

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
13 June 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

It was a joy to see so many families at our Movie Night last Tuesday! The event was a real success, with plenty of laughter, treats and a wonderful community atmosphere. A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the evening possible — we are so grateful for your support.

As the sunny weather settles in, we want to ensure that all children stay safe while enjoying time outdoors. It will be beneficial for children to have sun cream applied at home before school and, if possible, to bring a small bottle of sun cream with them that they can apply themselves later in the day. Sadly, staff are not permitted to apply sun cream to pupils, so we recommend using a long-lasting, all-day sun protection where possible.

Please note that children must not share sun cream with friends. Any sun creams brought into school should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

We also ask that children wear a sun hat on hot days — this should be either plain black or navy, or the school-branded sun hat. These simple steps help to keep everyone protected while playing and learning outside.

While children are welcome to bring a water bottle, please note that the school has accessible drinking fountains in both, the playgrounds and corridors. These are available throughout the day, so it is not essential for children to bring water bottles from home.

We've also observed a growing trend towards large and branded water bottles. Where this may help reduce the need to refill, in school it poses a few challenges: bottles left on the floor are becoming a trip hazard, and the increasing focus on size or brand is not helpful in a school environment.

If your child does bring a bottle, please ensure it is a small, practical size. This will help keep classrooms tidy, safe and focused on learning. Thank you for your support with this.

We're very much looking forward to this year's Summer Fair, which will take place on Wednesday 9th July from 2:30pm to 5:30pm. This year, we are trialling a new midweek format, with the fair running after school rather than at the weekend. We hope this change will make it easier for families to attend and enjoy the event together.

If the weather is kind, we'll be out on the field; if not, we'll set up indoors in the school hall.

Starting Monday, we'll be gratefully receiving donations of toys in good condition and other suitable items for our raffle or stall prizes. As always, your generosity makes a big difference.

Next Friday, 20th June, will be a non-uniform day in support of our upcoming Summer Fair. In exchange, we kindly ask families to donate a bottle for our popular tombola stall.

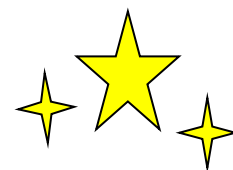
Please think of the kind of bottle you'd be pleased to win — this could be an alcoholic drink, soft drink, or even something a little different like shampoo or a bubble bath! All bottles must be unopened and in date, and we're grateful for whatever you're able to give.

Thank you for helping us prepare for what we hope will be a fantastic fair!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week



Reception – Sofia for always trying her best.

Year 1 – Alanis for fantastic effort in phonics.

Year 2 – Michael for developing great skills to create a fantastic model and for working hard.

Year 3 – Kendall for perseverance in her studies, even when faced with challenging tasks.

Year 4 – Nero for excellent behaviour and respect for class rules and routines.

Year 5 – Violet for taking responsibility for learning and always seeking ways to improve.

Year 6 – Frans for making a great improvement in his writing.

School Value Awards

Reception – Radheeka for showing curiosity with his learning.

Year 1 – Shayah for always being a friend to those who are feeling down.

Year 2 – Jackson for consistently working to a high standard and doing his best in tasks.

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

Year 4 – Jessica for thoughtfulness and consideration of others.

Year 5 – Tobenna for an inquisitive nature that inspires others.

Year 6 – Logan for showing aspiration to improve his work.

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 18 June	Year 6 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 18 June	Year 4 visit to Mass
Wednesday 18 June	Meeting for Year 6 Residential Trip 3.45pm
Thursday 19 June	Year 3 outing to Eltham Palace
Friday 20 June	Non-Uniform Day (bottle donation)
Monday 23 June	Year 6 outing to Eltham Palace
Wednesday 25 June	Year 6 outing to Royal Festival Hall
Wednesday 25 June	Year 3 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 25 June	Year 5 visit to Mass
Friday 27 - Sunday 29 June	Year 6 residential weekend
Tuesday 1 July	Sports Afternoon for Reception, Years 1 & 2
Wednesday 2 July	Year 5 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 2 July	Sports Afternoon for Years 3 - 6
Friday 4 July	Year 5 outing to Young V&A Museum
Wednesday 9 July	Reception Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 9 July	Summer Fair 2.30-5.30pm
Thursday 10 July	Year 4 outing to Southbank Centre
Tuesday 15 & Thursday 17 July	Year 6 Performances
Wednesday 16 July	Year 3 visit to Mass
Monday 21 July	Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 22 July	Last day of Summer Term
Monday 1 September	First day of Autumn Term

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

This Week's Attendance

9 - 13 June 2025	
Reception	98.5%
Year 1	96.0%
Year 2	97.9%
Year 3	98.1%
Year 4	93.6%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 6	92.5%
Whole school	96.2%



First Holy Communion Sacramental Programme 2026

Eligible candidates are invited from children who will be Years 3 to 6 in September 2025. Applicants must be baptised Catholics and attend Mass at either Our Lady Help of Christians, Mottingham or St Patrick's. This year application forms are available for collection from OLHC Mottingham on the following dates: Saturday 6pm Masses from 7 June – 19 July 2025 and Sunday 11.15am Masses (during Little Church sessions) on 8, 15 and 22 June. All completed application forms must be submitted to the catechists and include two photographs, one of the applicant and another with their family/carer with whom they attend weekly Mass. Please note we only accept paper applications. The deadline for submission is Sunday 27 July 2025. Late applications will not be accepted.

Community Activities

We've been asked to share some exciting opportunities for families in our community. Over the coming months, a range of free health and wellbeing workshops and activities will be running for residents of Mottingham, hosted by the **MBLR** and held at St Edward's Church, with the exception of the Walk & Talk in Nature, which will take place at Tarn Sanctuary Park.

These sessions are completely free to attend and designed to support physical and mental wellbeing. Please see below some fliers with full details of the current activities.

In addition, there will be a Community Fun Day on Friday 2nd August, 2–4pm, at St Edward's Church. Parents are warmly invited to take part — either by attending or by having a free stall or table on the day. There may even be a chance for children to get involved as young entrepreneurs, showcasing or selling items they've made.

Venue Locations

- ✓ St Edward's Church, St Kervene Road, SE9 4AQ
 - ✓ Tarn Bird Sanctuary Park, London, SE9 5AQ
- For the Walk & Talk in Nature session).
- ✓ Nottingham Community Centre, Kimmeridge Road, SE9 4EB

Key Information

These activities & workshops are brought to you free of charge. Just pop along to any of them.

Note: If possible, please register your attendance for:

- Walk & Talk in Nature
- 8-Week Course - Living Well with Long-term Physical Health Conditions.

To help support the long-term running of these workshops, your donations are valuable. Please make donation at the sessions.

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Programme Schedule



Time: 10:30-11:30am Thurs / Sat
June 5th 12th Sat 21st 26th
July 3rd 10th 17th 24th



Time: 1-3 pm Mondays
May 12th, 19th 2-3pm
June 9th 16th 23rd 30th
July 14th 7th



Time: 10-11am Tuesdays
June 17th
July 15th **Location:**
Tarn Bird Sanctuary

Recommended to
book!
Or just Turn Up



Time: 10:45-11:45 am Fridays
June 6th 20th
July 4th 18th



Time: 10-11am Tuesdays
June 24th
July 15th Sept 23rd
Aug 11th Mon



Time: 12:30-2pm
Thursdays
June 5th to July 24th

Registration
advised
but not
necessary



Time: Saturdays
June 21st 10:30-11:30am
July 12th 2-3pm
August 9th 2-3pm



Time: 9:30-10:30am Fridays
June 13th 27th
July 11th 25th
Sept 12th 26th



MyTime Active
June 19th 9:30 - 10:30
Jono - Medical Services
June 21st 11:30-12:30



Time Saturdays
June 14th 4-5pm
July 5th 4-5pm
Aug 9th 4-5pm

*More events & Activities to follow.
Keep an eye out on the
MBLR Website & Socials

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