



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another year has gone by with lots to be proud of as a school. Our successful partnership with yourselves has ensured the best outcomes for all your children with very good results across the board in all of our published data. We are hovering around 96% attendance again this year (fingers crossed attendance is good over the next 2 days), which we know supports our children to achieve their full potential.

We are particularly proud this year of becoming an English Hub, one of only 34 schools chosen across England, due to our practice in reading across the school. This now means we are supporting other schools in developing reading, across the North West and reflects our mission according to St Peter to 'use whatever gift you have received to serve others' (Peter 4:10-11).

We are constantly trying to maximise the wider opportunities for our children and this year we are particularly proud of all our sporting accolades including Swimming, Football (including Girls' Football), Athletics, Cricket and High Fives. In addition, our musical opportunities continue to expand and it is wonderful to see all our Year 4 children accessing the cornet and individual lessons provided in piano, guitar, flute and trombone.

Well done to those children who continued on their Sacramental journey this year, in the Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Eucharist and more recently applying for Confirmation which takes place this autumn. Please remember, if you would like your child to receive any of the Sacraments, including Baptism, it is never too late.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff and governors, thank you for your continual support and have a happy, restful holiday with your children.

Mrs Allen
Headteacher

Nursery

Well, we are nearly at the end of this academic year and many of the children are leaving us to join Reception. It has been wonderful watching them develop and grow. We have been very busy learning lots of new letter sounds, practising to write our names, learning our numbers as well as covering many topics. The children are getting super at sharing and have made lots of new friends too! This half term, we have been busy learning all about mini beasts. We thoroughly enjoyed the visit from Ranger Rob where we got to hold several animals including a snake, giant spider and a giant millipede! The rain even held off for our 'Teddy Bears Picnic'! We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and guardians for your support over the year. Have a wonderful Summer and we'll see many of you in September looking very smart and grown up in your school uniforms! The children staying in Nursery will be a great help at making the new children feel welcome and settled too!

Reception

We can't believe we are almost at the end of Reception - what a fantastic year it has been! This half term we have enjoyed learning about Our Wonderful World and it has definitely got us all very excited for our upcoming summer holidays. Both classes have done their assemblies and the children were fabulous. Thanks again to parents and carers who helped them learn their lines. The children enjoyed spending a day in Year 1 this week on their moving up day. We know they're ready to show their Y1 teachers how brilliant they are and would like to wish them all lots of luck. Have a great summer and enjoy the break.

Year 1

As the last few days of the school year approach, the Year 1 staff would like to say a big thank you to all of the parents, carers and families for all of your help and support over the year. The children have had the opportunity to embark on new experiences and learn new concepts across the curriculum. There have been special visitors, school trips, parent workshops and performances, and this has all contributed to the progress the children have made in each of the specific subjects. We very much appreciate the time and effort spent helping your child to progress over the year through reading, homework and extra-support. We would also like to say a big congratulations to all of the children as the phonics results were brilliant! We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching each and every one of the children in year 1 and we would like to wish them all the best for year 2.

Key Dates:

SCHOOL BREAKS UP FOR SUMMER—Friday 19th July @1:30pm
HOLIDAY CLUB—Monday 22nd July—Friday 2nd August
SCHOOL OPENS— Tuesday 3rd September

Enjoy your break—see you in September!



Attendance to date (National Target is 96%)

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| N - 94.37% | RC - 95.33% | RM - 94.96% |
| 1Ha - 96.91% | 1Hu - 96.82% | 2BH - 96.26% |
| 2W - 96.38% | 3H - 96.40% | 3Mc - 95.84% |
| 4AD - 96.32% | 4T - 96.04% | 5L - 94.83% |
| 5W - 95.68% | 6B - 95.99% | 6OK - 95.62% |

Congratulations to all the children who have achieved this!

Green Eco Flag

St John Vianney were successful in achieving their second Eco flag! We have worked hard to achieve this over the years. The Eco Committee showed the assessor around school and as always they were very keen to show and tell everything that we do.

Check out the official **Eco School's website**, where there is a section on the Year 5 topic on 'Clean Air'. The assessor highly praised this topic work and the children will present a short presentation on this at the next Eco Conference in Blackburn! Thank you to a passionate Eco Committee for their hard work.

Mrs E Mahoney



Year 3

Well here we are!!! The end of another school year and hasn't time flown this year. We can't believe it's July, where has the time gone? When we look back at all the things we have done, Egyptian workshop, The Tower and circus, Eureka etc we realise what a fun and busy year we have had. Can we both say a big thank you for your continued support and help. If we had not received that, this year would not have been the success it has. Your children have listened, responded and learnt.

The transition from infants to juniors can be daunting for some, but this year every child has stood up to the challenge. We are going to miss them as they continue their learning journey in to Year 4. They will now have met their new teachers and hopefully are all excited to carry on their learning journey. Can the both of us wish you a lovely summer break. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and you all have a peaceful and safe time. Have a wonderful summer holiday and good luck Year 3 for your next big adventure.

Miss Mack and Mr Horton

Year 4

We are in the final few weeks of Year 4 and what a year it has been! With trips to Quarry Bank Mill, high ropes and Roman day, it has certainly been busy! The children have studied a wide range of novels, participated in experiments and learnt about keeping a healthy mind and body. They have all made great progress and we hope that they have a refreshing summer, ready for their exciting return into Year 5. Although we want all the children to relax, it would still be useful to keep up with reading and multiplication skills during the break.

We would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support this year, all home learning adds to their progress too. We wish everybody a very happy summer and we will see you in September.

Miss Talbot, Mrs Dickinson and Mrs Acton.

Year 5

We have nearly made it to the end of the year! Year 5 have worked tremendously hard over the course of the year. There have been many wonderful highlights: the Resilience Talent show performance, the trip to Blackpool Tower and the Winter Gardens, Hothersall Lodge and more recently Sports Day to name but a few.

Year 5 recently completed their last assessments of the year in Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and Maths. Therefore, you are all ready for the challenges and opportunities of Year 6! It's been a great year, full of learning, team building, creativity and development. We hope that you have enjoyed the variety of learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom throughout this year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your hard work and support during the year. We hope that you have a relaxing, restful and enjoyable summer holiday and that you come back in September feeling refreshed and ready for your final year of primary school!

Miss Wills and Mr Lord.

Year 2

We can't quite believe we are almost at the end of our time in Year 2 and what a year it has been! We have been on a real exciting journey this year, including trips out, parent workshops, lots of new learning, Class Assemblies, and Sports Day to name a few. There has certainly been lots of laughter and fun along the way too!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Year 2 families for your support with Reading and Home Learning this year. It really is appreciated and we know you will continue with this as the children move into Year 3.

We hope that you all have a wonderful and restful summer ready for an exiting time 'upstairs' in Year 3!

Thank you

Mr Walsh, Mrs Bancroft, Miss Hornby, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Armitage and Mrs Westhead.

Year 6

We can not believe how quick this year has gone. Although your children are coming to the end of their time at SJV they still have plenty to look forward to in their final week. Tickets are available for our end of year production (Matilda). On Wednesday there will be both 2pm and 6pm performances; we hope many friends and family will be able to attend - you are in for a treat! On Thursday at 9.15am there will be a Leaver's Mass over at Church, which again all family and friends are welcome to attend - this will be shared with the parish. Following on from mass, we will then have our SJV Leaver's Day which is a surprise for the children and will conclude with a party/ celebration.

Year 6 staff would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the year and we wish you all the very best as your children transition to secondary school in September.

Mrs Bennett, Mr Duffy, Miss O'Keefe

Usborne Sponsored Read:

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to all families and friends who helped sponsor the children in our Usborne Sponsored Read. We raised an outstanding total of £956.80, which Usborne kindly topped up to £1600 in free books for school. These books will be being presented to us as part of our Reading Festival on Friday 6th September. We can not wait to see the children borrowing and enjoying them on our brand new Library Bus! We could not have done it without your help, so thank you again for all of your continued support!

