

St John Vianney Catholic School

School Newsletter

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



Time to start Preparing!

This Sunday, believe it or not, heralds the first week of Advent. It seems like thoughts of Christmas couldn't be further from our minds at this present time but the arrival of Advent gives us an ideal opportunity to stop and reflect. Lockdown and restrictions may limit our physical movement but it cannot stop us preparing our minds and hearts for the great feast of Christmas.

In this time, we make room in our hearts and lives to let Jesus in and today our Year 4 class helped us do just that.

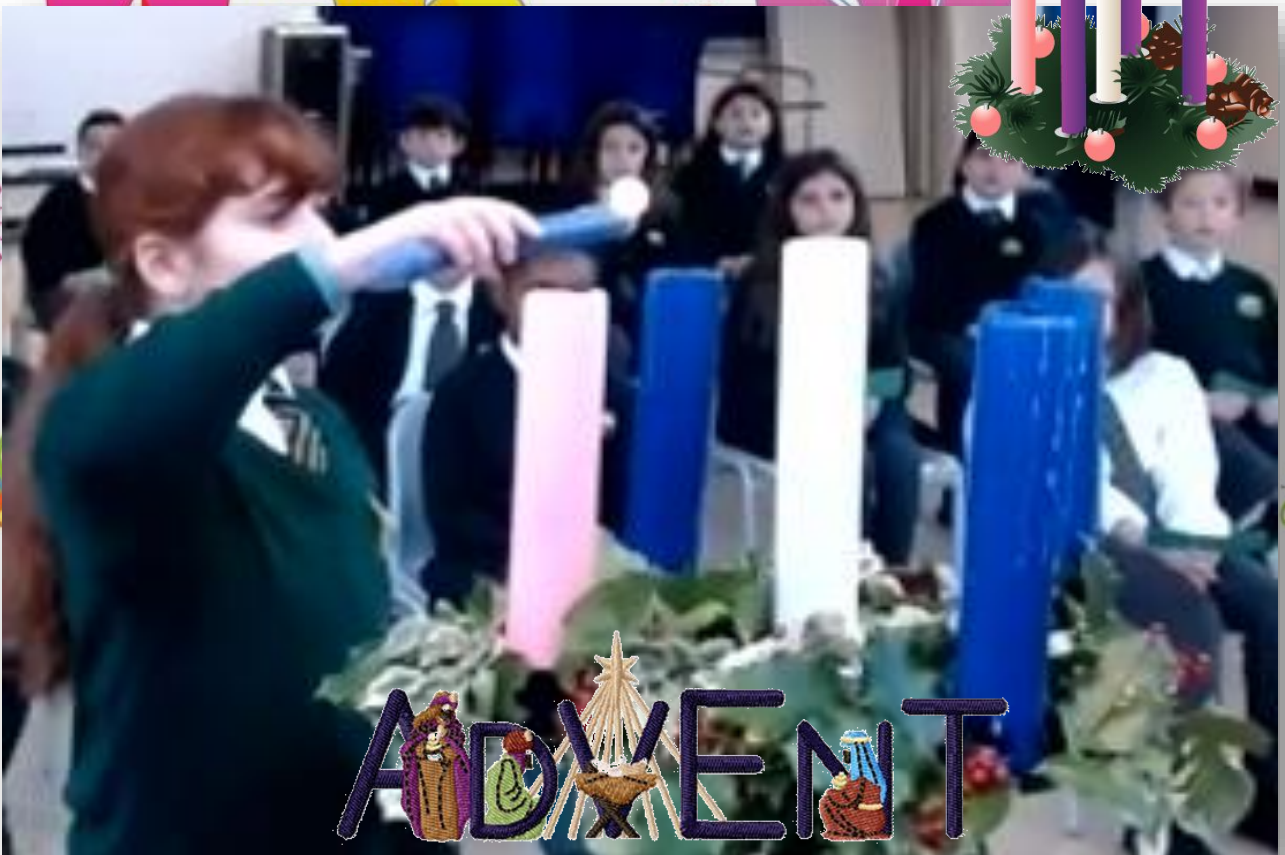
They lit the first candle on our advent wreath and read the Gospel relating to the Annunciation.

They read beautifully and, in a year like no other, they set the scene for the great work we must do to prepare for Christmas!

It is great to see that so many of you are joining us for the assemblies on Friday mornings (and those that watch it later in the day).

Your lovely messages tell us that the effort is well worth it!

[Click here to watch](#)





Year 4 led us in this year's Advent Liturgy

Notices and Reminders

Building Works on Stanley Road – Road Safety

Once again, may I ask you to be vigilant when dropping off and picking up. We are contacting the site management and the local authority to see if we can get the traffic halted for these two times in the day. In the meantime, we will be asking the Year 5 and Year 6 children to wait in a designated area in the car park. This area is for the children only, and parents should wait in the pavement area in Anstey Walk behind the railings.

Anti-Social Behaviour From time to time, unfortunately, we see anti-social behaviour around our school. May I urge parents to report it whenever they see it, **but please DO NOT confront anyone yourselves** as to do so could put you in danger. To report any concerns, [follow this link](#) OR call 101.

School Lunches: If parents wish to move their child from school lunch to packed or vice versa please send a note to the school office. Two weeks notice must be given otherwise charges may be incurred. **Please avoid switching between packed lunches and school lunches in the course of a week – this causes disruption for the catering staff and could result in the school being charged anyway.**

Ventilation in School Please remember to send your children in an extra layer or two so that they are protected against the colder classroom conditions that we have at the moment.

Office Appointments. Please call the office in advance if you need to come into school for any reason.

Absence Notes Please remember to send an absence note on the first day of returning to school.

Nursery, January 2021 Intake.

If your child is 3 years old by 31st December 2020 you can apply for a Nursery place starting in January. Forms available from the office.



SJV Nursery Places Available

**Our fabulous Nursery has places available
NOW!**

- **Free 30 hours (if eligible)**
- **Free 15 hour part time spaces available for 3 year olds.**

Please call the office to make an appointment to collect an application form.



Please pass this on to anyone you think may be interested

Reception Admissions September 2021

Applications for Reception places in September 2021 are open. Obviously, we cannot welcome visitors and show them around our school at the moment, but we will be hosting regular meetings for prospective parents every Thursday morning at 9:30.

This will give us an opportunity to:

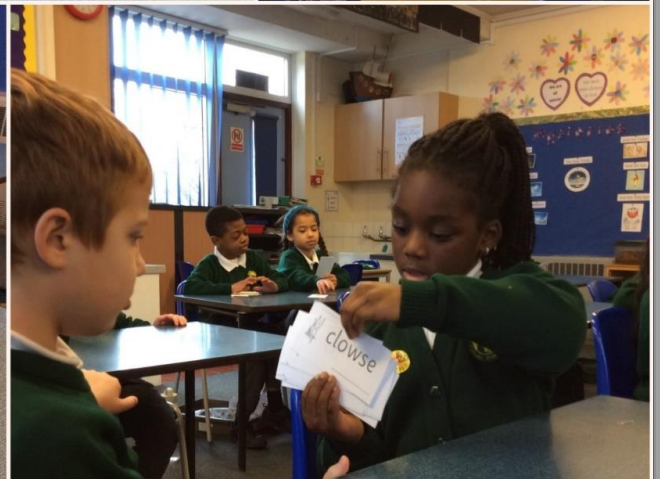
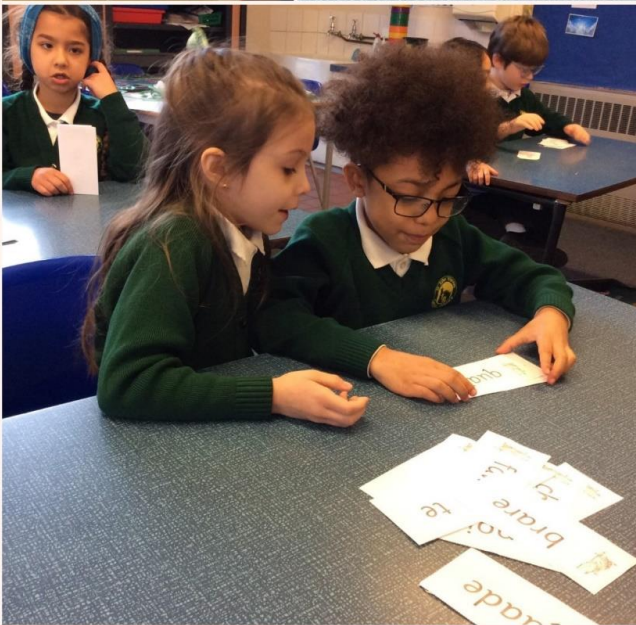
- [Show a short Life at SJV video \(click here to see it\)](#)
- Share some information about the school with you, and
- Allow you to ask questions about any aspect of school life at SJV.

If you, or anyone you know, is looking for a school place in September 2021, please contact the school office and book yourself onto one of these sessions.

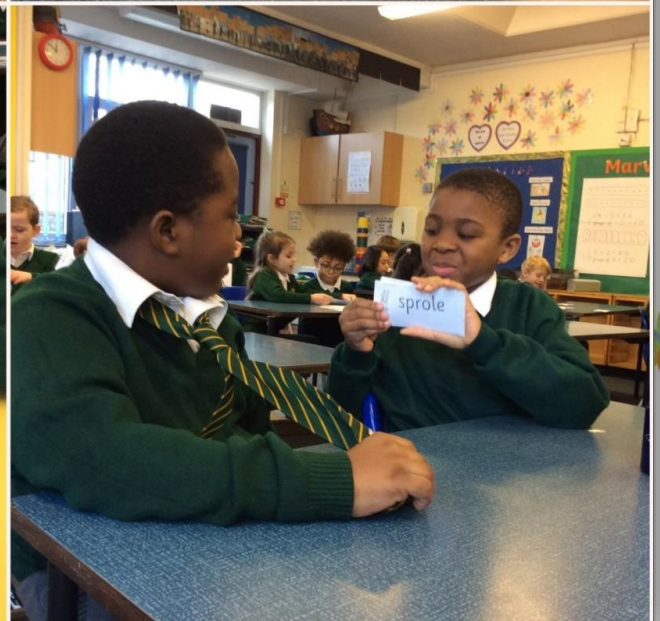
If you cannot make Thursday mornings at 9:30, please ask and we will make arrangements to contact you.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN VIANNEY





Year 2: Practising 'Alien' Words in Phonics!
Working hard, preparing for their Phonics
Screening test. Doing brilliantly!



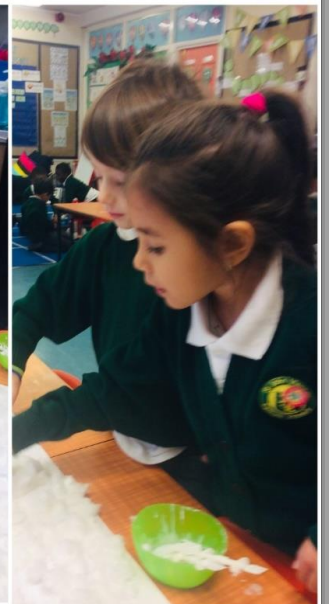


Fabulous Greek Pots
by Year 2





Reception Class have been busy preparing for their Christmas Hall Board - always a highlight of the year. Can't wait!







Sounding out syllables
for our Haikus in Y3!





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A - You have really tried this week by practicing to write your name. I have loved seeing your determination in wanting to do your very best. You are always eager to show the lovely work that you do on the whiteboard too. You are always so super helpful in keeping your classroom tidy and trying to do jobs around the class for your teachers too. Well done!

R - For really trying your best with fantastic writing. You are really trying your best to 'pinch that pencil' and you did some lovely writing in relation to our 'All around the World' work. You wrote about what you could see and do on 'Planet Earth'. Good effort this week!





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C for trying really hard with his maths. We have been revising all that we have learnt so far and he has put so much effort into remembering everything (Picture next week!).

M, she always tries so hard to complete any task she is set. She is a perfect example to the other members of the class and always has a smile on her face keeping me smiling too!





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J for trying really hard with his handwriting this week. It has already improved so much because of his hard work and I hope he keeps it up. Well done!

O for giving her all with Phonics this week. She has worked so hard and has learned five new sounds in one week! I am also very impressed by how quickly she spots the 'special friends' before reading a word. Fantastic work!





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This week I'd like to give star of the week to P. She always tries her best and wants to do well. She is a wonderful partner, who always encourages and supports whoever she works with.

I'd like to give A star of the week for his enthusiasm and willingness to learn. He is also incredibly organised and always keen to help. Indispensable in a class!





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This week I would like to nominate A for showing great effort in his writing. He has included lots of adjectives and emotions in his work. He is also taking more care in the presentation of his work.

I also nominate M for always showing a good attitude towards her work across all subjects. She is always helping and supporting others. The signs of a great friend.





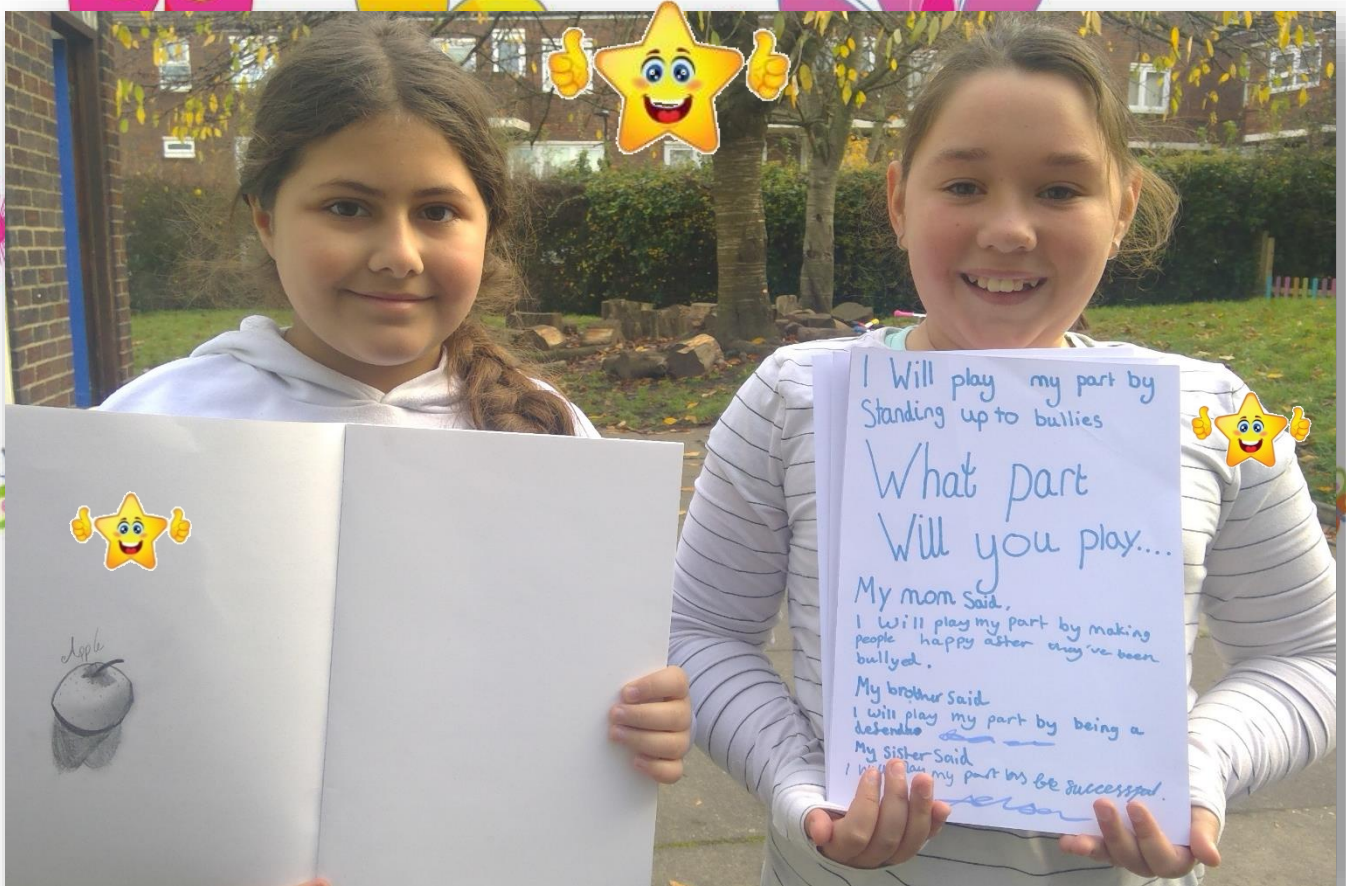
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E - Always an active learner who participates in all lessons across the curriculum. Her listening and application in Art this week meant she produced an excellent still life 3D sketch of an apple with cast shadow and gradient blended shading on the apple itself. Great work!

K - Kind and helpful with other children and adults in the class. She can always be relied upon to include others in her games. Also she did extra work for Anti-bullying week producing pieces of writing, numerous posters and even a family pledge to stop bullying in the world. An inspiration to all of us!





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A Big Well Done to **all** of year 6 this week for their hard work. They have been very busy completing tests and I'm very proud of all of them and the hard work that they have done!

R - her maths scored improved and she is really trying. She has leant new vocab related to fractions and is using mathematical vocabulary in her explanations.

A - he worked so hard on his tests this week and he should be very proud of his efforts - especially in maths. Keep up the hard work!



