

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
17 November 2023

Dear parents and families,

As we conclude our latest set of parent-teacher meetings, I extend my deepest appreciation to all parents and teachers for your participation and firm support. Your active involvement in these discussions demonstrates your dedication to ensuring the best possible outcomes for our students.

The partnership between home and school is the cornerstone of a child's success. Your engagement, insight and feedback during these meetings provide invaluable support to our teachers. Understanding your perspectives allows us to tailor our approach to meet the diverse needs of every student, ensuring a holistic learning experience.

The impact of these meetings extends far beyond the conversations within those 10 minutes. They lay the foundation for a robust support system that nurtures our students' academic, social and emotional development. Taking part in meetings about your child's education speaks volumes about the importance you place on their growth and well-being.

I am particularly delighted to note that many parents have used these brief meetings to express their heartfelt gratitude to our teachers. Simultaneously, our teachers have taken these opportunities to extend their thanks to the parents for their continuous involvement and encouragement in their children's educational journey.

Together, we create an environment where students feel supported, both in their academic endeavours and personal growth. Your involvement empowers us to better understand and cater to the individual strengths and challenges of each child, fostering a collaborative atmosphere that inspires success.

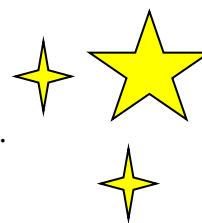
Thank you for being the driving force behind our students' successes.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez

## Stars of the Week

Reception – Luna for making great progress with phonics and writing.  
Year 1 – Manuela for being kind to others and for trying her best in her learning.  
Year 2 – Gabriella for lovely writing and for creating beautiful artwork.  
Year 3 – Sienna for working incredibly hard at home and at school.  
Year 4 – Emily for constantly trying her best.  
Year 5 – Ella for a fantastic non-chronological report.  
Year 6 – Lyla for making a determined effort to improve her writing.



## School Value Awards

Reception – Elisha for showing love and compassion to her classmates.  
Year 1 – Megan for showing resilience in learning and for being hard working.  
Year 2 – Harper for showing curiosity in classwork and sharing nice ideas.  
Year 3 – Alex J for showing compassion and friendship to others.  
Year 4 – Neidas for being inquisitive about learning.  
Year 5 – Anna for aspiring to use better and more interesting vocabulary.  
Year 6 – Izzy for showing aspiration to achieve the best she can.

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 20 November	Year 5 visit to library (leaving school at 13:40)
Wednesday 22 November	Year 1 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 22 November	Year 4 visit to Mass (leaving school at 09:00)
Monday 27 November	Year 5 trip to Horniman Museum
Tuesday 28 November	Nasal flu vaccination
Wednesday 29 November	Year 3 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 29 November	Year 5 visit to Mass (leaving school at 09:00)
Thursday 30 November	School disco and tuck shop
Wednesday 6 December	Year 4 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 6 December	Year 6 visit to Mass (leaving school at 09:00)
Thursday 7 December	Christmas Fair 14:00 – 16:30
Tuesday 12 December	Years 1 & 2 Nativity 14:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 13 December	Reception Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 13 December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 December	Reception Nativity 14:00 Parents welcome
Tuesday 19 December	Years 3 – 6 Carol Concert 14:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 20 December	Class Christmas parties
Wednesday 20 December	Last day of Autumn term

## This Week's Attendance

13 - 17 November 2023	
Reception	96.5%
Year 1	92.3%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	93.7%
Year 6	93.4%
Whole school	95.0%



## Mini Vinnies

The Mini Vinnies thank everyone for their donations to the Bromley Food Bank. The volunteers at the Food Bank extend their gratitude to the St Vincent's community.



## School Disco

A school winter disco will take place in the school hall on **Thursday 30th November**. The infant disco will run from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. The junior disco will run from 4.30 until 6.00pm. The ticket price is £5. This includes entrance to the disco, unlimited squash or milk, a choice of hot snack and fruit. Children will also receive a glow stick on arrival, and have the opportunity to take part in crafts and other activities during the event. A tuck shop will be selling extra treats. Tickets are on sale in the playground.

We can only run these events with the help and support of parents. If you are able to help, please add your details to the sign up form. You may do this either in the playground when you purchase your tickets or in the foyer at any time.

## Christmas Fair,

**...quick preview...** We will send more information in the upcoming weeks ...

Please can we have the following donations for the Christmas Fair, which we will be collecting in the playground every Monday and Tuesday from 20th November.

Toys – good/new condition for toy tombola.

Bottles of wine etc. for bottle tombola.

New beauty products.

Jolly Jam Jars – there will be a competition with prizes for the best decorated/filled jar; one prize for Reception/KS1 and one prize for KS2.

Sweets (wrapped) for Guess the Sweets in the Jar.

Cakes and bakes on Tuesday 6th December and Wednesday 7th December only.

Raffle Prizes.

Raffle tickets will be sold in the playground on Thursdays and Fridays from 23rd November.

Tickets for the Grotto will go on sale on Wednesday 22nd November, prices as follows:

One child	£3.50
Two children (siblings only)	£6.00
Three children (siblings only)	£8.50
Four children (siblings only)	£10.50

The grotto will take place on **Thursday 7th December**.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with running the stalls and set up.



What do you  
mean Christmas  
is getting near?  
Time to finish my  
holiday!

## Scripture of the Week

We would like to share with you the Scripture of the Week, which has been at the heart of some of our Religious Education curriculum this week. It has served as a guiding light for our students, as they explore and deepen their understanding of faith and values.







**MOTTINGHAM**  
BIG LOCAL REFOCUSSED

**MOTTINGHAM BIG LOCAL  
WILL BE SWITCHING ON THE  
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OUTSIDE  
THE COOP ON FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 1ST AT 4.30PM**

**Free children's  
entertainment and  
refreshments at the  
Community Centre from  
5pm to 6.30pm**

Meet Santa and join in the carol singing. Gaming bus and face painting for the kids. We look forward to seeing you!



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