

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
10 January 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

I am delighted to share with you some wonderful news following our recent Catholic Schools Inspection. The inspection focused on three key areas: Catholic Life and Mission, Religious Education and Collective Worship. I am incredibly proud to inform you that St Vincent's has been graded *Outstanding* in all areas, with inspectors commending the school for its exceptional strengths throughout.

Here are some of the highlights:

- **A Caring Community:** The inspectors noted that pupils view the school as their "second home," and staff as "second parents." This reflects the deeply embedded ethos of care, inclusion and belonging within our school.
- **Living Our Mission:** Our mission statement, "We live, love and learn through Christ," is not just words—it is lived out every day by our pupils and staff. The children are particularly recognised for their kindness, peer support and respect for others, creating a community where everyone feels welcomed and valued.
- **Excellence in Religious Education:** The report celebrated the high standards achieved in Religious Education, highlighting the children's enthusiasm, engagement and deep understanding of faith. Lessons are creative and inspiring, helping pupils to think critically and apply moral teachings to their lives.
- **Inspirational Worship:** Prayer and liturgy are central to our school life, with pupils leading prayers and participating with reverence and joy. Our prayer garden and reflective spaces were also praised for enriching the spiritual experiences of the children.
- **Leadership and Governance:** The report acknowledged the strong partnership between leaders, governors and staff in ensuring that our Catholic mission is at the heart of everything we do. This includes the exceptional support we receive from our parish community, particularly through regular Masses and the involvement of our parish priest, Father Mario.

This *Outstanding* report is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire school community—our pupils, staff, governors and parents. Together, we strive to make St Vincent's a place where children can grow spiritually, academically and personally.

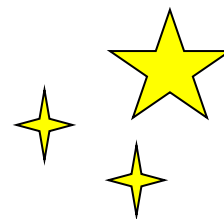
As this is the first newsletter of the New Year, it feels especially fitting to begin 2025 by celebrating this incredible achievement. It sets a wonderful tone for the year ahead and I look forward to building on this success with all of you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our parents and carers, for the part you play in supporting our mission. Whether through attending liturgies, engaging in your child's learning, or simply being part of our school family, your contributions are greatly appreciated.

The full report is attached to this newsletter for you to read. Let us continue to work together to build on this success, ensuring that St Vincent's remains a shining example of Catholic education in action.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

Reception – Ethan for being an excellent role model through hard work and dedication.
Year 1 – Athena for excellent behaviour and respect for rules and routines.
Year 2 – Konstantin for working hard and for a willingness to help others.
Year 3 – Camilla for a positive attitude towards learning and putting in best effort.
Year 4 – Abigail for a positive attitude to learning.
Year 5 – Amari for working diligently to grasp the concept of multiplication.
Year 6 – Alex for making a considerable effort to improve his work.

School Value Awards

Reception – Honora for being resilient with classwork and trying her best.
Year 1 – Uchenna for aspiring to be the best he can and motivating others to do the same.
Year 2 – Benjamin for aspiring to complete work to a high standard.
Year 3 – Kendall for pushing through difficulties and staying focused on goals.
Year 4 – Ernest for showing curiosity about learning.
Year 5 – Violet for dedication and commitment in setting a New Year's resolution.
Year 6 – Evelyn for showing great resilience.

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.

Friday 17 January	Year 3 to visit library
Wednesday 22 January	Year 4 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 22 January	Year 5 to attend Mass
Friday 24 January	Year 4 to visit library
Wednesday 29 January	Year 4 to attend Mass
Friday 31 January	Year 5 to visit library
Wednesday 5 February	Year 2 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 5 February	Year 3 to attend Mass
Tuesday 11 February	Year 5 outing to National Portrait Gallery
Wednesday 12 February	Year 1 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 12 February	Year 6 to attend Mass
Monday 17 – Friday 21 February	Half term break
Friday 4 April	Last day of Spring Term
Tuesday 22 April	First day of Summer Term

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

This Week's Attendance

7-10 January 2025	
Reception	91.5%
Year 1	97.7%
Year 2	98.7%
Year 3	95.8%
Year 4	94.1%
Year 5	91.5%
Year 6	97.3%
Whole school	95.8%



Applications for Reception Class September 2025

The application process for Reception places in September 2025 opened on 1 September 2024, for children whose date of birth falls between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021.

The national closing date for applications is **15 January 2025**.

The national offer date for on-time Reception applications is 16 April 2025.

If you are a Bromley resident, you should make your application through London Borough of Bromley. You can name schools outside of Bromley on your application, if you wish.

If you live outside of Bromley, you need to apply through the local authority where you live and can name Bromley schools on that application, if you wish.

In addition to the official council application, please complete a Supplementary Information Form, which can be picked up from the school office or downloaded from the school website.

New Climbing Frame

We are thrilled to announce that our new climbing frame is now ready for use! This exciting addition to our playground was made possible through a partial contribution from the funds raised by our children during non-uniform days, as well as our summer and Christmas fairs. A big well done to everyone involved! We are excited to see the children enjoy this new resource, and we now begin saving for our next project. Thank you for your continued support!

Christmas Fair Funds

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in running our Christmas Fair! Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff, children and parents, we were able to raise around £1500. Your support and effort made the event a great success, and we are incredibly grateful for your contributions. This money will go towards supporting projects that directly benefit our students. Well done and thank you once again!

Congratulations to all raffle winners!

