

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
16 May 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

It's been a time of celebration and achievement at St Vincent's, as we've marked some key moments in both our school and parish community.

Many of our Year 3 children have recently celebrated their First Holy Communion, with some still to come in the next few weeks. I had the privilege of joining the Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians, along with several members of staff and it was a truly joyful occasion. The children were a credit to their families and to our school as they took this important step in their faith journey. It is always a special moment to see them receive the Eucharist for the first time, surrounded by the love and support of their parish and school family.

Celebrating First Holy Communion in May, the month dedicated to Our Lady, adds a beautiful sense of connection to Mary, who always leads us closer to Jesus. It is a time that reminds us of the importance of saying 'yes' to God in our daily lives, just as Mary did. As a school, we continue to encourage the children to look to Mary as an example of faith, kindness and trust, especially during this Marian month.

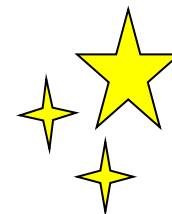
This week also marked an important moment for our Year 6 children, as they completed their SATs assessments. This is always a landmark in a primary school child's journey and we are very proud of how calmly and maturely the children approached the week. They demonstrated great perseverance and focus throughout the assessments and we know they will carry these skills forward into their final weeks at St Vincent's and beyond. The SATs may be over, but of course the learning continues – we look forward to the many opportunities that lie ahead for our Year 6 pupils in their final term at St Vincent's.

These significant steps, both spiritual and academic, remind us of how far our children have come and the exciting journey still ahead. Moments like these enrich our school community and remind us of the shared journey of faith, learning, and celebration that we are all part of.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week



Reception – Ethan E for writing fantastically and using sounds brilliantly.
Year 1 – Alvin for a positive attitude towards learning and putting in his best effort.
Year 2 – Bonnie for working hard and sharing brilliant ideas to create a fantastic story.
Year 3 – Oghenemaro for consistent effort to stay on task and remain focused.
Year 4 – Emmanuel for working hard on his writing.
Year 5 – Joshua for excellent effort in his writing.
Year 6 – Every Year 6 child is a star this week.

School Value Awards

Reception – Honora for showing compassion through kindness to her friends.
Year 1 – Aayah for remarkable resilience in the face of challenges.
Year 2 – Noah for determination to do well and for speedy maths answers.
Year 3 – Kaycee for including everyone in activities, making sure no one feels left out.
Year 4 – Aurora for aspiring to improve sentence structure.
Year 5 – Veronica for consistently showing kindness and respect to all classmates.

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 21 May	Year 1 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 21 May	Years 2 & 6 visit to Mass
Friday 23 May	Year 3 outing to Chislehurst Caves
Friday 23 May	Last day of first half of Summer Term
Monday 26 May – Monday 2 June	Half term break
Tuesday 3 June	First day of second half of Summer Term
Tuesday 10 June	Movie Night (details to follow)
Wednesday 11 June	Class photographs
Thursday 19 June	Year 3 outing to Eltham Palace
Wednesday 25 June	Year 6 outing to Royal Festival Hall
Friday 27 - Sunday 29 June	Year 6 residential weekend
Tuesday 1 July	Sports Afternoon for Reception, Years 1 & 2
Wednesday 2 July	Sports Afternoon for Years 3-6
Friday 4 July	Year 5 outing to Young V&A Museum
Tuesday 15 & Thursday 17 July	Year 6 Performance
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

12-16 May 2025	
Reception	93.1%
Year 1	91.2%
Year 2	97.1%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	95.5%
Year 5	96.5%
Year 6	99.4%
Whole school	95.8%



To all children receiving their First Holy Communion tomorrow

As you receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time, may you feel His love in your heart and carry that love with you each day. Remember, this is not just a celebration, but a beginning — a chance to grow closer to God and to live with kindness, compassion and faith.

We will be praying for each of you and celebrating with you and your families. May God bless you always.

With every blessing,
All of us at St Vincent's

Crowning of Mary

We are looking forward to celebrating the Crowning of Mary in school on Wednesday 21st May. Fr. Mario will be joining us in the afternoon to lead a special celebration of Mother Mary during this month of May, the month of Mary. All children are invited to bring in a flower, or some flowers, to offer as part of the celebration.