

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
28 April 2023

Dear parents and families,

As you are probably aware, the month of May is very important in schools. It is the month when most of the main examinations take place. This includes the SATs.

KS1 SATs will take place this May for our children in Year 2. These assessments, although statutory, are much more informal than the ones in Year 6. Nevertheless, they are an opportunity for our teachers to see how much progress children have made. They also allow us to pinpoint the gaps in learning which we will need to address in weeks ahead.

Children will be completing assessments in Reading, Mathematics and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). These assessments will be completed in small groups and in such way as to not make it too stressful for children. Writing will be assessed separately by the class teacher, by looking at the performance throughout the term.

The **KS2 assessments** are altogether a little different.

Our Year 6 children have been busily preparing for the week of the SATs. During the week beginning 8th May, children will complete tests in Mathematics, English Reading and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. There are also teacher assessments in Writing and Science.

These national curriculum tests are formally timed. There is a nation-wide exam timetable and the exams are sent off to be marked externally.

Individual pupils' results are available to each school in July via an online portal.

For KS2 SATs, parents will receive their child's scores during the summer term. They will be included in the child's end of year report.

The Year 6 SATs are used to measure the performance of your child's primary school. Some secondary schools may use the SATs scores as an indication of who may need extra support, so that this can begin as soon as a child enters Year 7.

At St Vincent's we will ensure every child is supported throughout the SATs process.

It is vital to remember that the SATs, important as they are, do not measure the myriad of gifts your children bring to our school. They could not possibly quantify the huge successes our students show throughout their school days. However, I want you to rest assured that our teachers know and daily recognise those talents, which go beyond the academic.

Let us see the SATs as a measure to celebrate how much every child has improved.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week



Reception – Adaure for being creative and using her imagination well.

Year 1 – Nahia for excellent work in literacy.

Year 2 – Annie for lovely writing in class and for participating well.

Year 3 – Veronica for always working hard in all subjects.

Year 4 – Mercedes for fantastic learning behaviour, effort in all work and class contributions.

Year 5 – Alannis for being innovative with her learning.

Year 6 – Maria for making a determined effort to improve her writing.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1 May	School closed for Spring Bank Holiday
Wednesday 3 May	Year 5 visit to Mass (<i>leaving at 9am</i>)
Wednesday 3 May	Year 3 visit to the library (<i>leaving at 1.40pm</i>)
Friday 5 May	King's Coronation celebration. Wear red, white and blue
Monday 8 May	School closed for Bank Holiday to mark King's Coronation
Wednesday 10 May	Year 4 visit to Mass (<i>leaving at 9am</i>)
Wednesday 10 May	Year 2 visit to the library (<i>leaving at 1.40pm</i>)
Friday 26 May	Last day of first half of term
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June	Half term break
Monday 5 June	School closed for staff training
Tuesday 6 June	School re-opens for second half of term
Friday 21 July	Last day of Summer Term
Monday 4 September	First day of Autumn Term

This Week's Attendance

24 - 28 April 2023	
Reception	98.3%
Year 1	99.0%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	99.6%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	94.1%
Whole school	97.7%



King's Coronation

Next Friday we will celebrate the King's Coronation in school. Children are invited to wear red, white and blue clothing, or king, queen, prince or princess outfits. They may bring a small snack/treat for the afternoon, either just for themselves or to share with the whole class. Please remember to check the ingredients, as nuts are not allowed in our school.

Children will be having an afternoon of arts and crafts, with some music and treats.

Class teachers will send guidance specific to their class, early next week.

Gospel Reflection

John 10:1-10

In today's reading, Jesus tells us a parable in which he is the gate that takes us to God. However, can you remember what Jesus says, right at the end of today's gospel?

Jesus says, "I have come so that you might have life – life in all its fullness."

Living life to the full does not mean having all the latest toys or the coolest clothes or the biggest house.

It doesn't even mean just having all the things we need in life, like enough food and somewhere safe to live, although this is a really important part of living life to the full.

It also means being the best person that we can be, living our lives well and having the chance to use all our gifts and talents for the good of all.

Let's do all that we can this week to live our own lives to the full – doing all that we can to be the best people we can be and using our gifts and talents for the good of others.

Let's do all that we can to help others to live their lives to the full too – people who we see every day and our brothers and sisters around the world.

We pray together to God, who comes to give us life to the full.

Prayer

God of life in all its fullness, be with us as we try to be the best people we can be. Inspire us to help one another to use the gifts and talents you have given us, so that the world may be a better place, reflecting the glory of your Kingdom.

Amen.