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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**

20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Reminder of School Meals Price Increase

Newcastle City Council has informed schools that from the **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025**, they are increasing the school catering charge to £3 per meal. St John Vianney Catholic Primary School and BBCET recognises this is a significant increase for parents from the current price. We all know the importance of a pupil receiving a hot, nutritious school meal. Consequently, we are doing what we can to limit the impact of this cost and have agreed to limit the price passed to parents to £2.70 until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026.

### Cafod – Big Lent Walk

[https://walk.cafod.org.uk/?gad\\_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjw1um-BhDtARisABjU5x4RDBRflCvqZy5oAXoBEeEiHbVmq6ri5zjaH5vv5Letlc\\_T6W\\_TBrlaAjJiEALw\\_wcB](https://walk.cafod.org.uk/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjw1um-BhDtARisABjU5x4RDBRflCvqZy5oAXoBEeEiHbVmq6ri5zjaH5vv5Letlc_T6W_TBrlaAjJiEALw_wcB) The whole school is taking part in a Lenten walk to church on Monday as part of our Lenten preparation. Each year group are going in turn so please make sure your child has a coat with them!

### Request for information

In April, St John Vianney Catholic Primary School will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, I am hoping that parents and grandparents may well have photographs or items which remind them of St John Vianney over the years. We would greatly appreciate it if we could colour copy any old photographs or documents you may have which you would like to share with us. Please could you bring any items into the school office, and they will be carefully copied and returned to you. We would like to set up some memory boards of St John Vianney over the years! Please feel free to pass the word around and ask your friends, if you know any ex-pupils or staff, please ask them to see if they can share any of their old school memorabilia with us.

### Parents evening

A reminder that parents evening will be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025, we would like all children to have at least one parent who can attend for their child. Mrs Meldrum is also available to talk to, in her capacity as SENDco, to see her please ring the office and they will book the appointment in for you.

### Science week

Last week as science week, led by Mr Peacock in school. A great time was had by all as I am sure you will have seen from the school Facebook page.



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### Permissions

Please look out for a Microsoft forms permission request coming out with a letter for all parents to update their permission for their child's image to be on school, BBCET Trust, social media and news outlets. This will come out as an email in the next few days, and I would appreciate it if you could all complete it.

### Easter Egg Raffle

Tickets are on sale via the school council from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Tickets cost £1 with a maximum of 5 per child. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

### Decorate an Egg competition

All children are encouraged to bring a fully decorated egg into school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April, ready to be judged. I imagine there will be one or two Newcastle United themed ones!! Good luck everyone.

### The Wellbeing Hub

St John Vianney, supports the mental health of young people using the Wellbeing hub. This is a new resource which is fully funded and therefore free to parents to use, and we now invited you to all access the resources and feel empowered to support the mental health and wellbeing of your child through this innovative online platform. At St John Vianney, we all believe that positive mental health is fundamental to a young people's ability to thrive and make the most of the opportunities available to them while at school. By collaborating with The Wellbeing Hub, we aim to equip all our parents with the knowledge, understanding, and strategies to support our pupils effectively. Alicia Drummond, adolescent psychotherapist and founder of The Wellbeing Hub, commented: "Schools do an extraordinary job of educating their pupils in the most challenging circumstances. We are thrilled to partner with St John Vianney as they take this proactive and holistic approach to support the mental health of their entire school community." The Wellbeing Hub has seen increased demand from parents and schools for guidance and training to understand and address the social and emotional needs of young people. The Wellbeing Hub is currently making a positive impact on more than 160,000 pupils in over 220 schools across the UK. To access all and any information, please log in using the QR code above.



### Big Walk and Wheel 2025 Challenge

As a school we are taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025 Challenge. Join us all by walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling to school between 24<sup>th</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> April. This helps everyone feel more active and energised, it helps the environment by replacing car journeys and helps school win some fantastic prizes.

<https://bigwalkandwheel.org.uk/>

### Celebration of the Word

A quick reminder that all parents and carers are invited to a quiet reflective celebration of the word in the school hall with their child's class. This is not a show or performance, and not all children will have 'speaking parts.' Much more importantly we want parents and carers to see what sort of religious reflections our children take part in on a weekly basis, this is a moment in each child's week where they can take a quiet moment to pause and reflect.

March 2025			
Celebration of the Word 9:00am – 9:20am	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> March Y2 Mrs Langford Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> March Y2 Miss Campbell Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> March Y3 Miss Cherry Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> March Y3 Mrs Bowden	School Hall	Parents are invited to join a prayerful moment with the children in the school hall. As this is a celebration of the word and not a school performance no photographs are allowed
April 2025			
Class Celebration of the Word 9:00am – 9:20am	Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> April Y1 Miss Dean Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> April Y1 Mrs O'Neil Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> April Y4 Mr Bonnar & Mr Peacock Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> April Y6 Mrs Black	School Hall	Parents are invited to join a prayerful moment with the children in the school hall. As this is a celebration of the

	Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> April Y6 Mr Exley		word and not a school performance no photographs are allowed
Summer Term 2025			
Class Celebration of the Word 9:00am – 9:20am	<b>Y5 Miss Dolphin</b> <b>Y5 Mrs Haughton</b> <b>Dates to be confirmed in summer term</b>	School Hall	Parents are invited to join a prayerful moment with the children in the school hall. As this is a celebration of the word and not a school performance no photographs are allowed

Best wishes,

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