



Welcome!

Reception Class
September 2025

Information for New Parents/Carers September 2025

A very warm welcome to
St John Vianney Catholic Primary
School.

At SJV we offer a happy and friendly atmosphere where children can grow to their full potential and become responsible and caring members of the community.

Parents are encouraged to become fully involved in the education of their child and the life of the school. It is our intention to make each child's stay with us a happy and successful one, welcoming parents as partners in their education.



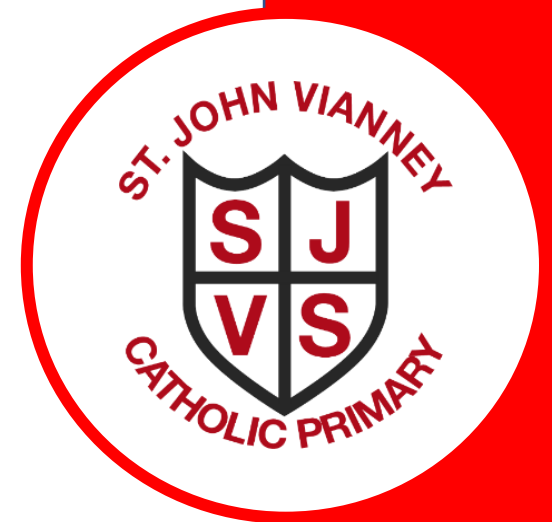
Headteacher: Mrs Friar

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Percy

Early Years Leader: Mrs Mills

Pastoral Leader: Mrs Campbell

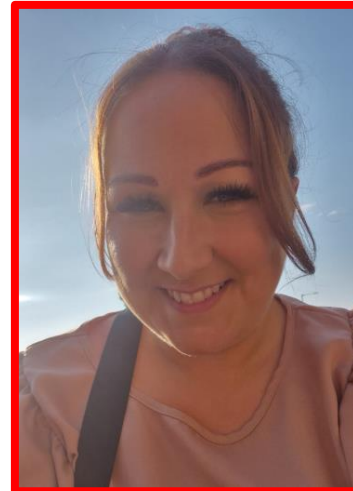
Office Manager: Mrs Johnson



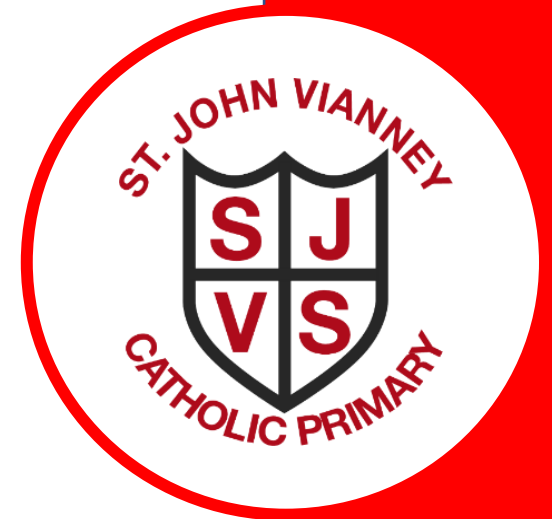
Meet the team...



Miss Lowdon
Class Teacher



Mrs Hockenhull
Teaching Assistant



Early Years Foundation Stage...

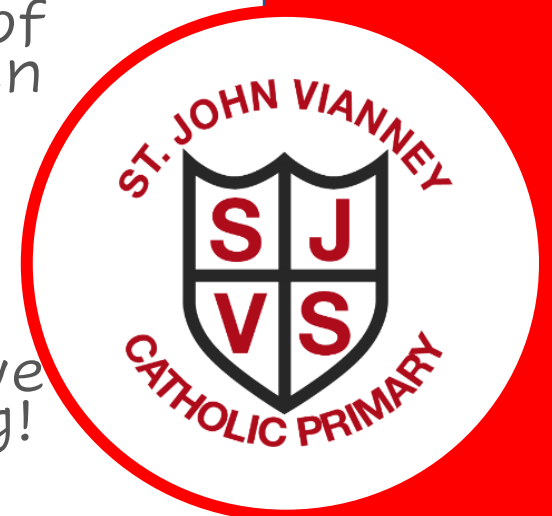
Reception will be your child's first year of school.

All 4-5 year olds follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

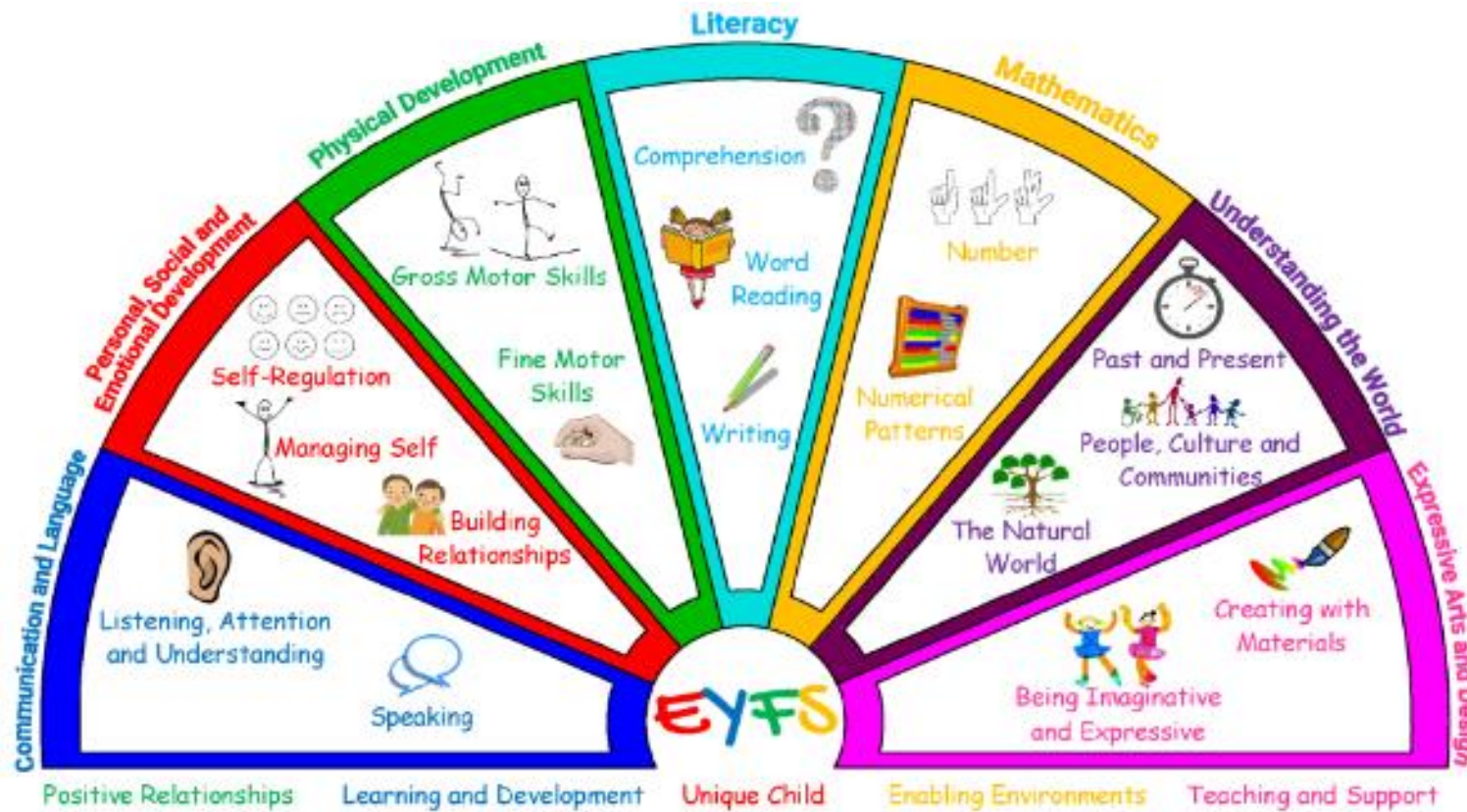
At SJV we believe that children who feel happy and safe in an environment where they can explore and investigate will be successful learners.

Learning in Reception is achieved through a variety of play based activities, some that are led by the children and some that are enhanced by adult intervention.

Alongside independent learning we deliver short focused teaching sessions where the children are taught Phonics, Maths and early writing and where we encourage a love of story telling, singing and learning!



EYFS Curriculum...



Playing and Exploring

Children investigate and experience things. They are willing to 'have a go'

Engagement

Active Learning

Children concentrate and keep on trying when they encounter difficulties. They enjoy their achievements

Motivation

Creating and Thinking Critically

Children have and develop their own ideas. They make links between ideas and choose ways to do things

Thinking



Developing your child, holistically...

- Social skills
- Turn Taking
- Gross Motor Skills
- Imagination
- Counting and Number
- Problem Solving
- Confidence
- Sharing
- Fine Motor Skills
- Working Together
- Language and Vocabulary
- Resilience



Learning Through Play...

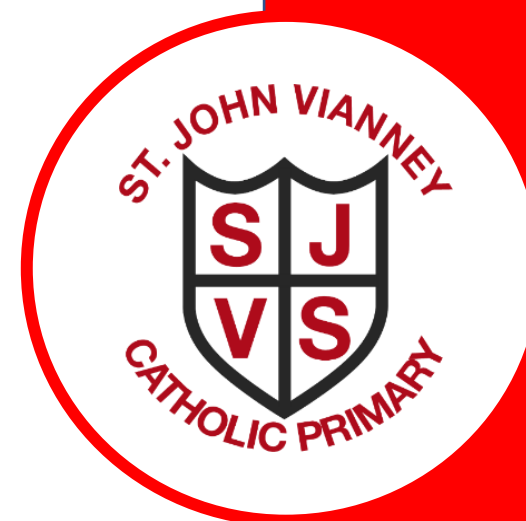
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ABOUT AS IF IT WERE A RELIEF
FROM SERIOUS LEARNING.

BUT FOR CHILDREN, PLAY
IS SERIOUS LEARNING.

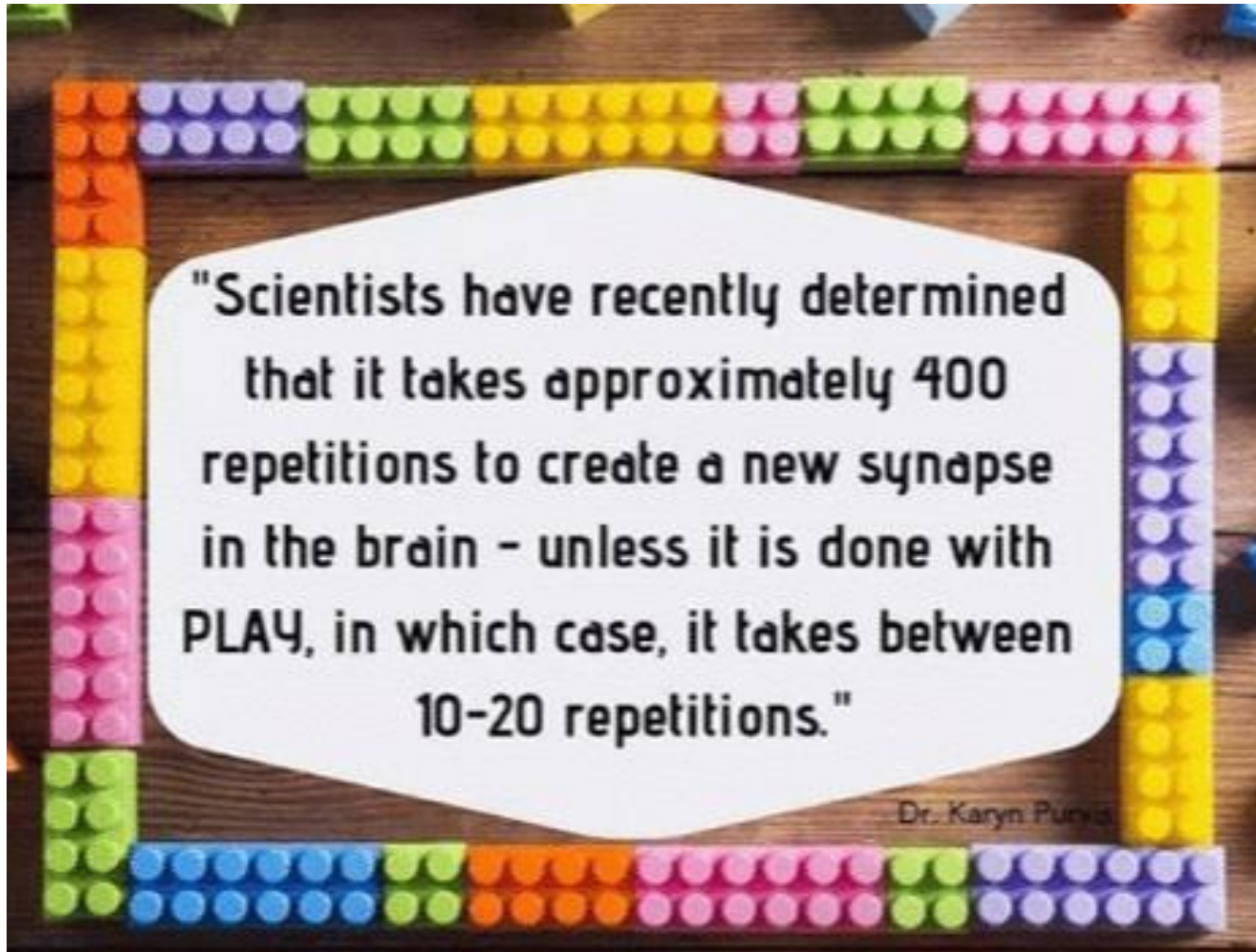
PLAY IS REALLY THE WORK
OF CHILDHOOD.

- *Fred Rogers*

LUCKY FIRST



Learning Through Play...



Online Learning Journal...



- The Tapestry Letter and Agreement is in your packs where we need your consent.
- You can download the Tapestry app on your mobile phone or tablet.
- We will share photos and observations of your child's learning throughout the year.
- You can all use Tapestry to upload experiences from home.

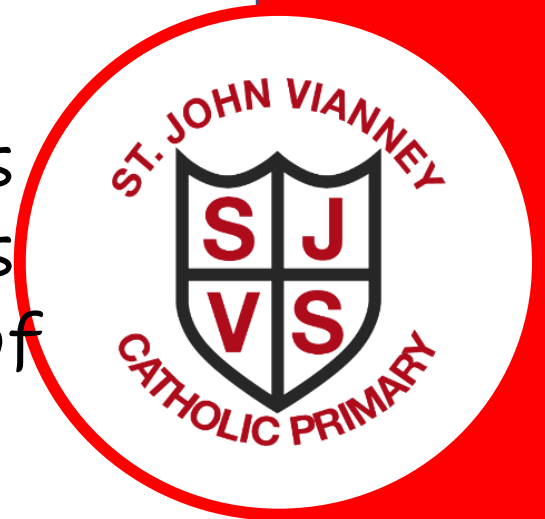


Parents as Partners...

We work closely with parents and carers.
We know that children learn and develop in
all areas of life and learning does not begin
and end at school.



Please share any experiences your child has
away from school. We value all experiences
that contribute towards the development of
your child.



Hours of the Day...

- School day begins at 8.45am
- School day ends at 3.15pm
- Children enter and exit school through the classroom door located at the rear of the school.



A Typical Day...

8:45-8:50am - School opens

8:50am - Register

9:00am - Literacy

9:30am - Choose time and focused activity

10:00am - Read Write Inc (Phonics)

10:30am - Choose time and focused activity

11:00am - Numeracy

11:25am - Choose time and focused activity

12:00pm - Lunch time

1:00pm - Register/ Collective Worship

1:20pm - Topic/guided reading

1:45pm - Choose time

2.45pm - Tidy up time

3:00pm - Story time

3.15pm - Home time



Subject Specific Information...



Phonics is taught through a systematic synthetic phonics program called Read Write Inc. All reading books are matched to ability through Read Write Inc.



English is taught through a quality text approach, utilising RWI approaches.



**To know You
more clearly**

Religious Education is taught using the To Know You More Clearly programme of study.



Maths is taught using the White Rose Maths Mastery approach and Mastering Number.



Parent Workshops...

Workshops will be scheduled in the Autumn Term to help you to support your child as they begin their school journey.

Stay and play sessions scheduled for throughout the year.

Library sessions for parents and children at school



PE...

- Red and white t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black pumps
- Black tracksuit bottoms
- Red hooded jumper

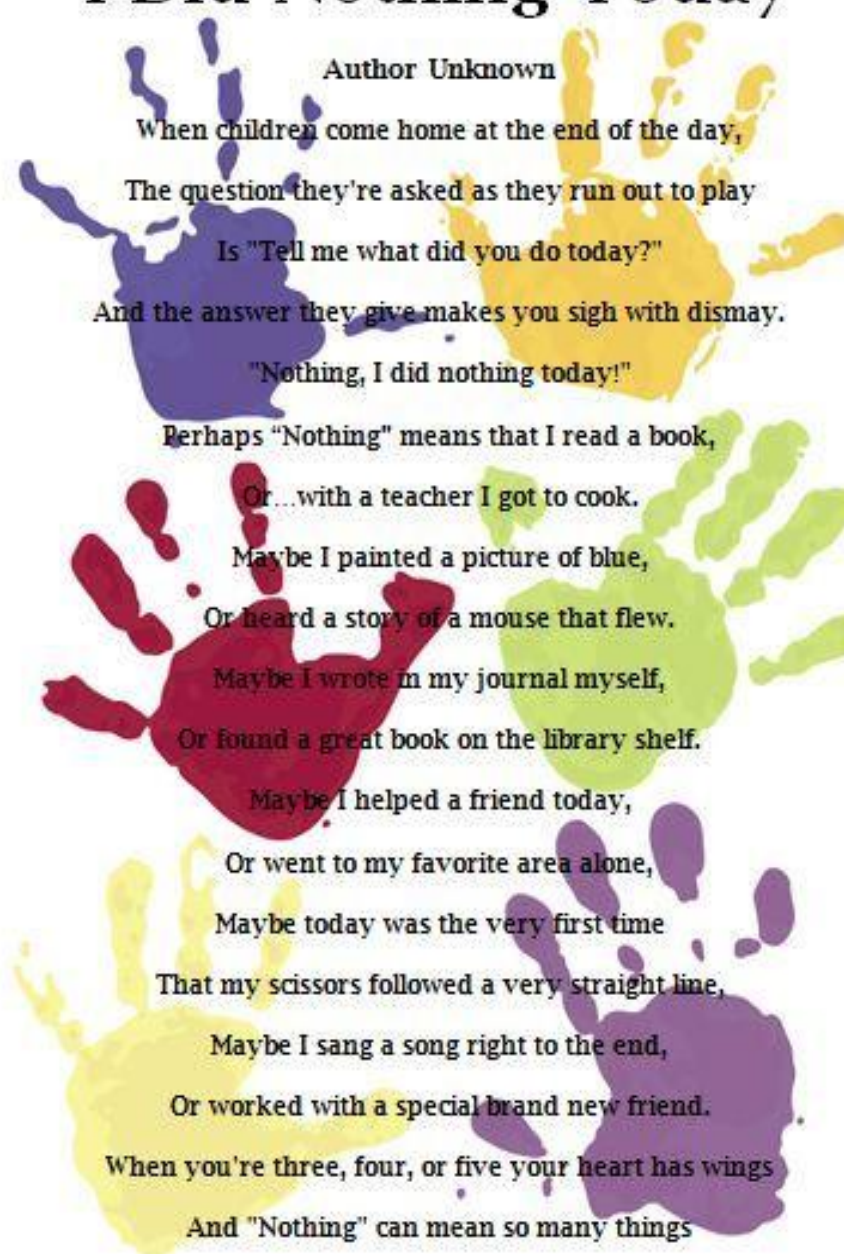


PE kits need to be brought into school at the start of term and will come home with the children at the end of each term. They will need a drawstring bag to keep it in.



I Did Nothing Today

Author Unknown



When children come home at the end of the day,
The question they're asked as they run out to play
Is "Tell me what did you do today?"
And the answer they give makes you sigh with dismay.
"Nothing, I did nothing today!"
Perhaps "Nothing" means that I read a book,
Or...with a teacher I got to cook.
Maybe I painted a picture of blue,
Or heard a story of a mouse that flew.
Maybe I wrote in my journal myself,
Or found a great book on the library shelf.
Maybe I helped a friend today,
Or went to my favorite area alone,
Maybe today was the very first time
That my scissors followed a very straight line,
Maybe I sang a song right to the end,
Or worked with a special brand new friend.
When you're three, four, or five your heart has wings
And "Nothing" can mean so many things



Uniform...

Girls

- Grey pinafore dress, skirt or trousers
- White polo shirt – plain or with logo
- Red school cardigan or sweatshirt
- Red or grey tights or white socks
- Flat black school shoes (no trainers or boots)

For summer:

- Red and white gingham dress



Boys

- Grey trousers
- White polo shirt– plain or with logo
- Red school sweatshirt
- Dark coloured socks (no patterns)
- Black school shoes (no trainers or boots)

For summer:

- Grey shorts



Drinks...

Please send your child to school with a water bottle. Children can drink water throughout the day, helping to keep them hydrated and ready to learn.

No juice please.

Please put your child's name on their bottle.

Your child can have milk each day. It costs £6 for the year.

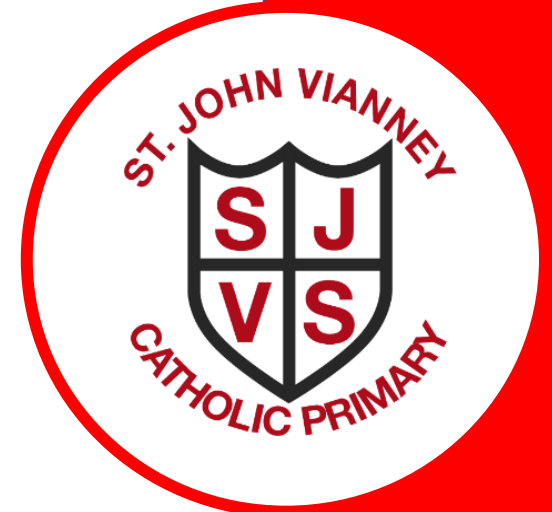
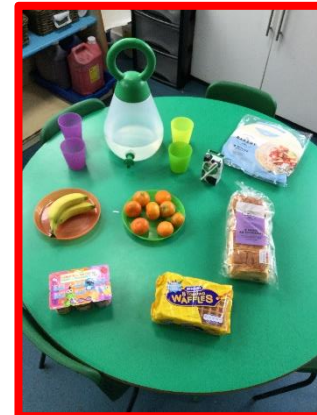


Snack...

Your child will be provided with a snack each day in Reception.

Children can access 'rolling snack' between 10am-11:30am daily. They will be able to help themselves and prepare their own food.

Snack money costs £2.50 per week and can be paid weekly, half termly or for the entire year.



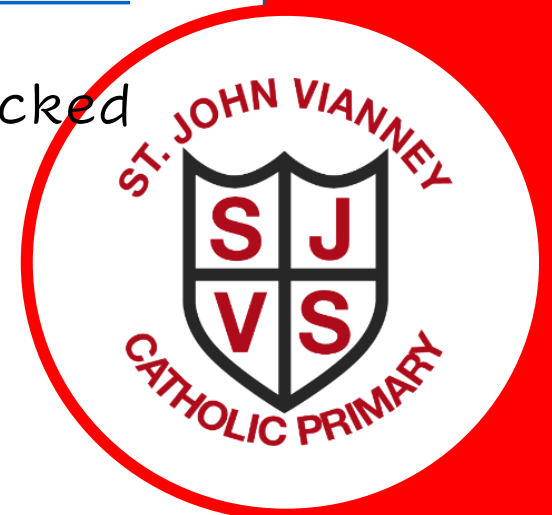
School Lunch...

All infant aged children are currently entitled to free school meals.

There is a choice each day between a hot meal and a vegetarian option. There is also salad available everyday from the salad cart. Parents and carers are responsible to choose children's school meals through School Grid which you can access through the Reach More Parent App this allows parents to know exactly what the children are eating at school.

A menu is available from the St Helens Council's website:
<https://sthelens.gov.uk/article/1865/Applying-for-free-school-meals>

If you prefer, you can send your child to school with a packed lunch. Please send in a clearly labelled lunch bag.



Summer Menu 2025

Week 1

w/c 21/04/25 • 12/05/25 • 02/06/25 • 23/06/25
• 14/07/25 • 08/09/25 • 29/09/25 • 20/10/25

Monday

- 1 Cheesy Bean Hotpot V
- 2 Mighty Hotdog & Potato Slices V
- 3 Choice of Sandwich (Ham, Cheese V, Tuna Mayo)
- 4 Filled Jacket Potato (Cheese V, Cheesy Beans V, Tuna Mayo, Tuna Crunch)
Corn Cob
Raspberry Ripple Ice-cream

Tuesday

- 1 Meat Feast / Two Cheese Pizza
- 2 Cheese & Tomato Pasta V
- 3 Choice of Barmcake (Ham, Cheese V, Tuna Mayo)
- 4 Filled Jacket Potato (Cheese V, Baked Beans V, Tuna Mayo, Tuna Crunch)
Peas & Sweetcorn
Apple Slices & Raisins

Wednesday

- 1 Pork Sausage
- 2 Savoury Mince V
- 3 Choice of Tortilla Wrap (Ham, Cheese V, Tuna Mayo)
- 4 Filled Jacket Potato (Cheese V, Baked Beans V, Tuna Mayo, Tuna Crunch)
Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potato, Carrot & Swede, Gravy
Chocolate Brownie

Thursday

- 1 Pasta Bolognese
- 2 Cheesy Pasta Bake V
- 3 Choice of Sandwich (Ham, Cheese V, Tuna Mayo)
- 4 Filled Jacket Potato (Cheese V, Cheesy Beans V, Tuna Mayo, Tuna Crunch)
Pasta, Broccoli & Carrots
Melon & Summer Berry Salad

Friday

- 1 Breaded Fish Shapes
- 2 Battered Nuggets V
- 3 Choice of Tortilla Wrap (Ham, Cheese V, Tuna Mayo)
- 4 Filled Jacket Potato (Cheese V, Baked Beans V, Tuna Mayo, Tuna Crunch)
Chips & Peas
Homemade Cookie

Week 2

w/c 28/04/25 • 19/05/25 • 09/06/25 • 30/06/25
• 21/07/25 • 15/09/25 • 06/10/25 • 27/10/25

Monday

- 1 Ham & Sweetcorn Pizza
- 2 Sausage Roll V
- 3 Choice of Sandwich (Ham, Cheese V, Tuna Mayo)
- 4 Filled Jacket Potato (Cheese V, Cheesy Beans V, Tuna Mayo, Tuna Crunch)
Pasta, Broccoli & Carrots
Fruit & Ice-cream

Tuesday

- 1 All day Breakfast
- 2 All day Breakfast V
(Sausage/Quorn Sausage, Hash brown, Beans, Tomato)
- 3 Choice of Barmcake (Ham, Cheese V, Tuna Mayo)
- 4 Filled Jacket Potato (Cheese V, Baked Beans V, Tuna Mayo, Tuna Crunch)
Chocolate Cookie

Wednesday

- 1 Roast Chicken Dinner
- 2 Quorn Fillet V
- 3 Choice of Tortilla Wrap (Ham, Cheese V, Tuna Mayo)
- 4 Filled Jacket Potato (Cheese V, Baked Beans V, Tuna Mayo, Tuna Crunch)
Mash, Cauliflower, Carrots & Gravy
Cooks Muffin

Thursday

- 1 Garlic Chicken Pasta
- 2 Garlic & Herb Calzone V
- 3 Choice of Sandwich (Ham, Cheese V, Tuna Mayo)
- 4 Filled Jacket Potato (Cheese V, Cheesy Beans V, Tuna Mayo, Tuna Crunch)
Seasonal Vegetables
Shortbread

Friday

- 1 Fish Fingers
- 2 Veggie Burger in a Soft Bun V
- 3 Choice of Tortilla Wrap (Ham, Cheese V, Tuna Mayo)
- 4 Filled Jacket Potato (Cheese V, Baked Beans V, Tuna Mayo, Tuna Crunch)
Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn
Banana & Raisins

Week 3

w/c 05/05/25 • 26/05/25 • 16/06/25 • 07/07/25
• 01/09/25 • 22/09/25 • 13/10/25

Monday

- 1 Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake
- 2 Warm Tomato & Mozzarella Roll V
- 3 Choice of Sandwich (Ham, Cheese V, Tuna Mayo)
- 4 Filled Jacket Potato (Cheese V, Cheesy Beans V, Tuna Mayo, Tuna Crunch)
Pasta & Broccoli
Ice-Cream with Summer Berry Sauce

Tuesday

- 1 Southern Fried Chicken Wrap
- 2 Homemade Cheese Flan V
- 3 Choice of Barmcake (Ham, Cheese V, Tuna Mayo)
- 4 Filled Jacket Potato (Cheese V, Baked Beans V, Tuna Mayo, Tuna Crunch)
Potato Crunchies & Corn Cob
Homemade Flapjack

Wednesday

- 1 Chicken Dinner
- 2 Sausage Dinner (v)
- 3 Choice of Tortilla Wrap (Ham, Cheese V, Tuna Mayo)
- 4 Filled Jacket Potato (Cheese V, Baked Beans V, Tuna Mayo, Tuna Crunch)
New Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy
Banana & Raisins

Thursday

- 1 Pasta Bolognese
- 2 Two Cheese Pizza V
- 3 Choice of Sandwich (Ham, Cheese V, Tuna Mayo)
- 4 Filled Jacket Potato (Cheese V, Cheesy Beans V, Tuna Mayo, Tuna Crunch)
Pasta, Peas and Corn
Cooks Muffin

Friday

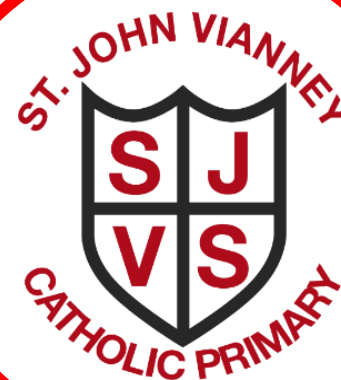
- 1 Fish Fingers / Salmon Bites
- 2 BBQ Style Calzone V
- 3 Choice of Tortilla Wrap (Ham, Cheese V, Tuna Mayo)
- 4 Filled Jacket Potato (Cheese V, Baked Beans V, Tuna Mayo, Tuna Crunch)
Chips & Beans
Fruit & Jelly

In addition to the above, White & Brown Bread, Yoghurt and Fruit will be available daily alongside a variety of salad bar items. Choice of Milk, Water & Fruit Juice across the week.

(v) = Suitable for vegetarians. Did you know some of our dishes are also Vegan Friendly?

Changes to Published Menu - The menu may be subject to change to ensure ingredients are used to the optimum quality or to meet the needs of an individual school.

Dietary Requirements - Alternative Dietary specific menus available by request following the Special Diets Procedure. Allergen and Carb information also available upon request and via the council's website.



Class Dojo...

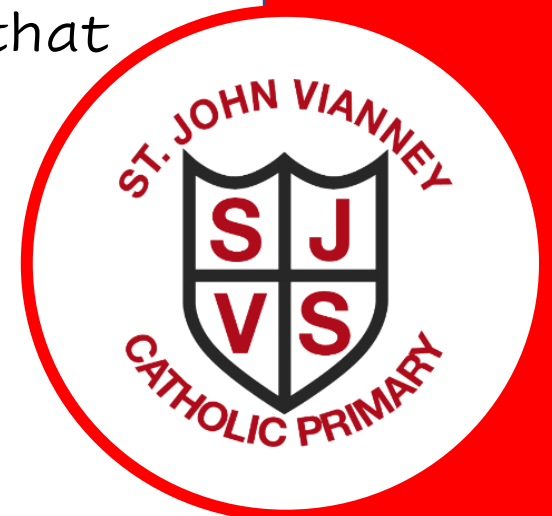
It is important that you are fully connected and active prior to your child starting school. Please download the app onto your phone and you will be able to contact Miss Lowdon directly.

It may be a short message to say that a Grandparent is picking up your child that day or perhaps that your child is feeling a little under the weather that day. The message will reach me straight away.

Within the Class Dojo app, you will also see the things that your child is being rewarded for in class too.



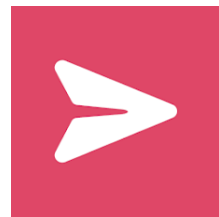
ClassDojo



Absence and Illness...

Please make sure your child is in school at 8:45am. We aim to have a prompt start to the school day.

If your child is ill, please either contact the school office on the first day of absence to let them know or you can notify us using the Reach More Parents app.



reach **more** parents
by weduc

If your child is persistently late or absent, you will be contacted by school and invited to attend a meeting to discuss ways that we can support you.

Regular lateness and absences have a negative effect on children's learning and their social and emotional well-being.



Breakfast Club...

Breakfast Club starts at 07:45am at a cost of only £5 per session if you book on an 'as and when' basis. However, if you enter a contract and book in advance, the cost per session is reduced to £4 per session.

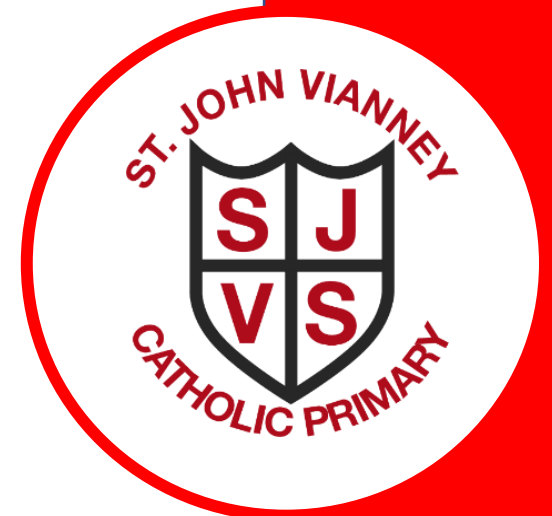
Breakfast is included for those children who arrive before 08:30.

You can book sessions on the teachers 2 parents app.



After School Club...

3.15pm-5.30pm at a cost of £9 per child, per day if on contracted days or £10 for bookings as and when needed.





We always need new members to help with our PTFA events!

We have a meeting every half-term and there is usually an after-school event each term (bingo, discos, fayres etc)

Please come along and help us to raise funds for our children.

Check out the Facebook page 'St John Vianney PTFA'.



In September, your child will need...

- School book bag – This is provided for your child.
- Water bottle
- Waterproof coat
- School uniform
- PE kit in a drawstring bag
- Spare underwear and a change of clothes that they can keep in a bag on their peg
- Wellies to keep at school

Please ensure that **everything** is labelled with their name.

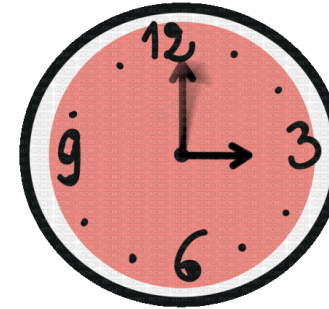


Welcome Packs...

The packs you have received today contain lots of information and forms to complete.

Including:

- Registration Forms
- Medical Information (Including allergies)
- Permission to collect from school
- Contact numbers incase of emergencies
- Tapestry Online Learning Journal Permission
- Applying for Free School Meals
- Uniform voucher



**Please return forms
to school by 11th July
2025.**



Taster Sessions...

Taster sessions are a great opportunity for us to meet your child and begin to get to know them. There will be lots of opportunities for your child to look around the classroom, go to the toilet, play and become familiar with the grown ups that will be in their classroom.

Wednesday 2nd July- Parents Meeting - 6pm

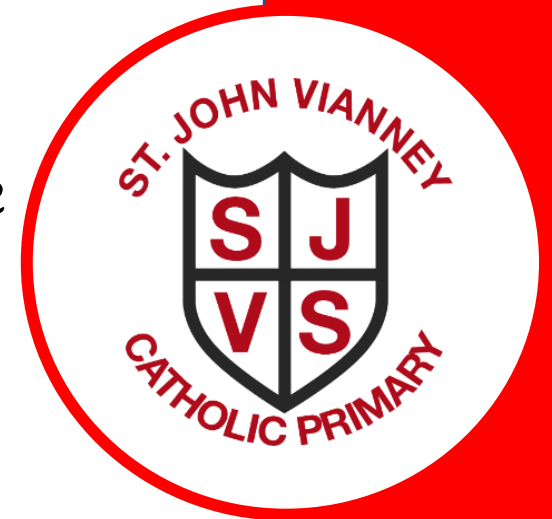
Monday 7th July - Taster session – 1:15pm-2:45pm

Tuesday 8th July - Taster session – 1:15pm-2:45pm

If you could let us know if you are attending
These sessions by contacting the school office

Or emailing me at

leanne.lowdon@sthelens.org.uk



First Week in September...

Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	Thursday 4 th September 2025	Friday 5 th September 2025
INSET DAY (school closed to children)	Children will be split into two equal groups and attend one session only Morning session: 8.45am-11.30am Afternoon session: 12.30pm-15.15pm No lunch will be given at school on this day	<u>All children</u> to attend in the morning session only and stay at school for lunch Morning session: 8.45am-12.30pm <u>All children</u> will be collected at 12.30pm after lunch	All children to attend school all day



<u>Morning Session</u> <u>8.45am-11.30am</u>	<u>Afternoon Session</u> <u>12.30am-15.15am</u>
Miley	Tallulah
Peaches – may	George
Scarlett C	Scarlett H
Jordan	Ezra
Sophia B	Isla-Grace
Jessica	Teddy
Sienna D	Sienna M
Heidi	Cheryl
Angelina	Vincent
Oakley	Ruby
Dillon – James	Amir
Johan	



And Finally...

We are really looking forward to working in partnership with you. This is a such an exciting milestone in your child's life.

Keep in touch!

School Website: www.stjohnvianneyprimary.com

School Facebook Page: St John Vianney Catholic Primary

PTFA Facebook Page: St John Vianney PTFA

School Twitter Page: @SJVprimary

PTFA Instagram Page: @sjvptfa

