

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
23 May 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

We are often asked by parents how they can support their child's education. It's a great question and the answer is simpler than many expect. You don't need to be an expert in phonics or a whizz at maths. What matters most is creating the right environment at home — and that doesn't need to take up hours of your time.

At St Vincent's, we believe that every parent is a vital part of our school community and we know how busy family life can be. We might not always agree on every matter — and that's perfectly natural — but please be assured that we always share the same aim: to do what is best for your child and to help them succeed.

We believe there are four simple but highly effective ways families can support their child's education:

Children pick up on the things we say. When they hear school spoken about in a hopeful and encouraging way, they are more likely to value learning and believe in their ability to succeed.

Ask about their day, look through their reading book or writing journal, and notice the progress they're making. A few minutes of interest can go a long way in building motivation and self-esteem.

Being in school every day and on time, helps your child feel part of the learning community and keeps them on track with their progress.

Reinforcing kindness, responsibility and respect at home strengthens the values we promote in school and helps children understand the importance of how they treat others.

If you can get these four things right, **we'll do the rest**. Your encouragement, interest and consistency form the foundation for your child's success — and we are always here to work with you.

The four most powerful ways you can support your child's learning are:

- **Speak positively about school and learning**
- **Show an interest in school work**
- **Encourage good attendance and punctuality**
- **Support positive behaviour**

Thank you once again for all you've done this half term — whether it's reading at bedtime, supporting a school trip, attending a meeting, or simply cheering your child on. We hope you and your family enjoy a restful and happy break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back after half term.

Have a lovely half term break.

Mrs Gonzalez

## Stars of the Week



Reception – Alina for independently writing a fantastic story.

Year 1 – Kyrie for being a dependable, trustworthy student who can always be counted on.

Year 2 – Tomas for enthusiasm for new topics in mathematics and for completing great work.

Year 3 – Teddy for enthusiasm and eagerness to join in class discussions.

Year 4 – Emme for always persevering.

Year 5 – Damilola for always showing respect to teachers and peers.

Year 6 – Lainey for resilience and for encouraging others with kindness.

## School Value Awards

Reception – William for showing resilience with his writing.

Year 1 – Luna for consistently showing kindness and respect to all classmates,

Year 2 – Sophia L for consistently working hard and for creating a brilliant setting description.

Year 3 – Camilla for setting high goals for herself and working hard to achieve them.

Year 4 – Abigail for willingness to lend a helping hand.

Year 5 – Orezime for demonstrating love by including everyone in activities.

Year 6 – Jason for approaching each challenge with a positive attitude.

## 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 26 May – Monday 2 June	Half term break
Tuesday 3 June	First day of second half of Summer Term
Tuesday 10 June	Movie Night (details to follow)
Wednesday 11 June	Class photographs
Wednesday 18 June	Year 6 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 18 June	Year 4 visit to Mass
Wednesday 18 June	Meeting for Year 6 Residential Trip 3.45pm
Thursday 19 June	Year 3 outing to Eltham Palace
Wednesday 25 June	Year 6 outing to Royal Festival Hall
Wednesday 25 June	Year 3 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 25 June	Year 5 visit to Mass
Friday 27 - Sunday 29 June	Year 6 residential weekend
Tuesday 1 July	Sports Afternoon for Reception, Years 1 & 2
Wednesday 2 July	Year 5 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 2 July	Sports Afternoon for Years 3-6
Friday 4 July	Year 5 outing to Young V&A Museum
Wednesday 9 July	Reception Celebration of the Word
Tuesday 15 & Thursday 17 July	Year 6 Performance
Wednesday 16 July	Year 3 visit to Mass
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

## This Week's Attendance

19-23 May 2025	
Reception	90.0%
Year 1	94.0%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	94.1%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	89.1%
Whole school	93.6%

