds, he has been putting effort into his writing, and has been showing focus in his lessons. Well done!

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Class 4:

Our first star goes to A, who has returned with a really mature attitude to learning this year. He is getting himself organised quickly, and is developing good habits such as taking notes when appropriate. We've also been impressed by how he is building up his speed and stamina in lessons. A fantastic start to the year -well done, A!

Our second star has also come back ready to learn. We've been especially impressed by his problem-solving skills and his ability to see the relationship between numbers and word problems. We particularly loved how he used his favourite topic 'cookies' to create his own word problem to explain the 1 times table.

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Class 5:

Our first star this week is a much deserved writing star. We have started to write an independent piece of work based on an altercation in the playground and this young lad has shown bravery in his choice of content and flair in his imaginative approach. What he is really getting the star for though is his huge improvement in the presentation of his work and in addressing the finer grammatical points of his text. He has listened carefully and approached his work with maturity so well done to J and thank you for an entertaining read!

We have two further stars to award this week and they are for fantastic work completed over the Christmas break. Our two stars went above and beyond to create fabulous works of art and design in response to our CST theme of 'preferable option for the poor'. Both put a lot of time and effort so thank you for such inspirational creations C and A.

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Class 6:

Our first star goes to a child who has worked extremely hard in Maths this week. He has carefully read questions, spotting when to add and subtract fractions, using the LCM method to change fractions to the same denominator and checking his answers carefully to ensure that they are sensible. Using this systematic approach he has become more accurate and fluent when adding and subtracting fractions and mixed number fractions with different denominators. Very well done J!

Our second star is for a child who has taken editing and redrafting very seriously in her letter of complaint this week. She has checked for punctuation, spelling and formality errors, and is carefully considering every word, phrase and sentence for its overall impact. Very well done, C!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY







