

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
20 December 2024

Dear Parents and Families,

As we approach the final week of Advent and the Christmas break, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on everything we've achieved together this term. It's been a wonderful journey filled with learning, growth, and so many memorable moments. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership—it makes all the difference in helping our children thrive not just academically but also in their faith, kindness and compassion.

This term has brought new experiences and countless reasons to celebrate. From our youngest learners taking their first steps in school life to the fantastic progress across all year groups, our school community continues to shine. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff, the support of our families and the enthusiasm of our amazing children. St Vincent's truly is a special place where everyone is inspired to do their best.

With Christmas just around the corner, we are reminded of the importance of hope, love and togetherness. This season gives us the chance to pause, appreciate our blessings and enjoy the time we share with family and friends.

At the same time, it's bittersweet as we bid farewell to Mrs. Di Tunno, our Family Worker, who has supported so many of our families over the years. Her kindness, dedication and care have had a lasting impact on our community, and while we'll miss her greatly, we wish her all the best in this next chapter of her life.

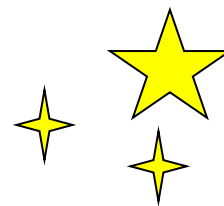
Some say that teaching is a "calling" rather than just a profession and that sentiment is clear in the passion, care and commitment shown by the staff at St Vincent's. Every day, their hard work and dedication inspire our children and make a lasting difference in their lives. I am incredibly grateful for everything they do to make our school such a welcoming and nurturing place.

As we look ahead to the New Year, we're excited for the fresh opportunities, progress and adventures it will bring. For any families leaving St Vincent's this term, please know that you will always be a cherished part of our community. We wish you happiness and success in all that lies ahead.

May this Christmas season bring peace, joy and blessings to you all. I hope you find time to rest, reflect and enjoy special moments with your loved ones. Thank you for trusting us with your children's education and for being such an important part of our school family.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with hope, happiness and grace.

Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

Reception – Alonso for joining in enthusiastically with Christmas activities.
Year 1 – Daniel for enthusiasm and eagerness to participate in activities and discussions.
Year 2 – Tomas for consistent effort in learning and working well with others.
Year 3 – Maya for enthusiasm and eagerness to participate in activities and discussions.
Year 4 – Adriana for the joy she brings to the classroom every day.
Year 5 – Veronica for being an excellent role model and support to Year 1 children.
Year 6 – Charlotte for making a determined effort to improve her work.

School Value Awards

Reception – Kyla for excellent behaviour and respect.
Year 1 – Teddie for a strong desire to succeed and for striving to do his best.
Year 2 – Amanda for consistently working to a high standard and producing thoughtful work.
Year 3 – Epiphany for setting high goals and working hard to achieve them.
Year 4 – Flora for being a supportive friend.
Year 5 – Daniel O for consistently showing kindness, responsibility and support to all teachers.
Year 6 – Frans for being very helpful during the R.E. Inspection.

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.

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| Tuesday 7 January | First day of Spring Term |
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Term and holiday dates up to July 2026 are shown on the school website

This Week's Attendance

| 16-20 December 2024 | |
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| Reception | 85.2% |
| Year 1 | 93.0% |
| Year 2 | 90.0% |
| Year 3 | 98.4% |
| Year 4 | 97.4% |
| Year 5 | 95.2% |
| Year 6 | 96.9% |
| Whole school | 94.1% |



Applications for Reception Class September 2025

The application process for Reception places in September 2025 opened on 1 September 2024, for children whose date of birth falls between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021.

The national closing date for applications is 15 January 2025.

The national offer date for on-time Reception applications is 16 April 2025.

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.