

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
11 July 2025

Dear parents and families,

I want to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Summer Fair such a wonderful event. I'm delighted to share that we raised just over £2,000 after expenses—one of the most successful totals we've achieved in recent years!

I received many lovely comments from parents who thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, and several people shared that they particularly liked the new format this year. While I recognise it's difficult to please everyone, I'm truly grateful to every member of our community who supported the fair—whether through donating prizes, running a stall, or simply turning up to enjoy the day. Your generosity and time make a real difference.

At St Vincent's, we always aim to use our fundraising to enhance the school in ways that go beyond the usual expectations. With this in mind, I am now exploring the installation of a proper bicycle and scooter stand. I hope this will encourage more children to travel to school actively, knowing they have a safe place to leave their bikes and scooters.

However, I must remind everyone that bicycles and scooters must not be ridden in the school playground. This is a rule I regularly reinforce with both children and adults, but unfortunately, it continues to be overlooked. For everyone's safety, particularly during busy times, bikes and scooters must be walked through the playground. Please note that if this rule is not followed, we may need to ask children not to bring them to school at all. Sadly, we have had serious accidents in the past, and I am committed to ensuring the playground remains a safe space for all.

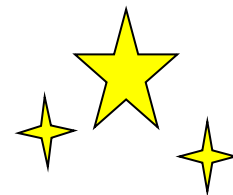
Thank you once again for your continued support and for helping us build a stronger, safer and more vibrant school community.

Together, we make St Vincent's a place to be proud of.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week



Reception – Alina for rapidly growing in confidence when talking to adults.
Year 1 – Ian for creativity and originality in writing tasks.
Year 2 – Gabriel M for creating great pieces of writing and sharing imaginative ideas.
Year 3 – Kaiden for being a kind and supportive friend who always helps others.
Year 4 – Emmanuel for building confidence and working hard in English.
Year 5 – Violet for knowledgeable contributions about the Titanic.
Year 6 – Elsie for a great contribution to the end of year performance.

School Value Awards

Reception – Seth for being resilient with his reading skills.
Year 1 – Thiago for continuous effort to improve and reach new heights.
Year 2 – Megan for working hard at all activities and showing a fantastic attitude.
Year 3 – Ava for initiative to share creative ideas that inspire teamwork and support others.
Year 4 – Lillie for constant determination.
Year 5 – Sasha for showing inspiring ambition and determination in reaching her dreams.
Year 6 – Jason for showing great aspiration.

Dates for your Diary

Parents and families are warmly invited to join us in celebrating Mass.

If you would like to accompany the school as we walk to Mass, please inform your child's teacher so they can coordinate the arrangements.

Additionally, the Celebration of the Word will take place in the school hall, and parents of the respective year group are welcome to attend.

Tuesday 15 & Thursday 17 July	Year 6 Performances
Tuesday 15 July	School Reports to parents
Wednesday 16 July	Year 6 Award Night, parents invited
Wednesday 16 July	Years 3 & 5 visit to Mass
Thursday 17 July	Mini Vinnie Cake Sale
Friday 18 July	Mini Vinnie Cake Sale
Monday 21 July	Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 22 July	Last day of Summer Term
Monday 1 September	First day of Autumn Term

Term and holiday dates up to July 2026 are shown on the school website

School Reports

Children will bring home their school reports on Tuesday 15 July. Parents will have an opportunity to meet the teacher, if they have any concerns with their child's report.

This Week's Attendance

7 -11 July 2025	
Reception	94.2%
Year 1	97.2%
Year 2	98.2%
Year 3	95.3%
Year 4	88.5%
Year 5	94.5%
Year 6	96.3%
Whole school	94.7%



Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

Green 423 428 435 717

Pink 2 13 60 310 495 524

Raffle prizes which are not claimed by Friday 18 July will be reused for future raffles.

Mini Vinnie Cake Sale

The Mini Vinnies are holding a cake sale in the playground after school on Thursday 17 and Friday 18 July in aid of The Children's Trust, which supports children with brain injury. The Mini Vinnies would be grateful if you would please support this by bringing cakes to school on the mornings of the cake sale and by purchasing cakes from the stall. Thank you.



Breakfast Club Price Increase

Please note that due to rising costs, the price of a Breakfast Club session will increase from £7 to £8 per child from 1st September.

'Saving Harmonia' Book Launch

Year 4 attended their book launch for 'Saving Harmonia' at the Southbank centre yesterday. Go and check out their chapter at the school library - it is definitely worth a read! Well done Year 4 for all your hard work.



First Holy Communion Sacramental Programme 2026

Eligible candidates are invited from children who will be in Years 3 to 6 in September 2025. Applicants must be baptised Catholics and attend Mass at either Our Lady Help of Christians or St Patrick's. This year, application forms are available for collection from OLHC on the following dates: Saturday 6pm Masses from 7 June – 19 July 2025 and Sunday 11.15am Masses (during Little Church sessions) on 8, 15 and 22 June. All completed application forms must be submitted to the catechists and include two photographs, one of the applicant and another with their family/carer with whom they attend weekly Mass. Please note we only accept paper applications. The deadline for submission is Sunday 27 July 2025. Late applications will not be accepted.