



St. John Vianney School

Steps to Independence & Education for Life

Weekly News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families have had a good week, despite the inclement weather.



The end of the school year is quickly approaching and we are working at school to prepare for the end of this year and being ready for a September start. The year has certainly been challenging and I think we will all certainly benefit from the long summer break.

We have, this week, welcomed those who are transitioning to SJV in September and it has been lovely to see the excitement of our new pupils, as they prepare for their new school and friends. Your children have also been told about their new class arrangements for September, so they can prepare for the changes they will embrace, during the summer break. We have considered a range of factors in arranging the new classes and are confident that the pupils are well positioned for making the best progress possible in the new year. We are especially pleased that the Government guidance for September looks like we will be able to move back to our pre-pandemic ways of working, which the school community will really benefit from. I am however, conscious that September 7th is still some considerable time away and guidance may well alter again in the interim period.

Next week we have arranged a number of events to celebrate the end of the school and I know the children and staff are looking forward to trips out, our end of year Mass, celebratory lunch and the festival we have planned. We had a lovely PE/ sport afternoon today and it was fantastic to see the pupils engaged and enjoying a range of activities in the improved weather. On Friday next week all pupils will move to their new class teams and classrooms to help prepare them for the autumn term.

Earlier this week we sent you the Annual School report for your child. I do hope you found the new format easier to read and understand and have been able to talk through the successes and areas for development with your child. If you have any feedback please do let the class teacher know. I was however, really pleased to read of the many achievements made by every pupil in school, which bodes really well for new academic year.

The latest DfE guidance requests that all secondary aged pupils will need to undertake lateral flow testing on their return to school in September. When we have established how we will manage this we will let you know and seek the appropriate permissions for your child.

Can I remind you please that School closes for the summer break on Friday 16th at the earlier time of 1.30pm. We have informed transport teams of this earlier finish. We reopen for the new academic year to pupils on Tuesday 7th September at 9.00am.

Have a great weekend and best wishes,

Mr A Moloney

Class 11



Class 11 wished Demajio a very Happy 16th Birthday this week!

We hope you had a fabulous and memorable day! **Mrs Rouse**

Post 16

Post 16 visited Wythenshawe Park this week and continued their great work there. It was made even better by the new members of the group. Great work everyone.

Mr Kanakides



It is a key word sign-supported communication system based on British Sign Language. All staff use Signalong and this week we are learning how to sign “**Catch**”

Catch

Clawed hands held up in front of your body, moves back as though you are catching a ball.



Activate Windows



Covid Testing

This week the Department of Education (DfE) have asked schools to carry out pupil testing as we return in September. The expectation is for pupils, from Year 7 onwards, to be tested twice over a 5-day period. Parents who provided consent for testing in January and February of this year are in the process of being contacted by phone.

For any parents who did not provide initial consent, but would like to now do so, please keep an eye out for information we will be sending out as soon as we have received the updated guidance from the DfE.

PLAZA THEATRE, STOCKPORT

SUNDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER



MARY POPPINS AND FRIENDS

Mary Poppins, her best friend Bert the chimney sweep, his friends along with Percy & Pippa the Penguins will entertain all the family with a magical performance of all their songs including "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious", "A Spoonful of Sugar", "Feed the Birds", "Jolly Holliday", "Chim Chim Cher-ee" and all the others you remember — a fantastic musical tribute to the Mary Poppins films and stage shows.

We are excited that **Ben Cajee**, CBeebies presenter, is hosting the show and he has a special treat for the second half. Ben will introduce a family concert of songs from your favourite family films including Frozen, Beauty and the Beast, Lion King, Little Mermaid, and Aladdin – something for everyone.

SHOWSTOPPERS

From Broadway to the West End



Transport yourself to the glamour of the theatre world of New York and London. During a fabulous evening, **The Broadway Divas** will perform songs from the greatest musicals including Les Miserables, Wicked, Phantom of the Opera, Chicago, Mama Mia, Evita, Dreamgirls, Sunset Boulevard and many more.

Our special, star guest, **Jonathan Ansell** will preview several of the songs from his new concert tour planned for 2022. Jonathan performs with classical group G4 and, also, on his solo tours. We are honoured that Jonathan is part of our show.

We are thrilled that Coronation Street's, **Samia Longchambon**, will be our host and she is delighted to be part of this special show.

Tickets available at www.stockportplaza.co.uk and 0161 477 7779

Both shows are in support of I AM Celebrating Autism in Greater Manchester (reg. charity 1089527)

Our Catholic School

I really cannot believe that next week is our last week! It only seems two minutes ago since the start of the year. SJV is working right up to the last moment as always, getting ready for our new classes and making sure everything is in place so our learners have a safe and successful summer holidays.

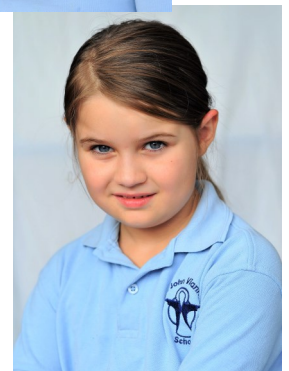
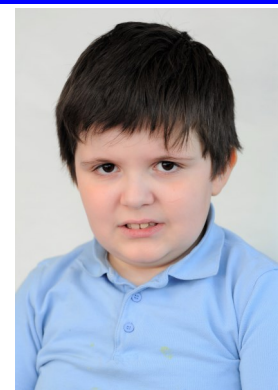
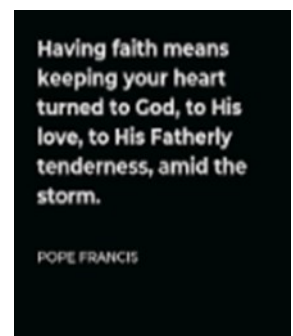
This week at SJV we are focusing on faith. The Gospel reminds us that only by putting our faith in Jesus will He come into our lives, have a chance to work amongst us and be able to strengthen us to do good in this world. Pope Francis reminds us to **'let us welcome the light of God into our hearts'**. Faith is the cornerstone of our belief and what we stand for at SJV. It's a part of our life and our vocation to keep our school a safe and welcoming environment.

Within our Catholic school we are busy putting the final touches to the end of year Masses, with Blue hub on Tuesday 13th, Purple on Wednesday 14th and Orange hub on Thursday the 15th. The Chaplaincy Teams in each hub are busy rehearsing, learning reading's, practicing bidding prayers and their liturgical dance; making sure everything is perfect and having their vital input and say on the liturgical life of the school.

In RE this week we have looked at the importance of faith in our life, why we need to trust God and allow that strength to help us in our day to day lives. We have been looking at British Values alongside faith and investigating what faith and British Values means to people. Also, why it is important to uphold British Values and practice your faith.

Another busy week at SJV once again. I'm not sure how we fit it all in.

Mrs Garfin



Stars of the Week

**Just some of our
Stars of the Week
last week. Well
done to everyone!**



Self-care summer activity for your families

Just as we look after our physical health, it's important to look after our mental health. Self-care is all about what you can do to help yourself feel better or to keep yourself feeling good. It's a way that we can look after our own mental health and wellbeing. It can help your body and mind to relax, drift away, or be more energised. There are lots of different ways you can try self-care: dancing, spending time with friends, playing sports, laughing, drawing, spending time with pets - anything that makes you feel good!

To find out more please click on the link below, where you find a booklet with suggested activities.

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2080/final-selfcaresummer-primary.pdf>

Class 2

Great fun at the CITC multi sports festival this week. Brilliant behaviour from the children and they loved all the sports on offer! **Mr Wood**



Poetry Corner

Introducing our new member of staff: Mr Lomax

'I am passionate about connecting with young people through poetry and seeing them become empowered by language. It's been such a privilege to work along side our young learners during my short time here at St John Vianney, and I'm so excited to be returning to the school in September to further develop poetry and literature within the time table. This stunning piece of poetry and film by Leah called 'Nana and the Sea' is the first example of what I believe we can achieve with so many of our students next term.' - **Mr Lomax**

<https://youtu.be/AMuMtWSFY4I>



Mr Lomax has won the 'Poetry By Heart' competition recently for his work in Schools during lockdown. Below is a link to his blog about the award and his website, along with a link to his most recently commissioned film. Everyone here at SJV is very excited about working with Mr Lomax from September!

https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/blog/togetherness-and-unity-the-unsworth-academy-showcase-poem/?fbclid=IwAR0CaHzavIUWWfQTVBwXh-InrXFFlduSbFnYXOT_AFFbluMe1it3luRr1IY

[Oliver James Lomax • Home](#)

[Oliver James Lomax reads 'Offa's Dyke' and painter Dan Llywelyn Hsll at World's End - YouTube](#)



Class 6

Class 6 worked really hard at the farm this week helping farmer Emma to do her jobs. It really is great to get out in the fresh air

Miss Shaw

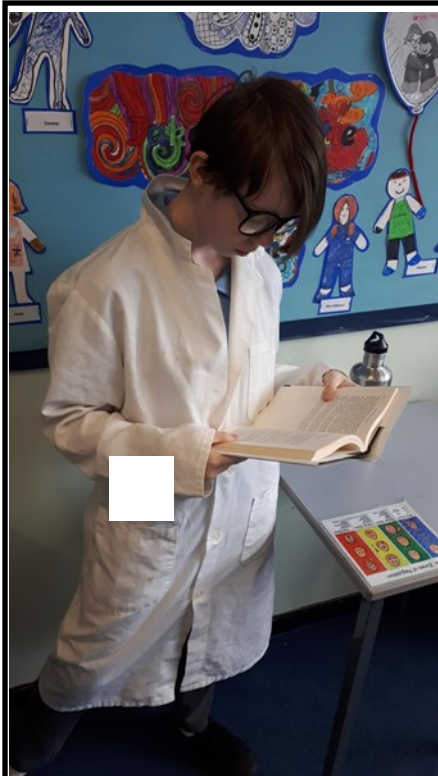


Class 8

Last week Class 8 went to Heaton Park as part of our independence lessons. The boys bought their own ice-creams, had a picnic, played football and visited the animals.

Mr Whelan





Class 7

This week Class 7 weren't simply dressing up, they were inventing crazy characters with the help of props and costumes. They showed us how great they are at using their imaginations. Well done to them all.

Miss Whiting



Class 4

Class 4 had a fantastic day at Forest School this week. We love being outdoors and practicing our tool safety!

Miss Walsh



Class 3

Class 3 had another brilliant session with Olympias music. The children really get involved in the music!

Mr Healey.





iPad Summer School | Family Fund

Practice DJ skills, make a movie or send virtual flowers to your loved ones at one or more of Family Fund FREE workshops. Sign up for as many as you like.

This year Family Fund have teamed up with RNIB to help more families get creative with their iPad. They have a number of session dates available, including some specifically designed for those with a visual impairment.

The sessions will be run in a group setting and children must be supervised by an adult family member at all times during the session.

Workshops:

- Make it work for you - Are you just getting started with an iPad? Get to grips with the basics and navigate the iPad's accessibility settings (this session is suitable for parents/carers, but is open to children too)
- DJ Skills - Does your child want to write a number one hit or mix music like a DJ? Using Garageband, downloaded for free from the App store, you will learn about loops and putting pieces of music together.
- Photos your way - Turn your photos into your own piece of art using the tools on your photo app. In this workshop we will look at how to get creative and add colour to pictures, or mark them up.
- Picture your Name - Using your iPad camera, we will search for shapes in our surroundings that could make up the letters of your name and edit them together, turning your name into a piece of art.
- Movies Making - Become the next big moviemaker using apps downloaded for free from the App store. We will explore, research, and collect facts and images to help us create the documentary and edit it together to create a movie
- Send Flowers - send someone special some flowers and let them know that you care? We can create our very own personalised floral greetings card, and even use voice recording to make the message extra special.

[Book your sessions now by completing Family Fund sign up form.](#) (ctrl and click on the blue lettering to access the form)

Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

You will need an internet connection, your iPad, and a second device like a smartphone or laptop to take part.

If for any reason your family are unable to participate in a group session, or you want to look at something more specific for your families, please email digitalskills@familyfund.org.uk or call us on 01904 550066 and we will look at other options to suit your needs.