

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
27 February 2026

Dear parents and carers,

As we return from the half-term break, it has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school. There is a real sense of renewed energy across St Vincent's, and it has been lovely to see the first signs of spring beginning to appear. The brighter mornings and longer days bring with them a sense of hope and new beginnings, which feels particularly fitting as we continue our journey through Lent.

Lent is a special time in the life of our school, when we pause to reflect on our values and the teachings that guide us. At St Vincent's, our commitment to compassion, service and faith is inspired by the life of St Vincent de Paul and his dedication to the *Preferential Option for the Poor*. While many of us may think of Lent as a time for personal sacrifices, such as giving up sweets or chocolate, it is also a time to grow closer to God and to think more deeply about how we can serve others.

Although we are already partway through this season, it is never too late to begin or renew our commitment to acts of kindness and charity. Whether this is through giving our time, supporting those in need, or simply showing patience, understanding and care in our daily interactions, these small actions help our children to live out the values we hold so dear. Through our learning and daily routines in school, we continue to remind the children of the importance of looking beyond themselves and making a positive difference in the world.

As we look ahead to the coming months, we would also like to give parents an early reminder about our uniform expectations. At St Vincent's, we take great pride in our school uniform, which fosters a strong sense of belonging and ensures that all children are dressed appropriately and ready for learning. We are grateful for the continued support of parents in helping children to come to school smart and prepared each day.

With the weather gradually becoming warmer, children may begin wearing their summer uniform from the start of the summer term after the Easter break, which begins on Tuesday 22 April. We expect all pupils to be in full summer uniform after the half-term break, starting Monday 2 June. To help avoid lost property, please ensure that all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, you will have received a uniform voucher to support with any uniform purchases from the school. If you believe you may be eligible but have not yet applied, please do contact the school office, as we would be very happy to help.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. By working together and keeping our shared values at the centre of all we do, we continue to create a caring, respectful and joyful community for our children to flourish.

I am confident that, through kindness, service and faith, our children will continue to be a light to others this Lenten season.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Gonzalez
Headteacher



Stars of the Week

Reception – Erika for being an excellent role model, through hard work and dedication.
Year 1 – Radheeka for a positive attitude towards learning and putting in his best effort.
Year 2 – Ian for fantastic ideas in English lessons, including the creation of a great advert.
Year 3 – Sophia AR for a positive attitude towards learning and putting in her best effort.
Year 4 – Nathaniel for consistently demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning.
Year 5 – Jessica for working to the best of her abilities, completing tasks to a high standard.
Year 6 – Rhimer for working hard to improve her English.

School Value Awards

Reception – Kiki for kindness and respect for all classmates, making the classroom welcoming.
Year 1 – Zion for embracing new challenges with curiosity and a desire to learn more.
Year 2 – Rio for sharing good ideas in class and for working hard to develop learning.
Year 3 – Jackson for showing courage by standing up for himself calmly and respectfully.
Year 4 – Cole for a positive attitude and enthusiasm since joining our class.
Year 5 – Abigail for always demonstrating excellent behaviour for learning.
Year 6 – Joshua for working hard to improve his Maths.

Bronze Awards

Bronze Awards are for earning 25 dojos! Well done!
Year 4 – Emmanuel.

Gold Awards

Gold Awards are for earning 100 dojos! Well done!
Year 2 – Amayah.
Year 3 – Bonnie, Amanda.
Year 4 – Kaycee.

This Week's Attendance

23-27 February 2026	
Reception	91.6%
Year 1	95.6%
Year 2	99.2%
Year 3	94.8%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	96.6%
Year 6	96.0%
Whole school	95.9%



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.

Friday 6 March	Book Character Dress-Up Day
Friday 27 March	Last day of Spring Term
Tuesday 14 April	First day of Summer Term
Wednesday 15 April	Book Sale (TBC)
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
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

London Maths Challenge

The amount collected for NSPCC on Number Day was £146.56.

World Book Day

We are excited to be celebrating World Book Day with a book character dress-up day on **Friday 6 March**. We would like to reassure families that there is no expectation for costly costumes. Many well-loved book characters wear everyday clothes, and creativity is far more important than expense.

Book Sale

Due to unforeseen circumstances, it is with regret that we will not be able to hold our Book Fair as planned in March. We hope that it may still take place later in the school year. However, to keep up the momentum with the year of reading, we will be holding a school book sale (currently planned for **Wednesday 15 April**). We are asking for donations of any new or pre-loved children's books that are in good condition to be delivered to the foyer by the school office, where there will be a container ready for any kind donations. Donations can be made at the start or end of the school day, Monday-Friday, beginning with immediate effect until Monday 23rd March. All money raised will go towards purchasing some wonderful books for the children to enjoy in school. We hope that the sale will provide another opportunity for children to obtain books that will help develop their love of reading.

Missing Coat

Ivie's school coat, which has her name inside, is missing. Please check that your child does not have Ivie's coat by mistake. Thank you.