

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
15 September 2023

Dear parents and families

At St. Vincent's, we are dedicated to creating a nurturing and enriching environment for our students and are eager to introduce new initiatives that will encourage student leadership roles within our school community.

Through leadership experiences, our students gain self-confidence and learn to take ownership of their responsibilities. This empowerment has a lasting impact on their self-esteem and personal growth.

These are some of the groups in our school:

1. **Mini Vinnies:**

Mini Vinnies is a group that instils the values of social justice and community service in our young leaders. Through various initiatives and projects, Mini Vinnies members learn the importance of giving back to their community and making a positive impact on the lives of others.

2. **School Council:**

Our School Council provides a platform for students to voice their opinions and actively participate in shaping the school environment. It empowers them to bring forth ideas and suggestions that contribute to the betterment of our school community.

3. **Spiritual Leaders:**

The Spiritual Leaders group encourages students to explore their faith and spirituality. It promotes an inclusive and respectful environment where children can deepen their spiritual connection and lead by example in demonstrating kindness, empathy, and understanding.

4. **Guardian Angels:**

The Guardian Angels programme pairs older students with younger ones, creating mentorship opportunities that foster a sense of responsibility, care, and friendship. This initiative promotes a nurturing school community where students look out for each other.

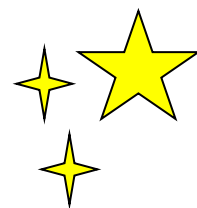
We are incredibly proud of these young leaders and their commitment to serving our school community. They have already started generating ideas and planning initiatives that will benefit everyone.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week

Reception – Uchenna for listening well and following instructions.
Year 1 – Thomas for excellent listening and for trying his best in all learning.
Year 2 – James for working hard and sharing great ideas.
Year 3 – Alison for working hard in all tasks.
Year 4 – Massil for being organized and ready for learning.
Year 5 – Lainey for working hard on her diary entry in literacy.
Year 6 – Alannis for excellent design and drawing skills.



School Value Awards

Reception – Ainsley for being compassionate to friends.
Year 1 – Fifi for showing curiosity in all areas of learning.
Year 2 – Camilla for demonstrating aspiration by presenting work of a high standard.
Year 3 – Lillie for compassion towards everyone in the class.
Year 4 – Antonia for showing resilience in her learning.
Year 5 – Alice for helping others in class.
Year 6 – Ryan for showing determination to finish work.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 20 September	Years 4 & 6 to Mass <i>(leaving at 09:00)</i>
Wednesday 20 September	Year 3 Library visit <i>(leaving at 13:40)</i>
Monday 25 September	Year 5 Library visit <i>(leaving at 13:40)</i>
Wednesday 27 September	Years 2-6 to St Vincent's Day Mass <i>(leaving at 09:00)</i>
Wednesday 4 October	Year 5 Liturgy Assembly 09:00 parents welcome
Wednesday 4 October	Year 4 Library visit <i>(leaving at 13:40)</i>
Wednesday 11 October	Years 3 & 5 to Mass <i>(leaving at 09:00)</i>
Monday 16 – Friday 27 October	School closed for half term break
Monday 30 October	First day of second half of term
Tuesday 28 November	Nasal flu vaccination
Wednesday 20 December	Last day of Autumn term

This Week's Attendance

11-15 September 2023	
Reception	98.8%
Year 1	97.6%
Year 2	98.0%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	91.6%
Whole school	96.3%



First Holy Communion at Christchurch Eltham

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you wish for them to receive the sacrament of communion, the First Holy Communion course at Christchurch Eltham will commence on 23rd September. To enrol your child in this meaningful programme, please complete the online application available at www.christchurcheltham.org.uk/First-Holy-Communion-Course-2023_2024/ by **Friday 15th September**.

September 2023 Prayer

Pope Francis' prayer request for this September is for people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance. The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. The full month falls within Ordinary Time and is represented by the colour green.