

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
24th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

At St Vincent's, reading continues to be at the heart of learning across the school. Strong reading skills support children in every subject, help develop vocabulary and confidence, and open doors to curiosity, imagination and understanding of the wider world. Regular reading at home, even for a short time each day, makes a real difference to children's progress over time.

This week, most children in Key Stage 2 will be bringing home a new Reading Homework Book. Each week, children will choose one task from the list at the front of the book, record the title of what they are reading and the pages completed, and then complete their response in the book. The finished homework should be returned to school on the following week. These activities are designed to help children think more deeply about what they read and to strengthen comprehension, reflection and enjoyment of texts.

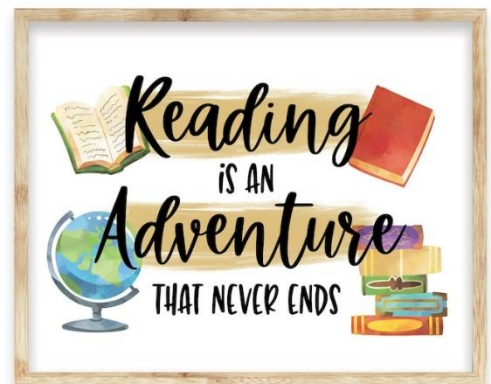
For our Key Stage 1 children, reading routines remain the same. Children should continue reading regularly at home and parents are encouraged to record comments in their child's reading record as usual. Parents are not expected to teach a phonics lesson at home. Simply reading together, listening to your child read, sharing a story and talking about what is happening in the book are some of the most valuable ways you can support your child's development as a reader.

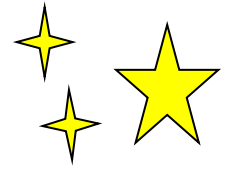
Thank you, as always, for the support you give your children with reading at home. Working together, we can continue to help every child grow as a confident and enthusiastic reader.

Every page a child reads helps open another door to learning.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez
Headteacher





Stars of the Week

Reception – Mohamed for his willingness to challenge himself and step out of his comfort zone.

Year 1 – Isiuwa for consistently demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning and always putting in the best effort.

Year 2 – Uchenna for engaging well in class discussions, working hard and for demonstrating great mathematics skills.

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

Year 4 – Maro for active participation in our class discussions.

Year 5 – Ivan for positive learning behaviour in class and active participation in maths lessons.

Year 6 – Veronica for over-coming great difficulties

School Value Awards

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

Year 1 – Isabella for always being the first to offer a second chance, showing the power of forgiveness.

Year 2 – Shayah for showing curiosity in learning and for demonstrating kindness and compassion for others.

Year 3 – Jamal for determination and ability to bounce back from setbacks with a positive attitude.

Year 4 – Nahia for showing remarkable resilience and improving her work to the highest standard.

Year 5 – Flora for enthusiastically sharing her love of reading & writing in class, as well as helping others at the new lunchtime reading club.

Year 6 – David for making a great effort to improve his writing.

Diamond Awards

Diamond Awards for earning 250 dojo points, well done!

Axel – Year 1

Lucia - Year 1

Mark – Year 1

Kyrie – Year 2

This Week's Attendance

20-24 April 2026	
Reception	95.24%
Year 1	92.31%
Year 2	99.15%
Year 3	93.49%
Year 4	93.94%
Year 5	95.15%
Year 6	92.22%
Whole school	94.44%



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 29 April	Year 3 Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians leaving at 9am
Wednesday 29 April	Year 4 outing to Mottingham Library leaving at 2pm
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Wednesday 6 May	Year 4 Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians leaving at 2pm
Wednesday 6 May	Year 3 outing to Mottingham leaving at Library 2pm
Monday 11 May	Year 5 outing to British Museum
Monday 11 May	Year 4 author visit at Mottingham Library 2.15pm
Monday 11 May	Year 2 outing to National Gallery
Wednesday 20 May	Year 5 Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians leaving at 9am
Wednesday 20 May	Year 2 outing to Mottingham Library leaving at 2pm
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

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 F.A.O. DSL

The Designated Safeguarding Leads in school are:

Mrs Gonzalez, Mrs Hall and Mrs Tumilty