

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
15 November 2024

Dear Parents and Families,

As we conclude this round of parent-teacher meetings, I want to take a moment to thank you all for your time, insights and support. These discussions are a vital part of ensuring that every child at St Vincent's flourishes, both in their learning and personal growth.

Our school values of Love, Forgiveness and Compassion guide us in building strong, meaningful connections between home and school. By attending these meetings, you demonstrate your love for your child's education, your understanding of their individual needs and your respect for the shared partnership that supports their journey.

The thoughtful conversations during these meetings allow us to celebrate achievements and address challenges together. Your reflections and suggestions help us to better understand and meet the needs of each child, ensuring that they are supported in a way that is personal, purposeful and impactful.

It has been uplifting to hear parents express their appreciation for our teachers and I know our staff feel equally grateful for your continued encouragement and the trust you place in them. This partnership is the foundation of our efforts to inspire and guide your children toward success.

With your support, we are creating a school community where every child feels valued, empowered, and motivated to achieve their very best.

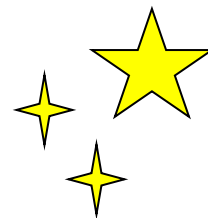
On a festive note, we are beginning preparations for our Christmas celebrations and look forward to making this season a joyful one for all. In the coming weeks, we'll be asking for your support with donations and assistance for our Christmas Fair.

Your help and generosity make these events truly special for the children, and we thank you in advance for any contributions you can offer.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week



Reception – Paris for her cheerful disposition and friendly personality.
Year 1 – Uchenna for fantastic effort and for being a great role model.
Year 2 – Zeki for enthusiasm for learning and for sharing lovely ideas and knowledge.
Year 3 – Nahia for wonderful contributions to Spanish lessons.
Year 4 – Gerry for Maths.
Year 5 – Imogen for consistently challenging herself and striving for personal growth.
Year 6 – Chengyi for making great improvement in the quality and presentation of his work.

School Value Awards

Reception – Fali for aspiring to be the best he can and working hard.
Year 1 – Athena for resilience and aspiring to complete her work to high standards.
Year 2 – Megan for showing great interest in learning, exploring new ideas with enthusiasm.
Year 3 – Nicholas for continuous effort to improve and reach new heights in learning.
Year 4 – Darcie for remarkable resilience and ability to forgive.
Year 5 – Jonathan for demonstrating increased participation and engagement in lessons.
Year 6 – Maddison for her positive and independent approach to her education.

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 20 November	Year 3 attendance at Mass
Friday 22 November	Year 4 library visit
Friday 22 November	Non-uniform day, please see below
Wednesday 27 November	Year 3 Celebration of the Word (change of date)
Wednesday 27 November	Year 5 attendance at Mass
Thursday 28 November	Movie Night: Reception and KS1 3:00pm
Thursday 28 November	Movie Night: KS2 4:30pm
Friday 29 November	Year 3 library visit
Friday 29 November	Non-uniform day, please bring a bottle
Wednesday 4 December	Year 5 Celebration of the Word (change of date)
Wednesday 4 December	Year 4 attendance at Mass
Friday 6 December	Non-uniform day, please bring a toy for our tombola
Tuesday 11 December	Reception Class Nativity
Wednesday 11 December	KS1 Nativity
Thursday 12 December	Christmas Fair 2-4 pm
Friday 13 December	Year 5 library visit
Wednesday 18 December	Reception Celebration of the Word

Term and holiday dates up to July 2025 are shown on the school website.

This Week's Attendance

11 – 15 November 2024	
Reception	96.6%
Year 1	98.5%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	98.1%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	98.0%
Year 6	97.5%
Whole school	97.8%



Donations for the Christmas Fair

Next Friday 22nd we will have a non-uniform day in exchange for donations for our Christmas Fair.

On this day we are asking for:

Reception: small cuddly toys

Year 1 and 2: small wrapped gift for a woman

Year 3 and 4: small wrapped gift for a man

Year 5: small wrapped gift for a woman

Year 6: small wrapped gift for a man

Please label the gift, man or woman.

Applications for Reception Class September 2025

The application process for Reception places in September 2025 opened on 1 September 2024, for children whose date of birth falls between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021.

The national closing date for applications is 15 January 2025.

The national offer date for on-time Reception applications is 16 April 2025.

If you are a Bromley resident, you should make your application through London Borough of Bromley. You can name schools outside of Bromley on your application, if you wish.

If you live outside of Bromley, you need to apply through the local authority where you live and can name Bromley schools on that application, if you wish.

In addition to the official council application, please complete a Supplementary Information Form, which can be picked up from the school office or downloaded from the school website.

The Good Samaritan

On Thursday, we were delighted to have Mr. White, Darcie and Teddie's father, join us to share the Parable of the Good Samaritan with our children. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to reflect on this timeless story, which invites us to consider how we can embody Christ's call to love and serve our neighbours.

Mr. White led a thoughtful discussion on the identity of the Good Samaritan and how we can live out the values of compassion, kindness, and mercy in our daily lives.

We are grateful for his presence and for the way he helped bring the Gospel to life for our students.

We would also like to extend an invitation to any other family members who would like to share Bible stories with our children. This is a beautiful way to contribute to the spiritual formation of our school community. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Hall for more details.



Church Christmas Bazaar

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Fundraising Christmas Bazaar and Raffle Draw will take place at Maryfield Hall from 10.00am on Saturday 30 November.



Mottingham Festive Market

Join Mottingham Big Local Refocused in celebrating the festive season with indoor and outdoor market stalls, fairground rides, and Santa!



**Kimmeridge Road, SE9 4EB
Saturday 30th November**

12pm - quiet hour for those with disabilities and neurodivergence

1pm - open to everyone

4pm - festive lights switch-on

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