

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
2 May 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

As we begin the month of May, we turn our hearts towards Mary, the mother of Jesus.

May is a time of special devotion in our Catholic faith—a moment to honour Mary and reflect on her example of love, humility and trust in God. Mary teaches us how to listen to God's call and respond with courage and generosity. She is not only the mother of Jesus, but a mother to us all, guiding us gently closer to her Son.

At St Vincent's, the children already hold Mary close in their hearts. They know the *Hail Mary* well and come together each Tuesday to pray the Rosary, a beautiful tradition that deepens their connection to the life of Jesus through the eyes of His mother. During this month, we will continue to honour Mary through prayer, reflection and quiet acts of devotion—offering flowers, gathering in prayer and creating spaces in school where the children can pause and feel close to Our Lady. We pray that through Mary's example, our children will grow in faith, compassion and a deeper love for God and one another.

We also look ahead to the long weekend, with school closed on Monday for the bank holiday. This coming week marks an important moment in British history: Wednesday 8th May is the 80th anniversary of VE Day—Victory in Europe—which brought an end to the Second World War in Europe in 1945.

At St Vincent's, we believe it is important for children to learn about significant historical events, not only to remember the past but to help shape a more peaceful and compassionate future. The lessons of history—of courage, resilience and the cost of conflict—remain deeply relevant today.

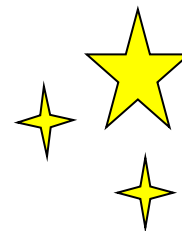
We encourage parents and carers to gently explore age-appropriate news and historical resources with their children. Helping them to understand events like VE Day fosters a broader awareness of the world and supports their understanding of the values we share as a school and as a community.

Finally, with the warmer weather now making a welcome appearance, we are encouraging children to stay well hydrated throughout the day. Drinking water is always available in school, so there is no need for children to bring their own bottles. However, if your child does bring a water bottle from home, please ensure it contains only plain water. Juice, squash and other flavoured drinks are not permitted, in line with our healthy schools approach.

To help keep children safe in the sun, we also ask that they wear a sun hat during outdoor play. Hats should be plain, without logos and we do have school sun hats available to purchase from the school office. If your child needs sun cream, please apply it before the start of the school day, as staff are unable to administer it in school.

Wishing you a restful long weekend and some welcome sunshine!

Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

Reception – Radheeka for a strong desire to do his best with written work.
Year 1 – Daniella for kindness and willingness to help others.
Year 2 – Manuela for continuous effort to reach new heights and striving to do her best.
Year 3 – Shaylen for resilience as he prepares to start at his new school.
Year 4 – Joshua for thoughtful answers in both RE and English.
Year 5 – Elena for exceptional knowledge and outstanding contributions to discussions.
Year 6 – Leia for a determined attitude to improve her work.

School Value Awards

Reception – Axel for showing interest, enthusiasm and curiosity in a new topic.
Year 1 – Gabriella for curiosity and seeking to understand more.
Year 2 – Gabriel T for working hard to develop learning skills and for creating lovely art work.
Year 3 – Maya for eager pursuit of knowledge and for asking insightful questions.
Year 4 – Juliet for continuous effort and dedication to learning.
Year 5 – David for consistently pushing through difficulties and staying focused on goals.
Year 6 – Logan 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.

Wednesday 7 May	Year 2 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 7 May	Year 3 visit to Mass
Wednesday 14 May	Year 4 visit to Mass
Wednesday 21 May	Year 1 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 21 May	Years 2 & 6 visit to Mass
Friday 23 May	Last day of first half of Summer Term
Monday 26 May – Monday 2 June	Half term break
Tuesday 3 June	First day of second half of Summer Term
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

28 April – 2 May 2025	
Reception	99.3%
Year 1	98.1%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	98.8%
Year 5	93.2%
Year 6	94.7%
Whole school	97.1%

★ Well done Reception ★
– best attendance for this week
with 99.3%