St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter
19 December 2025

Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of the autumn term and draw 2025 to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a truly rewarding year for our school community.

We began the year on a positive note with the publication of our Catholic Schools Inspection report, in which the school was judged to be Outstanding. This was a moment of great pride for our whole community and a powerful affirmation of the faith, values and sense of service that underpin daily life at St Vincent's. The report recognised the strength of relationships across the school and the way our Catholic ethos is lived out authentically by both staff and pupils.

Academically, our children have continued to achieve well, with outcomes in national assessments remaining consistently above national averages. This reflects the dedication of our staff, the effort and resilience of our pupils, and the strong partnership we share with families in supporting learning. We remain committed to ensuring that every child is known, supported and encouraged to flourish.

Throughout the year, we have enjoyed celebrating a wide range of national and international events, alongside key dates from our own Catholic faith and opportunities to learn about other faiths and beliefs. From Hello Yellow and World Book Day to liturgical celebrations and moments of reflection, these experiences have helped our children to develop empathy, respect and a deeper understanding of the world around them. They play an important role in helping our pupils grow not only academically, but also socially, morally and spiritually.

Performance has been a particular joy this year. From nativities and carol concerts to class assemblies and the Year 6 end-of-year production, our children have performed with confidence and pride. We have also been delighted to see pupils share their individual talents — playing the piano, violin and cello, and singing solos — demonstrating not only musical ability but real courage and commitment. These moments have been a joy for families and staff alike.

A strong thread running throughout the year has been generosity and service. Our children have raised money for a range of charities, often choosing causes that are close to their hearts. These acts of kindness reflect the values we aim to instil and the importance we place on helping children understand their role in making a positive difference. We were proud this year to achieve Participator Level in the Oscar Romero Award, recognising how our pupils are beginning to live out Catholic Social Teaching through action, leadership and service.

Pupil leadership continues to thrive at St Vincent's. Our School Council, Spirituality Leaders, Guardian Angels and Mini Vinnies have all played an important role in shaping school life, supporting others and representing pupil voice. It has been wonderful to see children take responsibility seriously and lead with confidence and compassion.

Community engagement has also been a real strength this year. Events such as the Summer Fair, Easter stalls, Christmas Fair, movie nights and school discos have brought families together and strengthened the sense of belonging that makes our school so special.

As the year draws to a close, we have ended the term with music, performances and moments of celebration shared with families, creating a joyful and memorable end to 2025.

As a small school, our strength lies not in scale but in consistency — in the care we show one another, the values we live out each day, and the strong community we continue to build together. Thank you, as always, for your trust, support and partnership. I wish you and your families a restful and joyful break, and I look forward to all that lies ahead.

Loving God,
As we come to the end of this term and prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we thank you for the many blessings of this year — for our children, our families, our staff and our school community.

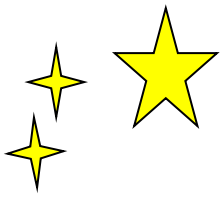
May this Christmas be a time of peace and joy in our homes
Help us to slow down, to be grateful, and to look out for those in need.
Guide us to live with kindness, generosity and hope, following the example of Christ in all that we do.

We ask your blessing on our school community now and in the year ahead.

Amen.

I wish you and your families a joyful Christmas and a restful break

Mrs Gonzalez
Headteacher



Stars of the Week

Reception – Anya for always being a good listener and learner.
Year 1 – Isabella for being a dependable, trustworthy student who can always be counted on.
Year 2 – Amayah for working hard at tasks and producing creative ideas.
Year 3 – Elia for consistently achieving excellent results in weekly spelling tests.
Year 4 – Nahia for excellent behaviour and respect for classroom rules and routines.
Year 5 – Annie for good behaviour for learning.
Year 6 – Stefano for making a determined effort to improve his writing.

School Value Awards

Reception – Diana for showing respect to her friends.
Year 1 – Alina for an inquisitive nature that inspires others to think deeply and ask questions.
Year 2 – Dheeraka for putting his best effort into his learning and for showing kindness.
Year 3 – Benjamin for setting high goals and working hard to achieve them.
Year 4 – Maya for aspiring to be the best she can.
Year 5 – Lillie for resilience.
Year 6 – Daniel for fantastic help in making the Christmas Carol PowerPoint and Orezi for playing a solo piano piece.

Bronze Awards

Bronze Awards are for earning 25 dojos! Well done!
Year 1 – Destiny.

Silver Awards

Silver Awards are for earning 50 dojos! Well done!
Year 1 – Aliane.
Year 2 – Harry, Khatira.
Year 3 – Olive, Olivia, Gabriel M, Michael.

Gold Awards

Gold Awards are for earning 100 dojos! Well done!
Year 1 – Taliana, Ethan, Isiuwa, Paris, Alina, Isabella, Mark, Sofia, Lucia, Kyla.
Year 2 – Kyrie, Athena.

This Week's Attendance

15 - 19 December 2025	
Reception	90.3%
Year 1	89.3%
Year 2	96.0%
Year 3	93.0%
Year 4	98.7%
Year 5	91.6%
Year 6	98.0%
Whole school	93.9%

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 5 January	First day of Spring Term
Friday 9 January	Year 4 trip to Parliament
Monday 19 January	Year 5 trip to National Portrait Gallery

Term and holiday dates up to July 2026 are shown on the school website

Applications for Reception Class September 2026

The application process for Reception places in September 2026 opened on 1 September 2025, for children whose date of birth falls between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022.
The national closing date for applications is 15 January 2026.
The national offer date for on-time Reception applications is 16 April 2026.
If you are a Bromley resident, you should make your application through London Borough of Bromley. You can name schools outside of Bromley on your application, if you wish.
If you live outside of Bromley, you need to apply through the local authority where you live and can name Bromley schools on that application, if you wish.
In addition to the official council application, please complete a Supplementary Information Form, which can be picked up from the school office or downloaded from the school website.