



# St John's Church of England Academy

## I Will Shine

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Dear Families and Children,

I've been so impressed with the Mini and Junior Duke books that I have been signing this week. Children have been very busy at home doing so many things, such as sewing, food preparation, swimming, shopping with a budget and planning meals. Baking has been a highlight for me as I've had the honour of tasting the delicious cakes! I'm so pleased that the children are enjoying the scheme and I'll be signing books each Monday and Tuesday lunchtime; keep on bringing them in to show us what you've achieved. I do have a couple of extra books for each year group, so if your child would like to join in, let me know.

Monday was a very exciting day with our 9 Headteachers for the Day working with me. They learned about health and safety, interviewed other children, looked at books and helped me to plan ways to make our school even better. They were a very dedicated team to work with.

As always, our teachers and teaching assistants have been working very hard to provide excellent learning for all children. I can't thank them enough for how much they care about our school and for the way they strive for every child to achieve their very best.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and Year 5 have been working hard to plan lots of activities for the whole school to enjoy. On Tuesday we have Safer Internet Day and Miss Hanson has prepared work so that children can be confident in knowing how to use the internet safely and what to do if they are worried. It promises to be another busy and exciting week so keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter pages to see our learning in action.

### Congratulations to our Presentation, Writing and Star of the Week certificate winners this week!



Congratulations to Grace, Rohan, Esme, Louisa, Jemimah, Emily, Gracie, Isla, Charlie, Zeby, Emilia, Caleb, Cassie, Holly, Elijah, Ida, Joshua, Evelyn, Archie and Imogen. We are so proud of you all!

Lucy and Caleb have introduced a Head Boy and Girl certificate which they will be choosing each week. They are looking for children who show excellent friendship to others. Who will they notice being kind, gentle and caring towards others?

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### Prayer and Reflection



Dear God,  
You are the light that guides my feet.  
You are the map that gives me direction.  
You are the peace that makes me strong.  
May your light illuminate my life and your guidance bring direction.  
May I find inspiration in your work and peace in my heart as I follow you.  
May your light shine even more brightly for those who need it most.  
Help us in our mission to shine because the world needs our light.  
Thank you for making each one of us uniquely in your image and for nurturing our gifts.  
Amen

### Internet Safety

I will be leading a session for parents to discuss and support with children's internet safety. This will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 5.00pm in the hall. Thank you to those who have raised questions and concerns on the survey. This is still open so please do share your thoughts to help me make the session as useful as I can for you. [Survey link](#)

An excellent source of information is available at the National Online Safety website. They publish one-page guides for parents about specific apps or games, as well as general advice. All guides can be found here:

[National Online Safety](#)

West Midlands Police also host regular online sessions for families about internet safety. Booking links and dates can be found here: [West Midlands Police workshops](#)

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## Dates for your diaries

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week begins 1.00: Year 2 visit from Cool Critters
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day 2.00: Year 1 Come and Share
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00 – 12.00: Years 5 & 6 at Life Expo at APEC
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	4.00 – 6.30: Parent/Carer TLC meetings
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	4.00 – 6.30: Parent/Carer TLC meetings
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	5.15 – 7.15: PA Film Night
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	2.00: Year 2 Come and Share
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Half term – have a happy and safe holiday.	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	5.00 – 6.00: Internet safety meeting for parents/carers only. I have set up a Teams link if anyone wants to join virtually due to childcare. Please email me if you would like the link.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Potential 2 <sup>nd</sup> teacher strike day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together

### Courageous Advocacy

A school value which we are very proud of is Stewardship: 'Your life should make a positive difference to others.' The Church of England identifies the act of speaking out against an issue of injustice, often on behalf of those whose voice is not heard, as Courageous Advocacy. We hope children's time at St John's inspires them to be brave enough to speak out when things are unfair or unjust and to strive to help others in the local and global community. I am very proud of the children for their work to raise money for excellent causes and for the care they show when thinking about looking after our planet. As Jesus' heart for courageous advocacy is unmistakable, we aim to live out God's Word by helping others as a community of people who have the courage to, 'speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves' (Proverbs 31:8).

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### Aspirations Day

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, we are hoping to organise a whole school aspirations day. If you have a job or a vocation which could inspire some of our children, please email me. I would like to find lots of people who would be willing to lead short presentations about their vocation for small groups of children with a member of staff. If you know anybody else who might be willing to give their time on this day to talk about what they do, please let me know or pass on my email address.

### Family Support

School nursing newsletter: <https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/coventry/coventry-school-nursing-newsletter-january-2023/>



Coventry Education Psychology Team will be running a FREE session for parents/carers on

## Emotion Coaching

Emotion Coaching is an approach that parents/carers can use with children and young people to support their emotional development.

Research suggests that Emotion Coached children and young people:

- Are more emotionally stable
- Are more resilient
- Achieve more academically in school
- Have fewer behavioural problems

This session will introduce the steps of Emotion Coaching and its scientific basis, and will involve practical activities and resource-sharing so that parents can begin to use this increasingly popular approach straight after the session.

### Video Link Session

**EITHER** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 — 12.30 - 2.30pm

**OR** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 — 12.30 - 2.30pm

\*The same session will be delivered twice, so please state which date you can attend or if you are available for either date

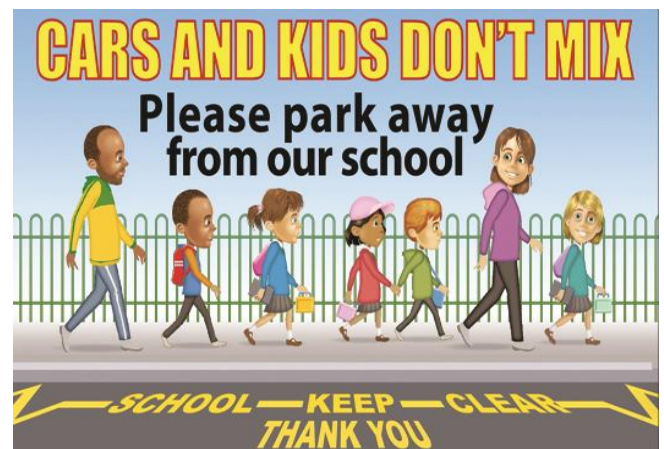
To request an invite and for further information contact:

SEND Information Advice and Support Service

Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: [iass@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:iass@coventry.gov.uk)

### Safer Parking

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