

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
22 March 2024

Dear parents and families,

Spring has finally arrived, bringing with it a renewed sense of energy and excitement. As we find ourselves in the midst of the Easter season, it is a perfect time to reflect on the wonderful experiences we have shared together.

From our lively dress-up days to the unforgettable school disco, where we danced the evening away, and the fascinating journey through Brazil with our Year 5 students, this term has been filled with laughter, learning, and exploration. The fun does not stop here! Next week promises even more excitement with our Easter activities, including Purple Day where we will learn about epilepsy awareness and Year 5's presentation of their Passion Play.

In addition to these moments of joy, we have also taken time for quiet introspection, preparing ourselves for the ongoing Easter season. Across all year groups, students have engaged in thoughtful reflection, deepening their understanding of faith and renewal. I am also pleased to share that Father Mario came to visit our school, offering the sacrament of reconciliation to those who sought it. His visit served as a poignant reminder of the importance of faith and forgiveness in our journey of personal growth.

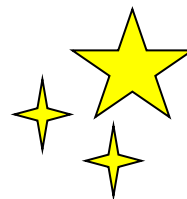
As we anticipate the start of Holy Week and the beginning of our holidays, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who have generously volunteered their time to support our school and our children. Your contributions have made our special days even more memorable, and we are truly grateful for your involvement.

In our last week of term, let us carry with us the lessons learned, the memories made, and the bonds strengthened. Embracing the spirit of spring and the significance of Easter, we must ensure that we take time to reflect and prepare for this important time of the year in our Christian calendar.

Have a lovely week.

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week



Reception – Dheeraka for great writing in Literacy and learning in Phonics.

Year 1 – Ethan for fantastic effort in his writing.

Year 2 – Mayah for working very hard and producing great work.

Year 3 – Juliet for making excellent progress in writing.

Year 4 – Tega for a great start at St Vincent's.

Year 5 – Alice for creating a fantastic functional invention in Literacy.

Year 6 – Joshua for making a consistent effort to improve his work.

School Value Awards

Reception – Uchenna for resilience in his learning and compassion towards others.

Year 1 – Adaure for showing curiosity and aspiring to learn more.

Year 2 – Luisa for curiosity and good understanding in topic work.

Year 3 – Annie for curiosity towards new learning.

Year 4 – Isabelle for building resilience.

Year 5 – Leia for resilience when performing in the school play.

Year 6 – Lyla for great aspiration.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 25 – Thurs 28 March	Easter activities week
Tuesday 26 March	Purple Day (<i>Non-uniform day in support of Epilepsy Action</i>)
Wednesday 27 March	Yr 5 play – The Passion of Jesus Christ 09:00 (<i>Yr 5 parents are invited</i>)
Wednesday 27 March	Year 2 to Mass (<i>leave school at 09:00</i>)
Wednesday 27 March	Big Lent Walk 13:30 (<i>Everyone is invited</i>)
Thursday 28 March	Last day of Spring Term
Monday 15 April	First day of Summer term
Friday 24 May	Break The Rules Day
Thursday 6 June	50p trail (<i>Please save 50p coins in preparation</i>)
Saturday 13 July	Summer Fair

This Week's Attendance

18-22 March 2024	
Reception	95.1%
Year 1	94.0%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	99.0%
Year 4	95.6%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 6	95.6%
Whole school	96.4%



Purple Day

Children may come to school on **Tuesday 26 March** wearing **purple**. Please give a donation of £1 for **Epilepsy Action**.

In 2008, an eight-year-old in Canada decided she wanted to help raise awareness for people with epilepsy and to help them realise that they're not alone. She picked **purple** to represent this day because lavender is internationally recognised as the flower for epilepsy. Over the years, the event grew to become a huge success. Every year on 26 March, thousands of people come together to raise awareness and funds to help make a difference for people living with epilepsy.

626,000 people in the UK are living with epilepsy and 79 people are diagnosed every single day. Your support this **Purple Day** will help **Epilepsy Action** to be here for them, every step of the way.

The Big Lent Walk

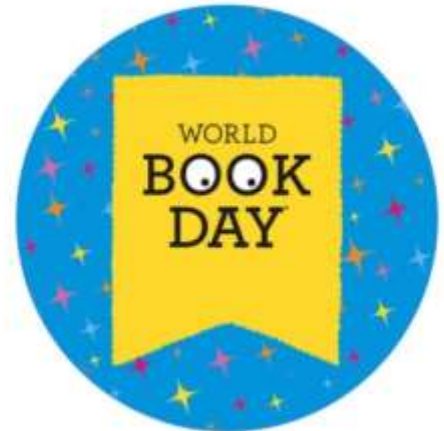
Just to remind everyone that on **Wednesday 27th March** we will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk. We will leave school at **1.30pm**. If you are able to join us, please let your class teacher know. Many of the children are keen to make banners, so they may need some time at home beforehand to do this. Below you will find our Just Giving page to make a donation:

https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-vincent-catholic-primary-school-big-lent?utm_medium=email&utm_source=PostOffice&utm_campaign=DS_EVENTS-LFC_Trans_PageCreated



Book Fair

We would like to say a big thank you to all of the families that purchased books in our recent book fair. Sales totalled a massive £1,187! The money raised will go towards buying new books for our reading curriculum and for classroom book corners.



Easter Activities run by the PTA

The weather looks to be a little temperamental next week as we head into Easter week. However, we will be going forward with our Easter week plans. If it starts to rain (or there is a likely chance of rain), we will move the activities inside to the hall. The activities will take place from 3:15 until 4:30 each day. **Throughout these activities, parents are responsible for supervising their own children.**

Raffle (Monday to Wednesday)

Tickets will be on sale in the mornings and after school by the friendship bench, from Monday to Wednesday. The draw will take place on Wednesday evening, so that winners can take home their prizes on Thursday in advance of the Easter holiday. The prizes will be out on show from Monday so that you can see what you can win. Tickets are £1 per strip.

Easter Egg tombola (Monday and Tuesday)

The tombola will be take place on Monday and Tuesday. Each ticket which ends in a 0 or 5 is a winning ticket, and you take your prize immediately. Tickets will be 5 for £1.

Guess the number of eggs in the jar (Monday to Wednesday)

Take a guess at the number of little eggs inside a jar. The winner will keep the jar and the treats inside. We will announce the winner on Wednesday afternoon, so that the lucky winner can take the jar home on Thursday in advance of the Easter holiday. Each guess will be 50p.

Lucky dip (Every day)

This is always a popular one with the children. The lucky dip will be available on all days (or until we run out). Each pick from the lucky dip is 25p.

Easter egg hunt (Monday to Wednesday)

Egg images with letters on the images will be placed around the front playground and back field. Children will need to find the letters and unscramble them to discover the missing word. Children will bring the missing word back to the egg hunt table. In order to make this as fair as possible for all year groups, we will take the child's name, record their start and finish time and the fastest winners in the infant and junior years will win a prize. There will be three winners for infants, and three for juniors. You will need to accompany your child as they search for the letters.

Easter refreshments (Every day)

We will have a limited supply of refreshments/snacks available to purchase. Prices will range from 50p to £1.

Easter craft (Every day)

We have a selection of Easter craft available for the children to enjoy. This will be a free of charge activity.

Easter games (Every day)

We will have all sorts of Easter themed games for the children to enjoy. These will also be free of charge activities.