

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
18 July 2025

Dear parents and families,

As we reach the end of another academic year at St Vincent's, I want to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to every member of our school community.

To our staff, thank you for your tireless work, care and professionalism. You go above and beyond every day to ensure that our children are safe, happy, and learning well. You are the heart of our school.

To our parents and carers, thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement and trust. Your partnership with us makes such a difference to the lives of the children we serve.

And to our children—what a year it has been! You have impressed us with your curiosity, kindness and resilience. Whether it's been in the classroom, on stage, on the sports field or around the school, you have made us incredibly proud.

We also prepare to say some goodbyes.

A very fond farewell to Ms O'Sullivan, who is leaving St Vincent's to take on new opportunities and continue growing her career. Her creativity, warmth and dedication have touched many lives, and she will be greatly missed by children and staff alike. Thank you, Ms O'Sullivan—you've been amazing!

We also prepare to say a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6. You have been shining examples to the younger children and have left your mark on our school with your kindness, humour, and determination. We are incredibly proud of you all and look forward to hearing about your future successes. You'll always be part of the St Vincent's family.

To the families and children moving on to new schools: thank you for being part of our community. We are grateful for the memories and the contributions you have made. Our very best wishes go with you, we hope you take with you happy memories of your time here.

Looking ahead to September, I'm pleased to share our class teachers for the next academic year:

Reception – Mrs Pell

Year 1 – Mr Hajigeorgiou

Year 2 – Mrs Hewett

Year 3 – Mrs Clements

Year 4 – Mrs Ovchynnyk and Ms Nim

Year 5 – Mrs Stevenson and Ms Alowoesin

We're excited to welcome Ms Nim and Ms Alowoesin and are confident they will bring energy, expertise and warmth to our school.

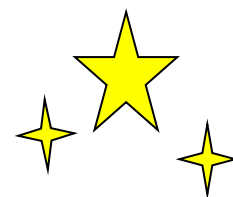
Finally, I wish you all a happy and restful summer. Whether you're travelling, spending time with family, or simply enjoying a slower pace, I hope the break gives you the chance to relax and recharge.

Thank you for everything you have done to make this year such a success. I feel truly lucky to be part of this community and I look forward to what we will achieve together next year.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez

## Stars of the Week



Reception – Zion for fantastic writing, with amazing use of sounds.  
Year 1 – Daniella for consistent effort to stay on task and remain focused.  
Year 2 – Sophia A for working hard, for showing kindness to others and for beautiful artwork.  
Year 3 – Harper for great independence and effort, shown by writing a fantastic piece on his own.  
Year 4 – Olamide for a strong work ethic.  
Year 5 – Amarisa for a consistent positive attitude towards learning.  
Year 6 – Thierno for great resilience.

## School Value Awards

Reception – George for being curious when learning about money.  
Year 1 – Gabriella for understanding that mistakes happen and offering forgiveness.  
Year 2 – Amelie for working hard, for wonderful pieces of writing and for amazing artwork.  
Year 3 – Chimamanda for helping others and being a kind, supportive friend every day.  
Year 4 – Jessica for being a role model.  
Year 5 – Massil for showing compassion when he supports teammates during P.E.  
Year 6 – Amy for 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.

Monday 21 July	Leavers' Mass 1:30pm at OLHC
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**

## This Week's Attendance

14 -18 July 2025	
Reception	95.8%
Year 1	98.4%
Year 2	97.8%
Year 3	94.7%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	99.1%
Whole school	96.8%



## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Nahia for achieving distinction in her Grade 1 Violin exam.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> September.

## **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.