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Through following Jesus, we aim to be a caring, happy school, where everyone is valued and appreciated and can reach their true potential. We hope to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

2nd October 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

Parking

Our neighbours around school, are reporting that parents are being abusive towards them and parking across their driveways at the start and end of the school day. They have been advised to note down the registration number and report it to the police. We would ask you to be respectful of all our neighbours when you are parking. There is always additional parking at the church, and you can walk over to school. I have been sent footage which I have told the resident to share with the police of a parent parking on a house driveway, shouting at the resident whose house it was, collecting their child and taking them back to the car on the driveway and shouting at the resident for a second time in front of their child. Please can I ask all parents to consider their behaviour and think about where they are parking.

Spaces in school

We are in the very rare position of having some spaces in some classes across school. If you know of anyone who would like to apply to join our school please give them the office@stjohnvianneynewcastle.org email address and they can ask for further information.

Online behaviour

Please can we advise parents to check their children's phones and electronic devices. We have had a number of incidents reported to school about malicious and offensive communications taking place between children on their phones or other electronic devices.

Arbor

All parents have been emailed a link for Arbor and 90% of parents have now signed up to the App. Please make sure you all sign up as from now on, this is the only form of communication for school letters, dinner money & trips etc. Teacher to Parents will no longer be used.

Secondary School Applications

All Year 6 parents MUST have submitted their application by 31st October 2025 for their child's place in secondary school. <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-transfer-places> and the national offer day on 2nd March 2026.

Uniform

Uniform - Please remember that there is a whole school uniform policy which is available on the school website. Please remember that on your child's PE day they should come to school wearing PE Shorts and a PE T-Shirt, dark blue or black tracksuit bottoms and their school red jumper. Please DO NOT send them in wearing hoodies, football strips and designer tracksuits, children will be given pre-worn items to replace this if they continue to wear non-school uniform clothing. Hoodies do not form part of the uniform policy for any child except for the last few weeks of the summer term when Year 6 pupils are provided with them to celebrate the end of their primary school journey. All children should be wearing black shoes as part of their school uniform. Trainers are only allowed on their PE day, and even then, they should not be football boots or brightly coloured trainers.



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Haircuts - Please follow the uniform policy and no child should have shaved hair cuts or tram lines shaved into their hairstyles

Earrings – No child should be wearing earrings in school. Earrings are a safety risk and are against school rules. For those children who have had their ears pierced in the last few weeks, during term and not the holidays, they must wear plasters to tape up their ears. This is only allowed for a few weeks to allow the ears to heal, then all earrings including plastic spacers must be removed.

Football Trials

Following a great start to the year in both girls' and boys' football matches, Mr Exley is now holding football trials for the boys this week and football trials for the girls in the next fortnight. We would love as many pupils as possible to take part so please look out for information from Mr Exley.

Miss Dean

I am delighted to inform you all that Miss Dean is expecting a baby, we are all thrilled for and wish her and her family our prayers and heartfelt congratulations. Consequently, she will be leaving us soon to start her maternity leave.

Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents Residential Meeting

Parents in these groups are invited to a brief residential information evening in the school hall on Tuesday 7th October 2025. Staff will outline the school offer for this year and answer questions from parents.

Year 4 parents 3:45pm – 4:15pm

Year 5 parents 4:15pm – 4:45pm

Year 6 parents 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Nursery and Reception Open Evening

Anyone considering our school for the academic year 2026-2027 is invited to attend an open evening at St John Vianney on either Tuesday 21st October 2025 or Thursday 23rd October 2025 at 4pm. Please email the school office to book a place.

office@stjohnvianneynewcastle.org

First Holy Communion

All parents in Year 4 have been emailed a copy of the First Holy Communion Information Letter. The deadline to return the permission slip and baptism certificate to school is Friday 24th October. A reminder that the dates are as follow: Mr Bonnar's class has its first reconciliation on 30th January 2026 and First Holy Communion on 9th May 2026 and Mr Peacock's class has its first reconciliation on 6th February 206 and the first holy communion on 16th May 2026. The details of information that Fr Paul needs and the expectations of what is required by families to support their children has been emailed to all year 4 parents. Information to prove your address and any questions for the priest can be emailed directly for the attention of Fr Paul to the parish email address stjohnvianney.westdenton@diocesehn.org.uk

School half term dates

A reminder that school closes to pupils, after dismissal, on Friday 24th October and reopens at 8:30am on Monday 3rd November 2025.

Year 6 Safety Works school trip

Year 6 pupils are going out on their annual safety works trip on Monday 3rd November. Mrs Black and Mr Exley will update you with a specific letter next week.

Year 5 Swimming

This is due to start again on Monday 3rd November. Miss Dolphin and Miss Barker will write to you nearer the time with specific details.

Photographer

Advance notice that the school photographer is in school on Wednesday 5th November.

Parents Evening

Advance notice that parents evening will be held on Tuesday 18th November and Thursday 20th November. There will be an online booking link sent to you nearer the time. Mrs Meldrum will also be available for meetings as the school SENDCo.

NHS Checks

The NHS will be carrying out their annual heights, weights and measures check for all reception and year 6 pupils on Thursday 20th November 2025.

Carol Service Cathedral

Our year 6 pupils will be representing our school at the carol service for Newcastle Catholic Schools on Wednesday 3rd December. Unfortunately, due to the number of schools attending there is not enough room in the cathedral for parents to attend at the same time.

Christmas dates

Who is invited		Time	Location
Nursery - Rainbow	Nativity	Tuesday 2 nd December 10am	St John Vianney School Hall
Nursery - Sunshine	Nativity	Thursday 4 th December 10am	St John Vianney School Hall
Parents of SR Reception	Nativity	Wednesday 10 th December 10am	St John Vianney School Hall
Parents of KoN Reception	Nativity	Wednesday 10 th December 2pm	St John Vianney School Hall
Parents of JC Year 1	Nativity story through music and scripture	Tuesday 9 th December 10am	St John Vianney Church
Parents of EW Year 1	Nativity story through music and scripture	Tuesday 9 th December 10am	St John Vianney Church
Parents of DC Year 2	Nativity story through music and scripture	Tuesday 9 th December 2pm	St John Vianney Church
Parents of SB Year 2	Nativity story through music and scripture	Tuesday 9 th December 2pm	St John Vianney Church
Parents of AB Year 3	Christingle Service	Thursday 11 th December 2pm	St John Vianney Church
Parents of FM Year 3	Christingle Service	Thursday 11 th December 2pm	St John Vianney Church
Parents of RB Year 4	Christingle Service	Thursday 11 th December 2pm	St John Vianney Church
Parents of NP Year 4	Christingle Service	Thursday 11 th December 2pm	St John Vianney Church
Parents of KD Year 5	Carols by candlelight	Wednesday 17 th December 2pm	St John Vianney Church
Parents of OB Year 5	Carols by candlelight	Wednesday 17 th December 2pm	St John Vianney Church
Parents of JB Year 6	Carols by candlelight	Wednesday 17 th December 2pm	St John Vianney Church
Parents of LE Year 6	Carols by candlelight	Wednesday 17 th December 2pm	St John Vianney Church

Christmas Parties

These will be held in the last week of term, dates and year group details to follow and pupils will be allowed to wear their own clothes on their party day.

Christmas holiday dates

School will close after pupils are dismissed on Friday 19th December 2025 and reopen at 8:30am on Monday 5th January 2026.

If you need any further information, you are always welcome to contact school via email or telephone. As always, we continue to keep all our families in our thoughts and prayers.

Best wishes,

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