

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, the summer term brings a really lovely atmosphere around the school. The warmer weather and lighter days make such a difference, and the children have loved being back on the field at playtimes. It gives them so many more opportunities to play together, explore and enjoy being outdoors.

It's also been a really busy term for learning and enrichment. We've had trips into London and visits to local historical sites, which have been fantastic for developing the children's cultural capital and helping bring learning to life outside the classroom.

Spiritually, May has been a particularly important month for us as the Month of Mary. We've strengthened our morning Rosary sessions, led by the children and recently celebrated our Crowning of Mary. It was a beautiful occasion, with the children bringing flowers and taking part in a procession and prayer alongside Father Mario. These moments of reflection and prayer are always very special for our school community.

In terms of teaching and learning, we've had a number of really positive reviews and audits this term. We welcomed the English Hub into school for a phonics audit, which celebrated the strengths of our phonics teaching while also helping us continue refining our practice. We also completed a reading audit which gave us the opportunity to celebrate the progress we're making with reading and the new strategies we are embedding across the school.

In addition, we had a safeguarding audit, with really positive feedback about the strong safeguarding culture across the school and the commitment of staff to keeping children safe. Alongside that, we had an attendance audit which recognised that our attendance continues to remain above national, something we are very proud of.

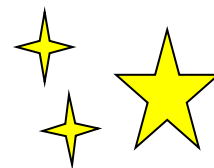
We also welcomed a mathematics review into school, focusing on mastery, mathematical vocabulary and oracy in maths lessons. It was lovely to see the confidence children are developing when explaining their reasoning and talking through their mathematical thinking.

And finally, of course, our Year 6 children have completed SATs week. Although we won't know the results until July, we were incredibly proud of the calm, mature and resilient way they approached the week. They really did themselves proud.

Overall, it's been a very positive and productive start to the summer term and we're looking forward to all the exciting things still to come before the end of the year.

Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Gonzalez  
Headteacher



## Stars of the Week

Reception – Glenn for your cheerful attitude and joy you bring to the classroom every day.

Year 1 – Alayna for big improvements in speaking and confidence using English.

Year 2 – Izaiah for working hard at tasks and sharing great ideas in class.

Year 3 – Chengdao for your consistent effort to stay on task and remain focused during lessons.

Year 4 – Luisa for demonstrating a strong desire to succeed and striving to do your best.

Year 5 – Sophia for the amazing effort she puts in her math's work.

Year 6 – Jonathon for composing and performing a song in music.

## School Value Awards

Reception – Kian for your determination and ability to bounce back from setbacks with a positive attitude.

Year 1 – Esther for showing resilience and aspiration in phonics lessons.

Year 2 – Heeya for creating wonderful pieces of artwork and writing by working hard.

Year 3 – Chloe for demonstrating resilience by handling obstacles with grace and perseverance.

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

Year 5 – Oliver for the enthusiasm he showed yesterday during our cooking lesson.

Year 6 – Henry for composing and performing a song in music.

## Gold Awards

Gold Awards for earning 100 dojo points, well done!

Elisha – Year 2

## Diamond Awards

Chizaram- Year 1

Adebola – Year 1

Diamond awards for earning 250 dojo points, well done!

## Farewell

After more than 30 years as part of our St Vincent's family, this week we say a very heartfelt farewell to Mrs Sheehy.

Many members of our community will first remember Mrs Sheehy as a parent at St Vincent's, before later becoming such a valued and much-loved member of staff. Over the years, she has given so much to our school community through her kindness, reliability and unwavering support. She has always been someone willing to help, whether with the children, staff or families and her calm and caring presence will be greatly missed by us all.

Mrs Sheehy has been part of the life of St Vincent's for such a long time that it is difficult to imagine the school without her. Her dedication and loyalty to our community have touched the lives of countless children and families over the years, and we are incredibly grateful for everything she has done for our school.

As Mrs Sheehy begins this exciting new chapter and prepares for her move to Spain, we send her our love, prayers and very best wishes for a happy and well-deserved retirement. May this next stage of life bring her joy, good health, peace and plenty of sunshine!

Thank you, Mrs Sheehy, for everything you have given to St Vincent's over the past three decades. You will always remain a special part of our school family.

## This Week's Attendance

18 <sup>h</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	
Reception	94.05
Year 1	95.3
Year 2	96.1
Year 3	97.3
Year 4	97.9
Year 5	93.4
Year 6	91.4
Whole school	95.2



## 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 25 May - Monday 1 June	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 2 June	School reopens for second half of Summer Term
Tuesday 9 June	Bromley Primary School Screening - Height and weight checks for children in reception and year 6
Friday 26 to Sunday 28 June	Year 6 PGL residential
Wednesday 22 July	Last day of Summer Term

**Term and holiday dates up to July 2027 are shown on the school website**

If you have any comics and card games (e.g. UNO) that you would be happy to donate to the school, they will be gratefully received.

## **Safeguarding**

If you need to discuss an **immediate** safeguarding concern, you can contact us through the following contact methods:

**Call the school number 0208 857 5134 and ask for the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)**

**Email:** [general.post@st-vincent.sch.uk](mailto:general.post@st-vincent.sch.uk) F.A.O. DSL

The Designated Safeguarding Leads in school are:

Mrs Gonzalez, Mrs Hall and Mrs Tumilty

