

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
12th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As many of you will know, we had our Ofsted inspection this week. Following the initial phone call on Monday, inspectors visited St Vincent's on Tuesday and Wednesday and we have now completed the process.

Whilst we are unable to share any official outcomes at this stage, as schools must wait for the final report to be published, we are very pleased with how the inspection went. We hope to be able to share the final report with you towards the end of term.

I would like to sincerely thank our entire school community for the incredible support shown throughout the week. Inspections can be demanding experiences for schools, but they are also an opportunity to reflect on who we are, what we value and the difference we make in the lives of our children every single day.

To our staff team — thank you. The care, dedication, professionalism and commitment shown by every member of staff was clear throughout the inspection process. The inspectors spent a significant amount of time in classrooms, around the school, speaking to leaders, staff, governors, parents and most importantly, the children themselves. The positive comments we received are a reflection of the hard work that happens here every day.

I also wanted to take a moment to explain a little about the current Ofsted framework, as inspections have evolved significantly in recent years. Inspections today are about far more than data or test results alone. Inspectors look carefully at the whole experience of being a child in the school. They consider behaviour, attitudes to learning, relationships, inclusion, safeguarding, personal development, attendance, curriculum thinking and the wider culture of the school.

Inspectors observe how children behave in lessons, around the building, at playtimes and when speaking with adults and one another. They look at whether children feel safe, whether they enjoy learning, whether the curriculum is ambitious and whether all children are included and supported to succeed.

One of the things that made us especially proud this week was the way our children represented St Vincent's. Inspectors described the behaviour of the children as "delightful" and spoke warmly about the respectful relationships between pupils and adults, as well as the children's positive attitudes towards learning. These moments matter deeply because they reflect the values and culture we work so hard to build together as a community.

One particular moment during the inspection really stayed with me. A child was speaking to one of the inspectors about friendships and relationships in the playground and said, "Things are not perfect, sometimes children fall out with each other, but when things go wrong, we know what to do and we know how to make it better."

I thought this captured the spirit of St Vincent's beautifully.

Children are learning, growing and developing every day, and naturally there will sometimes be disagreements, misunderstandings, or friendship difficulties along the way. What matters most is that our children feel supported to resolve problems positively, speak honestly, show kindness, and repair relationships when things go wrong.

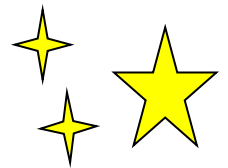
I also think there is something powerful in that message for all of us as adults too. We know it is impossible to get everything right all of the time or to make every single person happy in every situation. However, what matters most is that we continue to listen, reflect, communicate openly, and work together with kindness, honesty, and respect.

This week also reminded us how fortunate we are to have such a supportive parent community. As part of the inspection process, inspectors speak to parents directly and gather views about the experience of families within the school community. Whilst inspectors never disclose individual comments or identify parents, they did share the overall picture and “temperature” of the conversations they had. We were incredibly proud and grateful to hear that parental feedback was overwhelmingly positive and supportive of the school.

The encouragement, kindness and confidence shown towards St Vincent's meant a tremendous amount to our staff team. Working in schools can sometimes feel relentless, and hearing that families recognise and value the care, dedication and hard work of the staff genuinely lifted everybody's spirits during what was an intense and demanding week.

Thank you for your continued support, trust and partnership. It is deeply appreciated.

Mrs Gonzalez
Headteacher



Stars of the Week

Reception – Mikyla for being an excellent role model to your classmates through your hard work and dedication.

Year 1 – Andrew for your fantastic effort and improvements in Writing.

Year 2 – Eva for sharing great ideas in class and producing lovely pieces of work.

Year 3 – Noah for your enthusiasm and eagerness to participate in class activities and discussions.

Year 4 – Emmanuel for demonstrating outstanding effort and determination in practising multiplication skills.

Year 5 – Darcie for the good progress she is making in her writing.

Year 6 – Elena for running a dance club in her lunch break.

School Value Awards

Reception – Lily for always being a friend to those who are feeling down, showing understanding and care.

Year 1 – George for always showing empathy towards others, making our school a more caring place.

Year 2 – Luna for working hard at tasks and for being kind to others.

Year 3 – Manuela for consistently pushing through difficulties and staying focused on her goals.

Year 4 – Margot for embracing new challenges with curiosity and a desire to learn more.

Year 5 – Flora for the maturity and dedication she demonstrates when tackling her work across all areas of the curriculum.

Year 6 – Valentina for her help around the school.

Diamond Awards

Diamond Awards are for earning 250 dojos! Well done!

Year 1 – Andrew, George, Tiaraoluwa.

Year 3 – Jackson, Manuela, Megan, Noah.

This Week's Attendance

% from 8 th to 12 th June 2026	
Reception	95.6
Year 1	94.8
Year 2	91.5
Year 3	99.2
Year 4	95.6
Year 5	96.1
Year 6	93.8
Whole school	95.4



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 17 th June	Year 5 Visit to the Library
Wednesday 24 th June	Year 2 Visit to the Library
Friday 26 to Sunday 28 June	Year 6 PGL residential
Wednesday 1 st July	Year 3 Visit to the Library
Thursday 2 July	Sports Day Infants 9.15am
Thursday 2 July	Sports Day Junior 1.30pm
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 4 Visit to the Library
Tuesday 14 July	Year 6 Play 1.30pm
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 6 Prize Giving 4.30pm
Thursday 16 July	Year 6 Play 1.30pm
Monday 20 th July	Leavers Mass 1.45pm Year 2 to Year 6
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-vincents.bromley.sch.uk F.A.O. DSL

The Designated Safeguarding Leads in school are:

Mrs Gonzalez, Mrs Hall and Mrs Tumilty