

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
15 March 2024

Dear parents and families,

As we strive to maintain strong connections within our community, it deeply saddens me to address a recurring concern regarding parking outside our school premises and in the adjacent roads. Despite our ongoing efforts to address this issue, I must express my disappointment in receiving numerous emails from local residents regarding the behaviour of some of our parents.

It is disheartening to learn that certain individuals have been parking across driveways and disabled spaces. Even more concerning is the reported instances of abusive and disrespectful behaviour when confronted about it. Such actions are contradictory to the values we uphold here at St Vincent's. We take pride in fostering positive relationships within our community and incidents of this nature tarnish the reputation of our school.

Furthermore, it is crucial to highlight that local residents have the right to go about their business without unnecessary hindrance. Some residents who have been blocked in their own drive need permanent access for medical reasons and the actions of a few parents have caused undue anxiety.

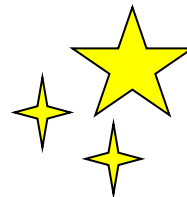
I want to emphasise that I recognise this behaviour as the actions of a small minority. The vast majority of our parents demonstrate courtesy and respect towards our neighbours, setting excellent examples for our children. To those who are disregarding the well-being of our community, I urge you to reflect on the impact of your actions. Such behaviour is not condoned by our school and must cease immediately.

I extend my sincere gratitude to all parents who consistently exemplify our values and serve as outstanding role models for our students. Your continued support and cooperation are invaluable as we work together to uphold the principles of respect and responsibility within our school community.

Have a lovely week.

Mrs Gonzalez

## Stars of the Week



Reception – Eva for listening well and joining in with activities.  
Year 1 – James for being kind and helpful to others.  
Year 2 – Kaiden for being kind, compassionate and hard working.  
Year 3 – Sophia for writing dialogue using great speech punctuation.  
Year 4 – Cieanna for settling into St Vincent's.  
Year 5 – All of Year 5 for excellent behaviour on the school trip to the National Portrait Gallery.  
Year 6 – Henry for producing his best writing so far.

## School Value Awards

Reception – Sophia for showing love and care towards others.  
Year 1 – Layla for sharing love and compassion with others.  
Year 2 – Katherine for showing aspiration by completing tasks to a high standard.  
Year 3 – Sienna for playing with children in need.  
Year 4 – Aziah for aspiring to write a strong poem.  
Year 5 – Selena for showing curiosity about the different paintings at the National Portrait Gallery.  
Year 6 – Zachary for showing great resilience playing the violin.

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 20 March	Years 3 & 5 to Mass ( <i>leave school at 09:00</i> )
Monday 25 – Thursday 28 March	Easter activities week
Tuesday 26 March	Purple Day ( <i>Non-uniform day in support of Epilepsy Action</i> )
Wednesday 27 March	Year 2 to Mass ( <i>leave school at 09:00</i> )
Wednesday 27 March	Big Lent Walk 13:30
Thursday 28 March	Last day of Spring Term
Monday 15 April	First day of Summer term
Friday 24 May	Break The Rules Day
Thursday 6 June	50p trail ( <i>Please save 50p coins in preparation</i> )
Saturday 13 July	Summer Fair TBC

## This Week's Attendance

11-15 March 2024	
Reception	96.5%
Year 1	94.3%
Year 2	98.7%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	98.8%
Year 5	98.4%
Year 6	98.1%
Whole school	97.3%



## Science Week 2024



We have been busy counting plastic all week and will submit our count results to the Big Plastic Count next week. If you have been counting at home, remember to submit your results here: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/how-it-works>. Together with the children, we will now start to consider ways to reduce our plastic consumption, so that we are fully living out our role as stewards of the Earth.

## The Big Lent Walk

As Mini Vinnies, we have been hard at work deciding ways that we can follow St Vincent, in showing charity and compassion to the poor. This year we will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk. We will take on the challenge of collectively walking 200km, to be part of a massive team helping people as they overcome poverty. The Big Lent Walk will take place on Wednesday 27 March at 1.30pm. All children and staff members will participate. We encourage you to join us in putting our faith into action. We will set up a page on the GoFundMe website for family and friends to donate.

Further details will follow next week.

From the Mini Vinnies.



## Fundraising Activities

Just a reminder that the following activities have been scheduled on the calendar over the coming months:

- **Easter activities week Monday 25 - Thursday 28 March**  
We are hoping to run some Easter activities 25-28 March. In advance of this week of activities, we will be requesting donations of Easter eggs. Therefore, if you are shopping over half term, please think about picking up an egg for the donation.
- **Break the rules day – Friday 24 May**  
Details to follow.
- **50p trail – Thursday 6 June**  
Please keep collecting your 50p coins for this fundraising event.
- **Summer Fair – Saturday 13 July** Details to follow.



### St. Vincent's Easter Week

This year, we will be enjoying Easter activities from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March until Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March when the children break up for the Easter break.

Each day after school there will be fun and games for all of the family to enjoy. Please stop by after school and have some fun.

We will have lots to enjoy.....

Games	Raffle	Refreshments	Easter egg hunt	Easter egg tombola
	Crafts	Lucky dip		

We will be holding a school dress down day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. We are asking for children to donate an Easter egg for the day.

As always, we cannot run these fun events for this children without your help and support. We are hoping that children in our junior classes will be able to assist with running the stalls, and therefore, any adult helpers to supervise the stalls will be very much appreciated. Each day we will aim to be finished by 4.30. We hope that by holding events throughout the week, we are making this as accessible for everyone as we possibly can.

Further details will be sent soon.

