

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
17 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school — it is hard to believe that we are now beginning our final term of the academic year. The summer term is always a very special and busy time in school, with many opportunities for learning, celebrations and events still ahead of us.

From this week, children are welcome to begin wearing their summer uniform if they wish. After the half-term break, summer uniform should be worn by all pupils. Hopefully the warmer weather will soon encourage us to make the change more comfortably.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our parents' evening meetings this week. These conversations are an important opportunity for us to work together, celebrate the children's achievements and talk about the next steps in their learning. Strong communication between home and school makes a real difference to children's confidence, progress and wellbeing and we are very grateful for your continued support.

I would also like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome Mr Head, who joined us on Monday and is now running the school office following Mrs Webb's retirement. He has already settled into the team very smoothly and is getting to know our children, families and routines quickly. I am sure you will join me in making him feel very welcome as he becomes part of the St Vincent's community.

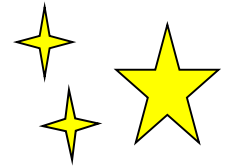
I would also like to remind everyone about the importance of considerate parking on the residential roads surrounding the school. We have recently received a number of complaints from neighbours whose driveways have been blocked at drop-off and pick-up times. Even stopping "just for a minute" across a driveway can prevent residents from leaving or returning to their homes. Our neighbours have the right to go about their daily lives without delay or disruption, and we must respect this.

Please do not park across driveways at any time, even briefly. Where possible, I encourage families to park a little further away from the school and walk the final stretch. This helps keep the roads safer for everyone, particularly our children.

As adults, we also model behaviour for the children in our care. Showing patience, courtesy and respect for others reflects the values we promote at St Vincent's and helps maintain the positive relationships we are proud to have with our local community.

By working together with care and consideration for one another, we continue to make St Vincent's a safe, respectful and welcoming community for everyone.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Gonzalez
Headteacher



Stars of the Week

Reception – Lily, for your enthusiasm and eagerness to participate in class activities and discussions.

Year 1 – Ethan, for your positive influence on others, encouraging them to also do their best.

Year 2 – Dheeraka, for engaging well with learning, producing fantastic pieces of work.

Year 3 – Chengdao, for consistent effort to stay on task and remain focused during lessons.

Year 4 – Destiny, for demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning.

Year 5 – Alison, for promoting her love of reading to others and sharing knowledge of Greece with the class.

Year 6 – Stefano, for making a great effort to improve his work.

School Value Awards

Reception – Nicholas, for your continuous effort to improve and reach new heights in your learning

Year 1 – Lucia, for showing a deep interest in learning, exploring new ideas with enthusiasm.

Year 2 – Muhammad, for working hard on writing skills and creating lovely pictures.

Year 3 – Bethel-Eden, for always being ready to help others spreading positivity and care throughout the school.

Year 4 – Kaiden, for always reaching out to help a classmate in need, demonstrating true compassion.

Year 5 – Gabriel, for taking a more active part in class and persevering in his maths learning.

Year 6 – Elena, for her positive attitude to improving her work.

Gold Awards

Gold Awards are for earning 100 dojos! Well done!

Year 3, Chengdao, Benjamin, Kacper, Amelie, Jamal

Year 4, Isha

This Week's Attendance

13-17 April 2026	
Reception	97.41%
Year 1	95.03%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	93.1%
Year 4	97.39%
Year 5	95.09%
Year 6	92.38%
Whole school	96.18%



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.

Monday 20 April	Year 5 Swimming starts each Monday for the whole term
Friday 24 April	Year 3 outing to Chislehurst Caves
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 11 May	Year 5 outing to British Museum
Wednesday 20 May	Class photos
Monday 25 May - Monday 1 June	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 2 June	School reopens for second half of Summer Term
Wednesday 22 July	Last day of Summer Term

Term and holiday dates up to July 2027 are shown on the school website