

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
18 October 2024

Dear Parents and Families,

At St Vincent's Catholic Primary, we are proud that the behaviour of our pupils is typically excellent. However, we acknowledge that there are moments when disruptions can impact the learning and daily experience of others. To address this, we are refining our approach to consistently support and celebrate good behaviour while implementing clear consequences for actions that do not align with our expectations.

Our Behaviour Policy is designed to recognise, promote and celebrate the positive choices our children make every day. Just like Maths and English, we believe that behaviour is a skill that can be developed and we actively teach what we call "The St Vincent's Way" alongside our curriculum. This approach helps our students understand what good behaviour looks like and what is expected of them in our school.

We follow three simple codes that guide our behaviour policy:

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Ready to Learn

As part of our strategy, we emphasise Fantastic Walking and Fantastic Listening to create a positive and focused learning environment. Fantastic Walking encourages children to move through the corridors with pride—quietly and evenly. This helps to keep the corridors calm and orderly, which supports a safe environment and maintains a focused atmosphere throughout the school. Fantastic Listening involves giving full attention to the speaker, which is essential for creating classrooms that are conducive to learning, with minimal disruption.

We focus on the idea that every action has a consequence, whether positive or negative. Instead of using terms like "punishment" or "sanction," we encourage students to understand the impact of their choices. Our goal is to guide them in developing the skills to make better decisions and become thoughtful, engaged members of our community.

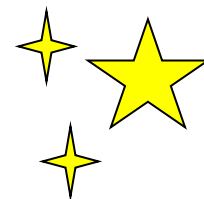
We believe that a strong partnership with parents is crucial to the success of our Behaviour Policy. We aim to involve families as much as possible in supporting their child's development in making good choices. Our teachers and the Senior Leadership Team also closely monitor behaviour patterns, providing tailored support for those who may struggle to meet our high standards.

When challenges do arise, we act promptly using support strategies, restorative practices and clear communication with parents. Our ultimate goal is to help each child learn from their experiences and grow into respectful, responsible and engaged individuals.

By fostering a positive school culture where pupils are motivated to work hard, model strong character and be attentive and polite, we believe that all students can thrive.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

Reception – Taliana for using sounds brilliantly.

Year 1 – Annabella for a cooperative spirit, always willing to work well with others.

Year 2 – Gabriel T for great perseverance and sharing lovely creative ideas.

Year 3 – Camilla for consistently completing work to a high standard and taking pride in learning.

Year 4 – Emme for being an excellent role model, through hard work and dedication.

Year 5 – Violet for outstanding effort and dedication in maths.

Year 6 – Chengyi for improving his presentation.

School Value Awards

Reception – Isabella for showing kindness and respect to all her classmates.

Year 1 – Harry for continuous effort to improve and reach new heights in learning.

Year 2 – Bonnie for consistently showing kindness and respect and for being ready to help.

Year 3 – Ivie for continuous effort to improve and reach new heights in learning.

Year 4 – Jesse for continuous effort to improve and reach new heights in learning.

Year 5 – Amari for remarkable resilience.

Year 6 – Lainey for great aspiration in her work.

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 21 Oct – Friday 1 Nov	Half Term Break
Monday 4 November	First day of second half of Autumn Term
Wednesday 6 November	Year 6 attendance at Mass
Wednesday 13 November	Year 1 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 20 November	Year 3 attendance at Mass
Friday 22 November	Year 4 visit to library
Wednesday 27 November	Year 3 Celebration of the Word (change of date)
Wednesday 27 November	Year 5 attendance at Mass
Friday 29 November	Year 3 visit to library
Wednesday 4 December	Year 5 Celebration of the Word (change of date)
Wednesday 4 December	Year 4 attendance at Mass
Wednesday 11 December	KS1 Nativity
Friday 13 December	Year 5 visit to library
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

14 – 18 October 2024	
Reception	84.1%
Year 1	93.1%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	97.9%
Year 4	94.2%
Year 5	93.0%
Year 6	96.6%
Whole school	93.7%



School Disco

A big thank you to our incredible Year 6 children for stepping up as helpers during the school disco. Your enthusiasm and energy were truly infectious! We also appreciate the volunteers and parents who dedicated their time to make the event a success, as well as our fantastic teachers for their support in ensuring everything ran smoothly. Your contributions made the evening a memorable experience for our school community! We raised over £800 for the school! Amazing!!!



Winter Uniform

As we approach the cooler months, we would like to remind everyone that students will need to return to school in their winter uniforms after the half term break. The uniform consists of the following items:

- White, short or long-sleeved shirt/blouse
- Grey tailored long trousers (school uniform trousers, not jean style)
- Grey pinafore or skirt
- Navy V-neck jumper or cardigan (*), no hoods please
- Navy blazer (optional)
- Light blue school tie (*), unless blouse is open neck
- Grey socks for trousers
- White socks for skirts or grey or navy tights
- Black or navy shoes
- Black or navy coat (plain)

Please note that boots are not part of the school uniform. We kindly ask that children wear their school shoes instead, on regular school days.

Additionally, we have noticed that some children are wearing earrings to school. We understand that many may have had their ears pierced over the summer and we would appreciate your support in encouraging them to remove their earrings during the school day as soon as this is possible.

For physical education, students should wear:

Plain dark tracksuit bottoms

A plain white T-shirt

A plain dark jumper or sweatshirt for warmth

Suitable black trainers/plimsolls for safety

Please remember that PE lessons may take place outdoors, even on colder days, so it's essential for students to dress appropriately to stay comfortable and warm.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a consistent and professional appearance at school.