

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
20 March 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Reading continues to be a key priority at St Vincent's, and this year, as part of our Year of Reading, we are placing an even greater emphasis on nurturing a love of books in all our children.

At a time where tablets and screens can so easily take over our daily lives, there is something truly special about switching off and immersing ourselves in a good book. Reading opens doors to imagination, knowledge and understanding and it is one of the most important lifelong habits we can help our children to develop.

As parents, carers and educators, we all share a responsibility to encourage this habit. Every child loves to be read to, and it is always wonderful to see how they enjoy hearing the same stories again and again, building confidence and familiarity. As children grow in independence, they begin to read by themselves—but this does not mean our role is complete. Children still greatly value the opportunity to share their thoughts about what they are reading, to discuss characters, and to imagine how stories might change.

It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm for reading across the school. Some of our children have been preparing a space to run a reading club during playtimes and we are also looking forward to launching a new comic club. These clubs are being led by the children themselves, with guidance from staff, and are a wonderful example of their initiative and passion for reading.

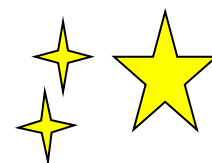
We are also very grateful to Mrs Hewett, who has been collecting donations of children's books and will be organising a book sale during the first week back after the holidays. This will be a wonderful opportunity to refresh your collection at home and discover some new titles to enjoy together.

We wish all our young leaders every success with their clubs and encourage everyone to take part in this exciting celebration of reading.

Reading is the key to all learning, let's make it a habit that lasts a lifetime.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez
Headteacher



Stars of the Week

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

Year 1 – William for your excellent organization and time management skills, always being prepared for class.

Year 2 – Daniella for working hard at tasks and producing lovely creative writing and artwork.

Year 3 – Megan for consistently demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning and always putting in your best effort.

Year 4 – Gabriella for being an excellent role model to your classmates.

Year 5 – Zoe for excellent focus and following instructions.

Year 6 – Aziah, for making great improvement to his writing.

School Value Awards

Reception – Natan for showing a deep interest in learning, exploring new ideas with enthusiasm.

Year 1 – Axel for always seeking out new information and encouraging others to do the same.

Year 2 – Thiago for working hard at tasks and for showing kindness to others.

Year 3 – Tomas for setting high goals for yourself and working hard to achieve them.

Year 4 – Antonio, for showing remarkable resilience in the face of challenges.

Year 5 – Olamide for showing positive attitude and example for others in the class.

Year 6 – Damilola for showing great aspiration.

Gold Awards

Gold Awards are for earning 100 dojos! Well done!

Year 1 – Zion, Seth,

Year 2 – Heeya, Alvin, Gabia.

Year 3 – Christel, Gabriel T, Chloe, Bethel-Eden, Tomas

Year 4 – Teddy

Year 5 - Lukas

This Week's Attendance

16-20 March 2026	
Reception	95.6%
Year 1	98.5%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	99.3%
Year 4	99.1%
Year 5	92.5%
Year 6	92.9%
Whole school	96.1%



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.

Tuesday 24 March	Mini Vinnies' Bake Sale 3.15pm
Wednesday 25 March	Open Book Session 3.30-4.30pm
Friday 27 March	Last day of Spring Term
Tuesday 14 April	First day of Summer Term
Tuesday 14 April	Parent-Teacher Meetings
Wednesday 15 April	Book Sale
Thursday 16 April	Parent-Teacher Meetings
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
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

Minnie Vinnies' Bake Sale

We will be running a bake sale on Tuesday 24th March after school on the playground. We will be raising money for Cafod, to give to those who are most in need. If you can, please bring cakes, cookies and doughnuts into your classrooms on Monday or Tuesday morning, for the Mini Vinnies to collect. Please support us by remembering to bring your money along to the sale. We look forward to seeing you there!

Have a nice weekend!

From the Mini Vinnies



Book Sale

Due to unforeseen circumstances, it is with regret that we will not be able to hold our Book Fair as planned in March. We hope that it may still take place later in the school year. However, to keep up the momentum with the year of reading, we will be holding a school book sale (currently planned for **Wednesday 15 April**). We are asking for donations of any new or pre-loved children's books that are in good condition to be delivered to the foyer by the school office, where there will be a container ready for any kind donations. Donations can be made at the start or end of the school day, Monday-Friday, beginning with immediate effect until Monday 23rd March. All money raised will go towards purchasing some wonderful books for the children to enjoy in school. We hope that the sale will provide another opportunity for children to obtain books that will help develop their love of reading.

Eid Mubarak

At St Vincent's, we are proud to be a Catholic school, guided by our faith and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. We also recognise and celebrate the richness of our diverse community. We would like to extend our warmest wishes to all of our families who are celebrating Eid. This special time of joy, reflection and togetherness reminds us of the importance of human dignity, respect and solidarity, standing together as one community and caring for one another. Eid Mubarak to all who are celebrating.