

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
24 November 2023

Dear parents and families,

As we step into the season of warmth and joy, our school is beginning to bustle with the cheerful spirit of Christmas. The corridors echo with the tentative sounds of carols, and excitement fills the air as we begin our preparations for the festivities ahead.

Our talented students and dedicated staff are already hard at work, crafting plans for the much-anticipated Christmas performances. Rehearsals have commenced and it is heartwarming to witness the enthusiasm and dedication our students bring to every practice session.

I am thrilled to share that Mr Moore is organising a special choir that will spread joy beyond our school walls. This choir will be representing our school in the local community! They will participate in the Christmas Community Day for families in Mottingham, and the following day, they will enchant the audience at Our Lady Help of Christians' Christmas Fair.

These events are not only wonderful opportunities for our students to showcase their talents but also a chance for us to contribute to the festive cheer in our wider community. We are immensely proud of our students for their commitment to sharing the joy of music and camaraderie beyond our school grounds.

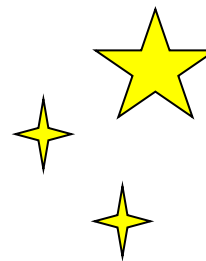
Moreover, as we gear up for these performances, our teams continue to work diligently on various other Christmas activities within the school. From nativity plays to our Christmas Fair, our students and staff are pouring their hearts into making this holiday season magical for everyone.

But Christmas isn't just about performances; this season also reminds us of the importance of giving. Our school will be initiating charity drives and projects aimed at supporting those in need within our local community.

As we embrace the holiday spirit, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our diligent staff, and, most importantly, our incredible students. Your dedication and enthusiasm make our school a truly special place.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

Reception – Annabella for being helpful and kind in the classroom.
Year 1 – Layla for listening in class and sharing ideas.
Year 2 – Yeani for great work in reading and for sharing happiness.
Year 3 – Ernest for consistent hard work in all tasks.
Year 4 – Valentina for confident reading in class.
Year 5 – Jason for trying his best and not giving up when solving maths problems.
Year 6 – Tiago for excellent maths.

School Value Awards

Reception – Shayah for showing curiosity in the classroom.
Year 1 – Gabriel M for showing curiosity about poetry and for writing a great poem.
Year 2 – Kaiden for showing the value of love; being kind and helpful to others.
Year 3 – Gerry for showing love and compassion towards others.
Year 4 – Orezime for building her resilience.
Year 5 – Angela for showing friendship to others.
Year 6 – Eliana for showing resilience.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 27 November	Year 5 trip to Horniman Museum
Tuesday 28 November	Nasal flu vaccination
Wednesday 29 November	Year 3 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 29 November	Year 5 visit to Mass (leaving school at 09:00)
Thursday 30 November	School disco and tuck shop
Monday 4 December	Years 2 & 3 trip to Bromley Picturehouse
Wednesday 6 December	Year 4 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 6 December	Year 6 visit to Mass (leaving school at 09:00)
Thursday 7 December	Christmas Fair 14:00 – 16:30
Tuesday 12 December	Years 1 & 2 Nativity 14:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 13 December	Reception Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 13 December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 December	Reception Nativity 14:00 Parents welcome
Tuesday 19 December	Years 3 – 6 Carol Concert 14:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 20 December	Class Christmas parties
Wednesday 20 December	Last day of Autumn term

When visiting the school for liturgy assemblies, nativities, etc. please enter by the door on the side of the building, near the school hall.

This Week's Attendance

20 - 24 November 2023	
Reception	98.0%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	94.5%
Year 3	96.0%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	90.7%
Year 6	81.6%
Whole school	92.5%



Christmas Fair

Please can we have the following donations for the Christmas Fair, which we will be collecting in the playground every Monday and Tuesday.

Toys – good/new condition for toy tombola.

Bottles of wine etc. for bottle tombola.

New beauty products.

Jolly Jam Jars – **there will be a competition with prizes for the best decorated/filled jar; one prize for Reception/KS1 and one prize for KS2.**

Sweets (wrapped) for Guess the Sweets in the Jar.

Cakes and bakes on Tuesday 6th December and Wednesday 7th December only.

Raffle Prizes.

Raffle tickets will be sold in the playground on Thursdays and Fridays.

Tickets for the Grotto will go on sale on Wednesday 22nd November, prices as follows:

One child	£3.50
Two children (siblings only)	£6.00
Three children (siblings only)	£8.50
Four children (siblings only)	£10.50

The grotto will take place on **Thursday 7th December**.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with running the stalls and set up. If you would like to help on the day please let us know. Your help will be very much appreciated, whether it is a few minutes or a couple of hours. Thank you.

School Disco

A school winter disco will take place in the school hall on **Thursday 30th November**. The infant disco will run from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. The junior disco will run from 4.30 until 6.00pm. The ticket price is £5. This includes entrance to the disco, unlimited squash or milk, a choice of hot snack and fruit. Children will also receive a glow stick on arrival, and have the opportunity to take part in crafts and other activities during the event. A tuck shop will be selling extra treats. Tickets are on sale in the playground.

We can only run these events with the help and support of parents. If you are able to help, please add your details to the sign up form. You may do this either in the playground when you purchase your tickets or in the foyer at any time.

Scripture of the Week

We would like to share with you the Scripture of the Week, which has been at the heart of some of our Religious Education curriculum this week. It has served as a guiding light for our students, as they explore and deepen their understanding of faith and values.





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BIG LOCAL REFOCUSSED

**MOTTINGHAM BIG LOCAL
WILL BE SWITCHING ON THE
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OUTSIDE
THE COOP ON FRIDAY
DECEMBER 1ST AT 4.30PM**

**Free children's
entertainment and
refreshments at the
Community Centre from
5pm to 6.30pm**

Meet Santa and join in the carol singing. Gaming bus and face painting for the kids. We look forward to seeing you!



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