

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
21 March 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

The third week of Lent brings with it a sense of quiet reflection and renewed purpose. With spring officially underway, there's a noticeable shift in the air—lighter mornings, blossoming trees and the hum of fresh energy in school. It's a wonderful time to encourage the children to notice the world around them and to think about how they, too, can grow in kindness, patience and thoughtfulness during this special season.

We began this week by celebrating St Patrick's Day, a day that holds special meaning for many of our families and forms an important part of our shared British traditions. It was lovely to see the children wearing green ribbons, displaying symbols of Ireland and embracing the celebration with pride. The day prompted rich conversations about heritage, identity and the saints who have shaped our spiritual and cultural history. St Patrick's courage, faith and commitment to spreading the Gospel continue to inspire us today.

Last week, we also celebrated Science Week, and this week has been all about finishing off those exciting projects! The theme challenged our budding scientists to think creatively:

"Come up with an idea or invention to change the air in your chosen space, making it healthier to breathe. How will it work? Could it be used in other public places too?"

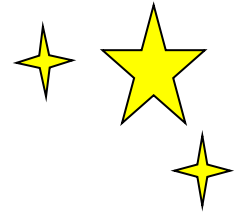
The children came up with some truly innovative solutions—some imaginative, some surprisingly practical—and they were proud to share their designs with their classmates.

In addition to their inventions, every class took part in a school-wide measuring activity to find the median height of each year group. This led to some interesting discussions about how humans change and adapt at different stages of life. The children were fascinated to compare results and see the clear differences between year groups—science and maths working hand in hand!

As we continue through Lent and look ahead to Easter, may we all find time to pause, reflect, and appreciate the moments of growth—both big and small—that are happening all around us.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez



## Stars of the Week

Reception – Lucia for growing in confidence with class discussions.  
Year 1 – Rio for taking responsibility for learning and seeking ways to improve.  
Year 2 – Noah for a great attitude to learning and participating enthusiastically.  
Year 3 – Epiphany for actively listening and being reliable and dependable.  
Year 4 – Darcie for working hard on her writing.  
Year 5 – Amarisa for perseverance in her studies.  
Year 6 – Ambrose for making a good effort to improve his writing.

## School Value Awards

Reception – Kyla for consistently aspiring to do her best.  
Year 1 – Ian for looking for new information and encouraging others to be curious.  
Year 2 – Christel for curiosity and exploring new topics with enthusiasm.  
Year 3 – Orion for setting high goals and working hard to achieve them.  
Year 4 – Olumide for continuous effort and hard work.  
Year 5 – Sasha for continuous effort to improve and reach new heights in learning.  
Year 6 – Nasiah for making a good effort to improve her maths.

## 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.

Wednesday 26 March	Year 3 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 26 March	Year 4 visit to Mass
Wednesday 2 April	Reception Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 2 April	Years 2 & 6 visit to Mass
Friday 4 April	Last day of Spring Term
Tuesday 22 April	First day of Summer Term

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

# This Week's Attendance

17-21 March 2025	
Reception	95.0%
Year 1	95.4%
Year 2	97.4%
Year 3	96.1%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	97.2%
Whole school	96.8%

 Well done Year 4   
– best attendance for this week  
with 100%