

St John Vianney Catholic School

School Newsletter

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



Welcome Back!

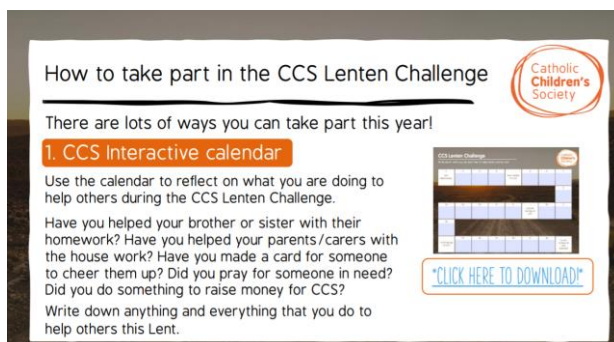
Dear Parents and Carers. We hope that you managed to spend some time last week away from the routines of Home Schooling! While it has undoubtedly been an amazing collective effort from teachers, parents and, of course, our children, we are ready to move on.

You will all be aware that, from Monday 8th March, all children will be returning to school...where they (and their teachers!) rightly belong. With their friends and among our brilliant team, who will ease them back in and ensure that their learning gets right back up on its feet! We are very much looking forward to this.

With the sun out and the understandable optimism that is in the headlines, it may be tempting to think that it is all behind us. But, I am sure you are aware, that we are very much still operating under strict and cautious guidelines in order to welcome the children back and to, most importantly, make sure they stay back.

It is an opportunity to re-engage with the guidelines, expectations and routines that will help keep the risks to an absolute minimum. It is my job at this time to ensure that don't become complacent and that we ensure that this step forward is the first of many. Have a wonderful weekend. God bless. *Mr. McNicholas*

The Catholic Children's Society have provided some lovely resources to help your children mark their time during Lent this year. [Follow this link to access their Lenten activities and fundraising ideas.](#)



Important reminders:

Once again, please ensure that you are doing everything you can about keeping possible Covid-19 symptoms away from school.

1) Please **DO NOT** send your child to school if they are unwell

- If they do not have symptoms of Covid-19, but have been unwell, you must still wait until they are fully better before you send them back to school.

2) Please be vigilant for symptoms of Covid-19

- **IF they have any of the 3 Covid-19 symptoms**, then you **MUST** keep them at home, book a test and notify the school that you have done this.

Covid Symptoms

- A) High temperature (37.8 degrees and above).
- B) A continuous cough (coughing a lot for an hour).
- C) A change in your sense of taste or smell.
- **IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT ANY SYMPTOMS, SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE OR CALL 111.**

3) The Importance of being Tested

- If your child has one of the above **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU BOOK A TEST.**
- Failure to do this means a) they cannot return to school for a further 10 days and b) we are unable to manage the possible risk of infection to other children and staff in their bubble.
- If you have difficulty booking a test, please keep trying until you get one - please let the school know if you are unable to.
- Waiting for 10 days is **NOT** an option – your child may be missing schooling unnecessarily.

4) Please observe **STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING** when dropping off and picking up children.

- This has been identified as a key risk in the transmission of Covid-19 in the return of children to full schooling.
- Please do everything you can to observe this.

Spring 2021

	From	To
Spring 1	Tuesday 5 th January, 2021	Friday 12 th February
<i>Spring Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 15 February, 2021</i>	<i>Friday 19th February, 2021</i>
Spring 2	Monday 22 nd February, 2021	Wednesday 31 st March 2021
<i>Easter Holiday</i>	<i>Thursday 1st April 2021</i>	<i>Friday 16th April 2021</i>
INSETS	Mon 4th January	

Summer 2021

	From	To
Summer 1	Monday 19 th April 2021	Friday 28 th May, 2021
<i>Summer Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 31st May, 2021</i>	<i>Friday 4th June 2021</i>
Summer 2	Tuesday 7 th June, 2021	Friday 23 rd July
INSETS	Monday 6th June 2021	

Term Dates for the Spring and Summer Terms

Please see confirmation of the Term Dates for the rest of Spring and Summer Terms.

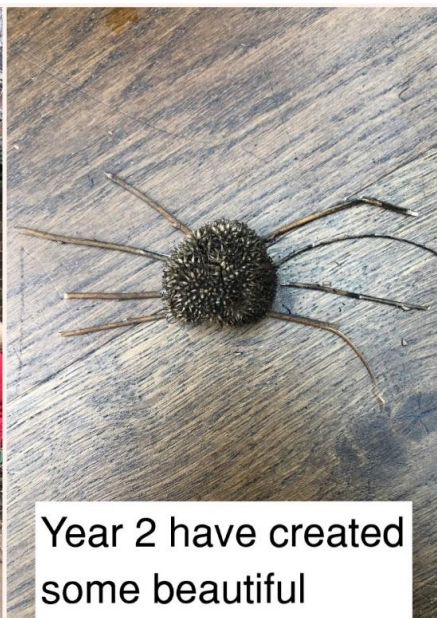
Please note that Monday 6th June, the day after the Summer Half Term, is designated a Training day and the school will be closed to pupils. Children return for the second half of the Summer Term on Tuesday 7th June 2021.

The last day of the Summer Term is Friday 23rd July.

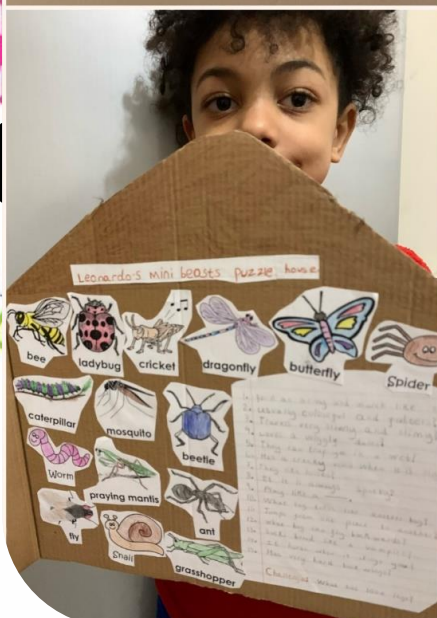


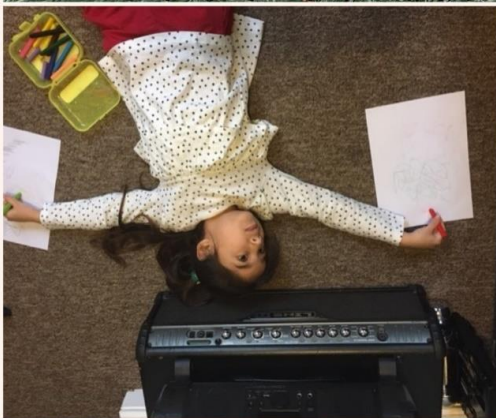
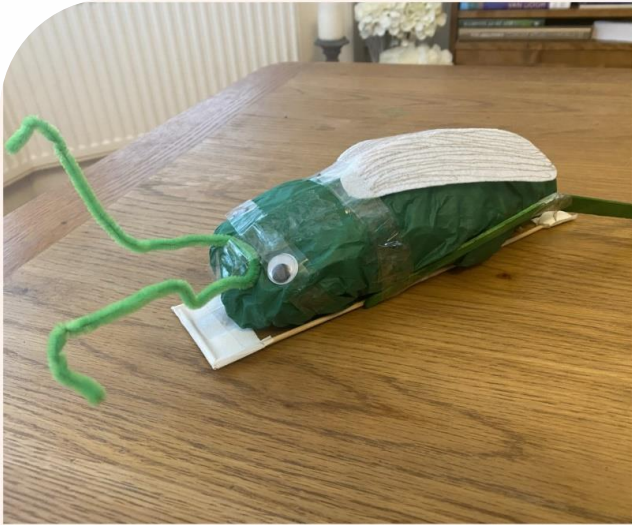
Dinosaur Art in Year 1





Year 2 have created some beautiful nature artwork







Downtime...



The Great Lockdown Bake Off?



Body Technics Art



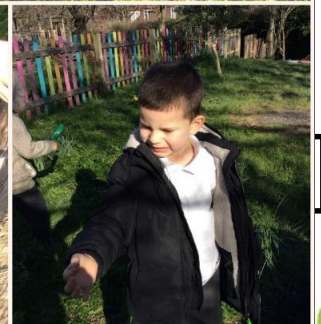


Going beyond Joe Wicks! Gymnastics at Home...





Year 1 Nature Hunt





Getting Outside and
Creating Natural Art!





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Nursery:

We would like to nominate our new nursery friends for star of the week. They have settled so well into the nursery routine, making friends and having fun! E, M, M and D





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Reception:

Everybody continues to do their best in Reception class and all the children have made a great start to their learning in the second part of this new Spring term.

I would particularly like to choose these children who have really shone this week E and R.

E For really trying your best in your phonics this week. You are showing great determination to learn your 'High Frequency Sight words'. Although they are tricky you continue to persevere with your reading and writing. You are always joining in with me reading your 'Fred green words' on Tapestry. I was particularly impressed with you creating your very own 'Hot Air balloon' this week which was our 'round up' to our 'On the Road' learning. Well done.

R Your hand writing has really improved I can see that you are taking great pride in your work. You have also been trying your best to learn your 'High Frequency sight words'. I really like your very own sentences that you have written this week too with your 'High Frequency sight words' 'went' and 'like'. Keep up the good work.





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Year 1:

I would like to choose R for making a super effort with his work. He has been trying really hard with his handwriting and fantastic listening skills. He is really enjoying our new dinosaur topic and it is great to see him working so hard.

I would like to choose J, you always try so hard to make sure that your work is uploaded each day and I have been so impressed with the work that you have been doing whilst working from home. Keep up the hard work.





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Class 2

As always, Class 2 have worked really hard this week and have thrown themselves into our new topic 'Wriggle and Crawl'. Two children have particularly stood out to me this week.

T expressed her creative flair this week at school and produced some beautiful minibeast artwork using twigs, leaves and pebbles from the nature garden. Fantastic work!

C has impressed me since everyday the beginning of lockdown and has given 100% effort in every piece of work handed in. He has shown great curiosity for creepy crawlies and has gone out of his way to do extra research as a mini-scientist, finding out facts and sharing them with the class. Well done!





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Year 3:

It has been yet another wonderful week in Class 3. They came bounding back on Monday with the energy and eagerness that makes this class so special. From diving into fractions and delving into the secrets of Ancient Persia, the same enthusiasm always persists.

One remarkable example of greatness this week is C. He hands in his work every day, beautifully presented and carefully considered. He has worked so hard on improving his handwriting that it now matches the beauty of his ideas which are always creative, inspiring and original. A huge well done to you C.

I would also like to give a star to E. She comes to lessons on time every day and is always engaged and willing to contribute. She takes pride in her work which is neat and organised. she thinks 'outside the box', dares to take risks and is wonderfully creative. She is also great fun! It's a pleasure to be your teacher E.





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Year 4:

This week I nominate **E**. He has been an engaging member in our Zoom sessions and he is uploading his work regularly. I am thrilled to see all the lovely work he is doing at home. Keep it up! I also nominate **A**. He has been working very hard at home. I am particularly impressed with the presentation of his work. I can see he has spent a lot of time on his tasks and he has not rushed. Well done!





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Year 5

E is Star of the Week for always being a polite, respectful and well-mannered student. Thank you! Furthermore, her artistic talent really showed this week as she was able to follow the one-point perspective lesson to draw a room using the one-point perspective art skill. Great work E!



F is Star of the Week this week for her participation and verbal responses in our Writing and Reading Zooms. She has shown that she can think creatively and shares ideas in our 'Journey' writing lessons. She has also shown herself to be a very competent reader both in her fluency and in her critical thinking of the characters and books we have been studying (*'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'* by C.S. Lewis and our story time book *'The London Eye Mystery'* by Siobhan Dowd) Well done, F!



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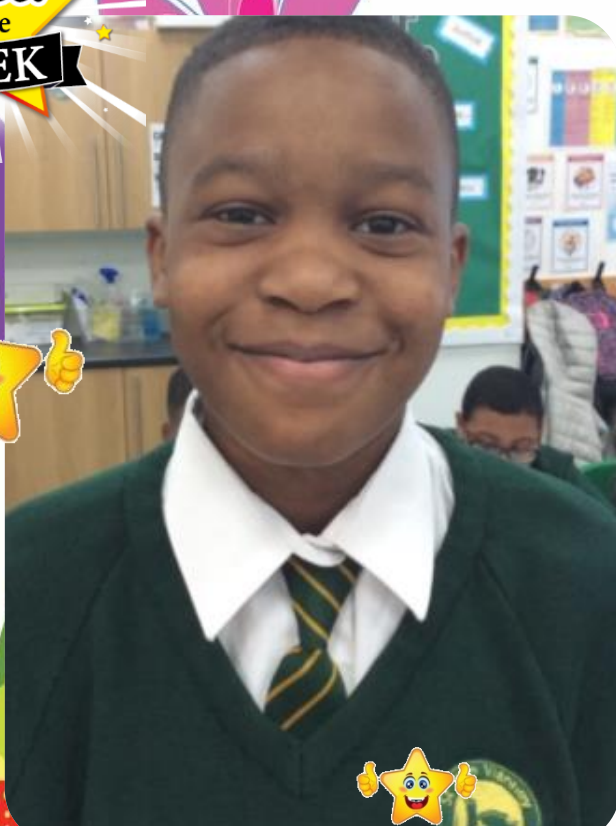
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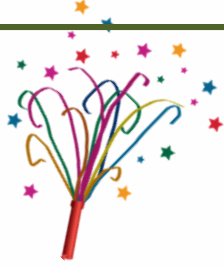
Year 6

A big thank you to all of year 6 for their efforts this week. They have come back from half term with a positive attitude and I have been really pleased with the work that I have seen so far.

C - For his excellent effort in our zoom lessons. He is eager to share his ideas with the rest of the class and is always willing to have a go and answer questions. Well done!

P - For her continued hard work this week. She always hands her work in on time and it is always completed to a very high standard. Her writing work is very detailed and she always shows her working out in maths. Well done!





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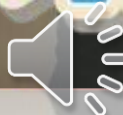
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[CLICK HERE](#) to see children from around the world coming together, from their lockdown homes, to create a special blessing for us all!



Lenten Prayer

GOD OF GOODNESS AND MERCY,

**HEAR MY PRAYER AS I BEGIN THIS LENTEN JOURNEY WITH YOU.
LET ME BE HONEST WITH MYSELF AS I LOOK INTO MY HEART AND SOUL,
NOTICING THE TIMES I TURN AWAY FROM YOU. GUIDE ME AS I HUMBLY SEEK
TO REPENT AND RETURN TO YOUR LOVE.**

**MAY HUMILITY GUIDE MY EFFORTS TO BE RECONCILED WITH YOU AND LIVE FOREVER
IN YOUR ABUNDANT GRACE.**

**TRANSFORM ME THIS LENT, HEAVENLY FATHER. GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO
COMMIT MYSELF TO GROW CLOSER TO YOU EACH DAY.**

AMEN.

