

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
12 May 2023

Dear parents and families,

Next Sunday is 'Children's Day' in the UK. This day is observed to stress the importance of having a healthy childhood and the need to protect the freedoms and rights of children along with other young people.

This day celebrates children and highlights the importance of a happy childhood.

All aspects of children's health and development work together to form their overall wellbeing.

Children's development and mental health are affected by various factors, including the environments they are raised in, the relationships they build and the experiences they have.

At St Vincent's we believe it is important to create an open environment where children and young people can talk about how they feel without judgement. For this reason, we integrate discussions about mental health and wellbeing into our curriculum. This way we aim to understand how our students feel about particular issues we discuss.



Congratulations to all children and families who are celebrating their First Holy Communion this month. On your happy day, you will receive the gift of the Eucharist, the most important of the seven sacraments. It will be on this day you will receive the very body and blood, soul and divinity of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Please keep the students in your prayers as they continue their personal journey in faith.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Gonzalez

## Stars of the Week



- Reception – Kacper for being curious and adventurous in the outside area.  
 Year 1 – Maro for excellent work in maths and for always being kind to her friends.  
 Year 2 – Aurora for working really hard in maths.  
 Year 3 – Emily for working hard and showing aspiration in all tasks.  
 Year 4 – Selena for good descriptive writing and wonderful art work.  
 Year 5 – Ryan for great improvement in concentration.  
 Year 6 – Lourdes for making great progress in maths.

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 17 May	Years 3 & 4 visit to Mass <i>(leaving at 9am)</i>
Thursday 18 May	Ascension Day Years 2 – 6 visit to Mass <i>(leaving at 9am)</i>
Friday 26 May	Break the Rules Day
Friday 26 May	Last day of first half of term
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June	Half term break
Monday 5 June	School closed for staff training
Tuesday 6 June	School re-opens for second half of term
Friday 21 July	Last day of Summer Term
Monday 4 September	First day of Autumn Term

## This Week's Attendance

9 – 12 May 2023	
Reception	99.6%
Year 1	98.8%
Year 2	97.9%
Year 3	99.0%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	90.3%
Year 6	99.6%
Whole school	97.5%



## School Meal Price

We regret that we will have to increase the price of a school meal from £2.50 to £2.70 after the half term break, **from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**. The cost of meals for the second half of the term (6<sup>th</sup> June to 21<sup>st</sup> July) will be £91.80.

## Achievements

Congratulations to Naasei who has been awarded Grade 2 Violin and Zadok who has been awarded Grade 1 Violin.

## Gospel Reflection

### John 14:15-21

Today Jesus tells us that if we love him, we must keep his commandments and that God loves those who listen to and love his son. Let us think a bit more about love today.

Jesus is trying to prepare his disciples for what is coming next – his death on the cross and his rising again.

He tells them that if they love him, they must keep his commandments.

Jesus asked us to love God and to love one another.

It is often easy to show our love for those people who are close to us. We can be kind and generous to our friends; we can listen to our parents, carers and teachers. We can share with our brother or sister.

They show their love for us by comforting us when we are upset, by looking after us and by sharing their things with us too.

We are all God's children. God loves each and every one of us because we are special. Therefore, we need to do our best to show our love to all people, not just those who are close by.

We can show our love by caring for our world, which is the home we all share. We can try to make the world a fairer place, by making sure world leaders or others who have power, know that we want them to make a difference. We can stand up for what we believe in and try to make a change so that all people feel loved, respected and supported to build the life they want for themselves and for their family.

We believe that we are loved by God and so we pray together:

### Prayer

Christ Jesus, you came into the world to show us how to live. May we follow your commandment of love for one another and do what we can to care for all people, especially those who are poor.

Amen.