

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
13 February 2026

Dear parents and carers,

We are delighted to share that 2026 is the National Year of Reading, a celebration that shines a spotlight on one of the most powerful gifts we can give our children: a lifelong love of reading.

At St Vincent's, reading is a huge priority. We believe reading is not only a vital skill but also a source of joy, comfort, curiosity and imagination. Reading for pleasure plays a crucial role in children's development - supporting vocabulary, comprehension and academic success, while also nurturing wellbeing, empathy and creativity.

Through our English curriculum, children are immersed in a diverse and engaging range of high-quality texts. These books are chosen to ignite imaginations, spark discussion and reflect the rich variety of experiences in the world around us.

Reading also underpins learning across the entire curriculum. The ability to read fluently and with confidence enables children to access subjects such as science, history and geography, while the lifelong benefits extend far beyond the classroom. We value your support at home to ensure that children have plenty of opportunities to read and develop their skills in this area through sharing the books that are sent home from school.

World Book Day and Book Fair – March (dates to be confirmed)

We are excited to be celebrating World Book Day with a book character dress-up day in early March. We would like to reassure families that there is no expectation for costly costumes. Many well-loved book characters wear everyday clothes, and creativity is far more important than expense.

We also look forward to our Book Fair that will take place around the middle of March. Please note that World Book Day vouchers, which are being sent home with children, must be used in participating shops by 15th March. Vouchers will not be accepted at the school Book Fair this year, as there is a special Year of Reading offer where there will be £1 off every book purchase. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to choose books they are excited to read and to build their own home libraries.

All money raised through the book fair goes directly back into school, supporting the purchase of new books and enriching our reading resources for all pupils.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us foster confident, curious and enthusiastic readers. Together, we can make the National Year of Reading a truly inspiring one for our children.

Further information about our Book Fair and World Book Day will be released after the half term break.

Have a lovely half term break.

Mrs Gonzalez
Headteacher



Stars of the Week

Reception – Kian for great perseverance in his studies, even when faced with challenging tasks.
Year 1 – Paris for being an excellent role model through hard work and dedication.
Year 2 – Gabia for working hard and creating wonderful pieces of creative writing.
Year 3 – Chloe for enthusiasm and eagerness to participate in class activities and discussion.
Year 4 – Lyla for consistently completing work to a high standard and taking pride in learning.
Year 5 – Aurora for cultivating a great attitude toward learning and working hard on tasks.
Year 6 – Tobenna for making great improvements in his written work.

School Value Awards

Reception – Diana for always being ready to help others, spreading positivity and care.
Year 1 – Taliana for thoughtful actions that show a deep compassion for the feelings of others.
Year 2 – Izaiah for working hard at tasks and sharing nice ideas in class.
Year 3 – James for setting high goals for himself and working hard to achieve them.
Year 4 – Chimmy for thoughtful actions that show a deep compassion for the feelings of others.
Year 5 – Tony for always being ready to help others, while spreading positivity and care.
Year 6 – Orezi for working hard to improve her written work.

Silver Awards

Silver Awards are for earning 50 dojos! Well done!
Year 2 – Elisha.
Year 5 – Jovani.

Gold Awards

Gold Awards are for earning 100 dojos! Well done!
Year 2 – Teddie, Anthony.
Year 3 – James.
Year 4 – Luisa, Nathaniel, Victoria, Orion.
Year 5 - Alex M, Emme, Flora, Oliver, Toby, Zoe, Gerry.

This Week's Attendance

9-13 February 2026	
Reception	87.3%
Year 1	98.9%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	95.0%
Year 5	96.6%
Year 6	94.0%
Whole school	94.9%



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 16 – Friday 20 February	Half Term Break
Friday 27 March	Last day of Spring Term
Tuesday 14 April	First day of Summer Term

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

London Maths Challenge

Last Friday Mrs Stevenson accompanied four children from Year 5 to participate in the London Maths Challenge, which is organised by Christ's Hospital School for Year 5 students across London. They travelled to the historic Guildhall and were amazed by the fantastic building and the surrounding area in the city of London. It was an incredible opportunity and followed on really well after our NSPCC number day at school.

The children gave the following feedback:

Abigail said, "I loved the challenges. Some were a bit tricky, but they were fun!"

Olu said, "I liked the question when it said make a rectangle with 3 shapes. I also liked the bag they gave us at the end with the history about Christ's Hospital School."

Jessica wrote, "In the maths challenge, they put the different types of maths in to sections and you had to connect shapes to make a new shape, solve word problems and add up numbers on a path, etc. It was challenging but fun. I liked the shape section the most."

Nero wrote, "The maths challenge was so much fun and a great way to use your brain to your advantage. Loved the fact that there was a warm up and everyone received a goodie bag at the end. In conclusion, I loved it, and would definitely recommend going there. Amazing!"

Christ's Hospital wrote, "Thank you ever so much for joining us at the London Maths Challenge in the Guildhall! It was a real pleasure to host your group of students — we were truly impressed by their enthusiasm, creativity, and problem-solving skills. Please pass on our congratulations to all the young mathematicians who took part — they did exceptionally well!"

