

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
27 September 2024

Dear Parents and Families,

This week, I had the pleasure of accompanying our Spiritual Leaders to St George's Cathedral, where we joined over 200 schools from the Diocese of Southwark for a special Mass to mark the start of the new school year. The atmosphere was truly inspiring, with representatives from a wide range of schools—some groups of chaplains, others groups of children leading faith in their communities.

Our children represented St Vincent's beautifully, fully engaging in the service and showing a deep respect for the occasion. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to see the wider faith community and to take part in a celebration that reminds us of the important role we all play in nurturing faith and values in school.

School Council Election

In addition to this, we held elections for our School Council, expertly organised by Mrs. Stevenson. The council will be made up of two children from each class, starting from Year 2, all democratically elected by their peers. Mrs. Stevenson will meet with the council regularly to discuss important matters and ensure pupil voice is heard throughout the school.

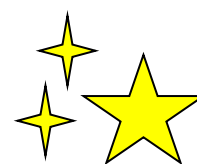
We want to remind everyone that this is not a popularity contest, but rather an election to find the right person to represent each class and contribute positively to the school community.

I am confident that these young leaders will bring fresh ideas and have a lasting, positive impact on our school!



Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

Reception – Alina for using phonics when writing.
Year 1 – Gabriella for completing work to a high standard and taking pride in learning.
Year 2 – Oscar for great perseverance in learning.
Year 3 – Kaiden for actively listening and following instructions.
Year 4 – Jessica for completing work to a high standard and taking pride in learning.
Year 5 – Isabelle for writing a great science-fiction story.
Year 6 – Leia for a consistently positive attitude.

School Value Awards

Reception – Ethan for resilience with the routines in class.
Year 1 – Daniella for setting high goals and working hard to achieve them.
Year 2 – Bethel-Eden for kindness and respect towards others and for being ready to help.
Year 3 – Maro for resilience, shown by handling obstacles with grace and perseverance.
Year 4 – Sienna for consistently showing empathy towards others.
Year 5 – Guilherme for excellent attitude in all areas.
Year 6 – Ambrose for resilience.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 2 October	Year 5 attendance at Mass
Wednesday 2 October	Year 6 visit to Gerald Moore Gallery
Wednesday 9 October	Year 2 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 9 October	Year 4 attendance at Mass
Friday 11 October	Year 4 Library visit
Wednesday 16 October	Year 6 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 16 October	School Disco. Details to follow.
Wednesday 16 October	Year 3 attendance at Mass
Friday 18 October	Year 5 Library visit
Friday 18 October	Last day of first half of Autumn Term
Monday 21 Oct – Friday 1 Nov	Half Term Break
Monday 4 November	First day of second half of Autumn Term
Wednesday 13 November	Year 1 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 27 November	Year 5 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 4 December	Year 3 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 11 December	KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 18 December	Reception Celebration of the Word

Term and holiday dates up to July 2025 are shown on the school website.

Holy Communion 2025 Sacramental Programme

The Application Deadline for the Our Lady Help of Christian's Holy Communion 2025 Sacramental Programme is **Saturday 5 October**. Eligible candidates are invited from Years 3 to 6. Children must be baptised Catholics and attend Mass at either OLHC Mottingham or St Patrick's Chislehurst. The last date to collect application packs is at the 6:00pm Mass on **Saturday 28 September**.

The Rosary

This week, our Spiritual Leaders led their first Rosary prayer session for this academic year. It was lovely to see so many children coming together in prayer. These sessions will run every Tuesday at 8.45am in the school hall. Parents and other family members are warmly welcomed to join us in prayer. Please come along!



Jason Pearce Assembly

On Wednesday our children were joined by Jason Pearce, a former professional footballer, to share an inspirational talk on his football career. He spoke about the hard work and dedication he had to give from an early age and many of his football highlights. The children were certainly inspired by this talk. He now runs a football academy called 'Jp6 academy.' Please find a flyer attached to the newsletter if you would be interested in your child joining the half term activities.



This Week's Attendance

23 - 27 September 2024	
Reception	96.8%
Year 1	94.8%
Year 2	93.1%
Year 3	99.7%
Year 4	96.8%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	96.9%
Whole school	96.4%



Lunch time club initiative

We are excited to share that our children are eager to organise a lunchtime club to foster creativity and social interaction. To support this initiative, we kindly ask for donations of board games and children's card packs, such as Uno. Your contributions will help create a fun and engaging environment for our students during their lunch breaks. Thank you for your support!

Applications for Reception Class September 2025

The application process for Reception places in September 2025 opened on 1 September 2024, for children whose date of birth falls between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021.

The national closing date for applications is 15 January 2025.

The national offer date for on-time Reception applications is 16 April 2025.

If you are a Bromley resident, you should make your application through London Borough of Bromley. You can name schools outside of Bromley on your application, if you wish.

If you live outside of Bromley, you need to apply through the local authority where you live and can name Bromley schools on that application, if you wish.

In addition to the official council application, please complete a Supplementary Information Form, which can be picked up from the school office or downloaded from the school website.