

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

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*"Lord be thy word my rule."*

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## **Port Vale Football "Play On The Pitch" Event**

Dear Parent/Carers,

Your child has been selected to represent St. John's at a city-wide event supporting youth football. The Port Vale Foundation have secured the fantastic opportunity for children from our school to take part in a football tournament. The best part, is that we are able to play on the pitch at Vale Park, which is a unique opportunity that very few people have. They will play with other pupils from their key stage, and will be competing against other primary schools from across the city. This event will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

Your child will attend school as normal in the morning, then get changed into their school PE kit at lunchtime. You will then be required to collect them from school at 2:30pm and transport them to Port Vale Football Club for a 3pm start. They will take part in a 7-a-side tournament against other schools from around the city, with a finish time of 5:30pm. Staff from St. John's will be present at all times. Please ensure your child has bottle of water/water bottle to fill up.

Parents and carers are able to stay and spectate the event for a cost of £1 (payable on the day at the kiosk) and can then stay for the whole afternoon to support their children. Parking will be free of charge, and food/drink will be available for purchase.

All children will require collecting at the end of the event, at 5:30pm from Vale Park.

This event will take place at Vale Park, Hamil Road, Burslem, ST6 1AW.

If you would like your child to participate in the tournament please give consent on Arbor by end of day tomorrow, any spare places will then be offered to others on Friday.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Wiggs  
PE Leader