

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

At St Vincent's, we place great importance on helping our children grow not only academically, but also as kind, respectful and thoughtful members of society. Central to this is teaching children to treat one another with dignity and respect.

Very occasionally, we become aware of incidents where unkind or discriminatory language has been used, including language linked to race or identity. These situations are rare in our school community, but when they do occur, we take them seriously and address them carefully and thoughtfully. Children are growing up in a world where they hear and encounter many different ideas and expressions, and part of our role as a school is to guide them in understanding the importance of speaking and acting with kindness and respect.

Across society more widely there is an increasing awareness of the importance of challenging discrimination in all its forms. Schools play an essential role in helping children understand how their words and actions affect others and how they can contribute positively to their community.

Through our school values, the teaching of British values such as mutual respect and tolerance, and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching — especially the dignity of every person and the importance of community — we continue to help our pupils understand that everyone is valued and everyone belongs.

We are grateful to parents and carers for the way you support this message at home. When children see the adults around them modelling respect, care and understanding, they learn to do the same.

Thank you, as always, for working in partnership with us to help our children grow into the kind, respectful and thoughtful young people we are so proud of.

As part of our shared responsibility for keeping St Vincent's a safe and welcoming place for everyone, I would also like to offer a gentle reminder about playground use before and after school.

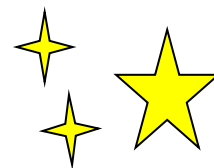
I am always very pleased to see so many families spending time together on the playground before and after school. It is lovely to see children and parents enjoying our school environment as part of our community life.

May I gently remind everyone that, in order to ensure the playground remains a safe place for all children — from toddlers to our older pupils — bicycles, scooters and ball games should not be used on the playground at these times.

We also ask that the playtime equipment is not used before or after school, as this is reserved for supervised play during the school day.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep the playground a safe and welcoming space for everyone.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Gonzalez
Headteacher



Stars of the Week

Reception – Rayden for demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning and putting in your best effort.

Year 1 – Fali for willingness to challenge their self and step out of their comfort zone.

Year 2 – Rio for working hard at tasks and sharing good ideas in class discussion.

Year 3 – Gabriel for showing great perseverance in your studies even when faced with challenging tasks.

Year 4 – Harper for active participation in our reading sessions.

Year 5 – Juliet for always working to the best of her abilities.

Year 6 – Sasha for making improvements in her maths work.

School Value Awards

Reception – Lily for showing remarkable resilience in the face of challenges and never giving up.

Year 1 – Aliane for ability to bounce back from setbacks with a positive attitude and showing determination.

Year 2 – Gabia for showing kindness to others and offering help, and for working hard to produce great work.

Year 3 – Olivia for setting high goals for yourself and working hard to achieve them.

Year 4 – Camilla for consistently showing kindness and respect towards all classmates.

Year 5 – Jesse for demonstrating positive attitude towards his learning.

Year 6 – Imogen for working hard to improve her maths.

Gold Awards

Gold Awards for earning 100 dojo points, well done!

Fali – Year 1

Diamond Awards

Diamond awards for earning 250 dojo points, well done!

Alina – Year 1

Isiwa – Year 1

Kyla – Year 1

This Week's Attendance

27 April to 1 May 2026	
Reception	88.84%
Year 1	96.98%
Year 2	99.15%
Year 3	98.08%
Year 4	97.63%
Year 5	95.49%
Year 6	95.54%
Whole school	95.96%



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 4 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Wednesday 6 May	Year 4 Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians leaving at 9am
Wednesday 6 May	Year 3 outing to Mottingham Library leaving at 2pm
Monday 11 May	Year 5 outing to British Museum
Monday 11 May	Year 4 author visit at Mottingham Library 2.15pm
Monday 11 May	Year 2 outing to National Gallery
Wednesday 20 May	Year 5 Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians leaving at 9am
Wednesday 20 May	Year 2 outing to Mottingham Library leaving at 2pm
Wednesday 20 May	Class photos
Monday 25 May - Monday 1 June	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 2 June	School reopens for second half of Summer Term
Wednesday 22 July	Last day of Summer Term

Term and holiday dates up to July 2027 are shown on the school website

If you have any comics and card games (e.g. UNO) that you would be happy to donate to the school, they will be gratefully received.

Safeguarding

If you need to discuss an **immediate** safeguarding concern, you can contact us through the following contact methods:

Call the school number 0208 857 5134 and ask for the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Email: general.post@st-vincent.sch.uk F.A.O. DSL

The Designated Safeguarding Leads in school are:

Mrs Gonzalez, Mrs Hall and Mrs Tumilty