

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
26 April 2024

Dear parents and families,

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April it was Earth Day. As mentioned last week, this year the theme was 'Planets vs Plastics.' We began the week with a whole school assembly where we discussed the effect that plastic is having on our planet and ways that we can work together to help our planet. The children, as always, shared some fantastic ideas that we could put into action, such as litter picking in school, creating an eco-warrior club and ways that as a school we can cut back on our plastic use. I was proud to hear the passion in the children's voices when sharing their concerns and eagerness to make a change to the world that God has created for us. In classes, children continued to learn more about plastic use and the devastating damage that it is doing to our marine life.

In our new St Vincent's prayer it states 'to show stewardship towards the beautiful world God has created for us.' Let's stand together united to consider changes that we can make in regards to our plastic use, to ensure sustainability of resources for future generations.

I would like to thank Miss Sidhu, our Geography Coordinator, for organising these engaging and thought-provoking lessons for the children. A very successful week!

A personal message from Mrs Gonzalez:

I am writing to you today with a heavy heart to explain my recent absence from the school.

My mum, who had been struggling since the passing of my father, recently succumbed to her own battle. The loss of both parents within a relatively short span of time has been an immense challenge for me and my family.

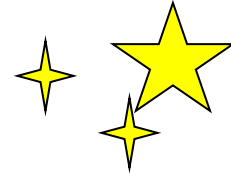
In this difficult time, I have had to travel to Spain to be with my family and to attend to the arrangements necessary during this period of mourning.

In my unexpected absence, it has been heartening to witness the resilience and dedication of our staff members, as they ensure that day-to-day operations run smoothly. Times like these truly highlight the expertise of our team.

I am sure you will join me in keeping Mrs Gonzalez and her family in your thoughts and prayers during their time of grieving.

Have a lovely week.

Mrs Hall



## Stars of the Week

Reception – Athena for excellent progress in reading and phonics.  
Year 1 – Michael for showing big improvements in his handwriting.  
Year 2 – Orion for excellent work and fantastic ideas.  
Year 3 – Leo for working hard on handwriting.  
Year 4 – Jonathan for writing an excellent dialogue with direct speech.  
Year 5 – Frans for working hard in maths and applying new learning.  
Year 6 – Lena for continuing to improve her writing.

## School Value Awards

Reception – Kyrie for showing curiosity in number work and problem solving.  
Year 1 – Mia for showing curiosity about Space in Literacy.  
Year 2 – Nahia for showing aspiration and curiosity in lessons.  
Year 3 – Ola for showing love and compassion to those in need.  
Year 4 – Imogen for being a helpful talk partner.  
Year 5 – Luiza for being a listening ear to others and offering support.  
Year 6 – Henry for showing great aspiration.

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 1 May	Year 3 Mass attendance (leaving school at 09:00)
Wednesday 1 May	Year 2 Celebration of the Word 09:00 (parents welcome)
Wednesday 1 May	Year 4 Library Visit (leaving school at 13:40)
Monday 6 May	School closed for Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8 May	Year 5 Mass attendance (leaving school at 09:00)
Wednesday 8 May	Year 2 Library Visit (leaving school at 13:40)
Wednesday 22 May	Years 2 & 6 Mass attendance (leaving school at 09:00)
Wednesday 22 May	Year 3 Celebration of the Word 09:00 (parents welcome)
Friday 24 May	Break The Rules Day
Monday 27 to Friday 31 May	Summer half term break
Wednesday 5 June	Reception Celebration of the Word 09:00 (parents welcome)
Thursday 6 June	50p trail ( <i>Please save 50p coins in preparation</i> )
Wednesday 12 June	Year 5 Celebration of the Word 09:00 (parents welcome)
Wednesday 19 June	Year 4 Celebration of the Word 09:00 (parents welcome)
Wednesday 3 July	Year 6 Celebration of the Word 09:00 (parents welcome)
Saturday 13 July	Summer Fair
Wednesday 17 July	Year 1 Celebration of the Word 09:00 (parents welcome)
Tuesday 23 July	Last day of Summer Term
Thursday 29 August	First day of Autumn Term

## Birth Announcement

We are pleased to announce the birth of a baby sister for Alanis in Reception. Congratulations to Alanis and her parents on the arrival of Alicia.

# This Week's Attendance

22-26 April 2024	
Reception	95.3%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	98.4%
Whole school	97.8%

★ Well done Year 1 ★  
– best attendance for this week  
with 99.3%