



St John Vianney Catholic School Newsletter



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

Happy New Year!

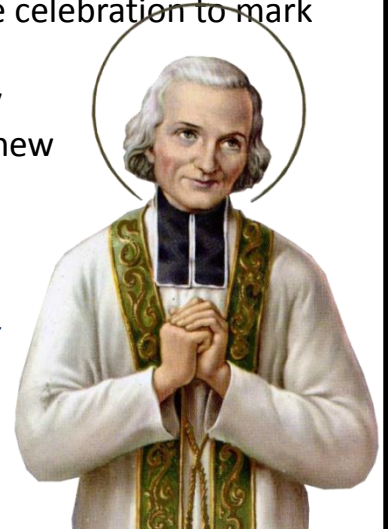
I hope that you all had a wonderful and peaceful Christmas break and I'd just like to squeeze one last 'Happy New Year' in before we officially 'get on with it'!

It was great to see all of the children back and, as ever, they took no time at all in settling into the swing of things.

Today, Fr. Joe once again led us in a wonderfully reflective celebration to mark the start of the new year and the new term.

His message came from John's Gospel, and was a suitably simple-yet-powerful message to begin a new year and a new term:

"And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples." John 13:34-35



Fr. Joe, never one to miss an opportunity, seeing the Class 1 Superheroes assembled, told the children that by being kind and showing love to one another, the ultimate 'superpower', we are all superheroes!





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Our Curriculum – Parent Guidance and Support

I would like to point out that the materials available to those parents that wish to support their child's learning at home have been significantly updated on our school website's [Curriculum](#) page.

Here, you will find out all you need to know about the Religious Education topics for this half term, as well as easy to follow information, links, videos and documents to help YOU understand what is being taught across the curriculum.

Year 1 – Families and Celebrations

"The Christian family ... can and should be called a domestic church. It is a community of faith, hope and charity"

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The children will learn about what it means to be a member of a family and to be a member of the school community. They will learn what it means to belong to the Church family.

They will hear how Jesus' family took him to the Temple and think about why this was a special occasion. They will learn about some of the celebrations in the Church and why we celebrate these occasions.

At home

You could help your children by:

- discussing the importance of celebrations in our lives
- encourage children to think about Church celebrations e.g. Christmas, Easter etc



MATHS

NO PROBLEM!

The new national curriculum in English Primary schools

A guide for parents



Maths in Year 2 (age 6 - 7)



Number Bonds - used to help children navigate their way around the number system and to perform rapid, confident mental calculations.

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3 & 4

Year 5

At this age, here are some things your child is likely to be doing:

- Reading and writing numerals to at least 100 in numerals and in words
- Comparing and ordering numbers from 0 to 100, using <, > and = signs
- Finding one more or less than any number
- Counting in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number, forwards and backwards
- Using place value and number facts to solve problems

English			Art & Design (KS2)
Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secure decoding of unfamiliar words• Read for a range of purposes• Retell some stories orally• Discuss words & phrases that capture the imagination• Identify themes & conventions• Retrieve & record information• Make inferences & justify predictions• Recognise a variety of forms of poetry• Identify & summarise ideas	Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Correctly spell common homophones• Increase regularity of handwriting• Plan writing based on familiar forms• Organise writing into paragraphs• Use simple organisational devices• Proof-read for spelling & punctuation errors• Evaluate own and others' writing• Read own writing aloud	Grammar <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use wider range of conjunctions• Use perfect tense appropriately• Select pronouns and nouns for clarity• Use & punctuate direct speech• Use commas after front adverbials• Speaking & Listening<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Articulate & justify opinions• Speak audibly in Standard English• Gain, maintain & monitor interest of listeners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use sketchbooks to collect, record and evaluate ideas• Improve mastery of techniques such as drawing, painting and sculpture with varied materials• Learn about great artists, architects & designers
Mathematics			Design & Technology (KS2)
Number/Calculation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Know all tables to 12 x 12• Secure place value to 1000• Use negative whole numbers• Round numbers to nearest 10, 100 or 1000• Use Roman numerals to 100 (C)• Column addition & subtraction up to 4 digits• Multiply & divide mentally• Use standard short multiplication	Geometry & Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compare 2-D shapes, including quadrilaterals & triangles• Find area by counting squares• Calculate rectangle perimeters• Estimate & calculate measures• Identify acute, obtuse & right angles• Identify symmetry• Use first quadrant coordinates• Introduce simple translations• Data<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use bar charts, pictograms & line graphs	Fractions & decimals <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognise tenths & hundredths• Identify equivalent fractions• Add & subtract fractions with common denominators• Recognise common equivalents• Round decimals to whole numbers• Solve money problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use research criteria to develop products that are fit for purpose• Use annotated sketches and prototypes to explain ideas• Evaluate existing products and improve own work• Use mechanical systems in own work• Understand seasonality; prepare & cook nutritious, savoury dishes
Modern Languages			Languages
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen & engage• Ask & answer questions• Speak in sentences using familiar vocabulary• Develop spontaneous responses



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School Uniform Issues

May I remind parents that school uniform is compulsory and must be fully adhered to. Our uniform unites us, and it is both a source of pride and a sign of togetherness.

Unfortunately, It has come to our attention that standards in school uniform have been declining in recent months.

Please ensure that you have checked all items of uniform before sending your child to school.



Wear our uniform with pride – the correct uniform

Shoes

Variations in footwear are most concerning: black shoes **ONLY** may be worn - **boots of any description are not permitted; logos and other colours are also not permitted.**

Ties

Ties are compulsory in Key Stage 2, and must be worn with a white shirt.

Jumpers

These should be 'V' neck jumpers or cardigans. The green PE sweatshirts are for PE only and should not be worn as uniform.

Reminders

I will be asking teachers to send reminder slips home when they see non-uniform items being worn. Please can you ensure that the item is replaced as soon as possible.

If you have any problems in doing so, please make an appointment to discuss. We really do appreciate your support in this matter.

Please visit the [Uniform Page](#) of the school website for more information



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Dates for your diary

- Mon Jan 15th – Y6 Maths Booster Classes start (3:45-4:45)
- Tue Jan 16th – Y6 SPaG Booster Classes start (8am start)
- W/C 22nd Jan – After School Clubs Commence
- Wed 24th Jan – Year 2 and Year 6 SATs Information evening (6:30)
- Mon 29th Jan – Year 5 trip to the National Portrait Gallery
- Fri 26th Jan – Class 5 Assembly
- Tue 30th Jan – Height & Weight checks (Year 6 and Reception)
- Thu 1st Feb – Year 4 British Museum trip
- Fri 2nd Feb – Author / Storyteller Visit (Daniel Morden)
- Wed 7th Feb – Year 3 Natural History Museum trip
- Fri 9th Feb – Safer Internet Sharing Assembly; Valentine's Cake Sale (3:30); **School closes for Half Term 3:30**
- Mon 19th Feb – Children return to school
- Wed 21st Feb – Parent Consultations
- Thu 22nd Feb – Parent Consultations
- Fri 23rd Feb – Class 1 Assembly
- Thu 1st March – World Book Day
- Fri 2nd March – Class 4 Assembly
- Fri 9th March – Class 3 Assembly
- Fri 16th March – Class 2 Assembly
- Fri 23rd March – Sport Relief Day / Assembly



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Thank You

You will have noticed that recently, the school have offered parents and pupils free tickets to see North London's premier football team, the mighty Spurs, at the Wembley, the magnificent home of English football. We are so fortunate to have been offered these (we are the envy of other schools, I can tell you) and I would like to thank Ms. Dunne for this, on your behalf, because it is ALL down to her! We really appreciate it!

May it continue – up the Spurs!



Final thought: **"With great power comes great responsibility" (Spiderman).** Have a 'Super' weekend, from Year 1...