

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
3 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Food Bank Collection

In the spirit of St Vincent de Paul and our Catholic social teaching—particularly the *preferential option for the poor*—we are launching a collection for our local food bank. Many families in our wider community are feeling the pinch, and practical help like tins, long-life food and toiletries makes a real difference.

Please bring donations to school from **Monday 6th October to Thursday 16th October**. Children can hand items to their class teacher each morning, or families may use the drop-off point at the school foyer.

Most-needed items (no fresh or chilled, please)

- Tinned soup, beans, tomatoes, vegetables, meat or fish
- Pasta, rice, noodles, cereal, oats
- Long-life milk, UHT juice, squash
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate, sugar
- Toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo), deodorant, sanitary products
- Baby items (nappies, wipes, formula)
- Treats that lift spirits (biscuits, cereal bars, chocolate)

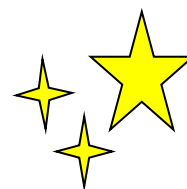
Please ensure items are unopened, in date, and ideally in smaller/family-size packs. Avoid glass where possible.

Our Mini Vinnies will help to sort and count donations and prepare them for delivery to the food bank on **Friday 17th October**. We'll share an update with the final totals so children can see the impact of their generosity.

If you are finding things difficult at the moment, please speak to me in confidence or contact the school office. We can help with referrals or signpost to local support services.

Thank you for anything you can give—every item helps. Together, as a school family, we can offer practical kindness to our neighbours.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

Reception – Mikyla for always being a polite and kind member of the class.
Year 1 – Alayna for fantastic effort when speaking English.
Year 2 – Heeya for working hard and for creating a brilliant, imaginative story.
Year 3 – Elia for great perseverance, even when faced with challenging tasks.
Year 4 – Amirah for being an excellent role model through hard work and dedication.
Year 5 – Abigail for amazing persuasive writing, using structure and convincing language.
Year 6 – Sasha for working hard to improve her work.

School Value Awards

Reception – Erika for aspiring to be the best she can.
Year 1 – Albert for remarkable resilience after falling in the playground.
Year 2 – Gabriella for working hard to produce a fantastic story full of great ideas.
Year 3 – Christel for remarkable resilience in the face of challenges and never giving up.
Year 4 – Nicholas for eager pursuit of knowledge and enthusiasm during our local walk.
Year 5 – Toby for perseverance, determination and a never-give-up attitude in writing.
Year 6 – Amari for working hard to improve his work.

Bronze Awards

Bronze Awards are for earning 25 dojos! Well done!
Reception – Zara, Mohamed, Helena, Rayden, Ofure, Louisa, Finley, Audrey, Albert, Gabriella, Diana, Anya.
Year 1 – Kyla, Andrew.
Year 2 – Uchenna, Amayah, Athena.
Year 3 – Bonnie, Jackson, Paula.
Year 4 – Yeani, Maro, Gabriella, Luisa, Isha, Kendall.
Year 5 – Juliet, Ivan, Joshua, Abigail, Aurora, Arianna-Rose, Olu, Emmanuel, Emme, Lillie, Alex J.
Year 6 – Massil.

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.

Wednesday 8 October	Year 1 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 8 October	Year 3 visit to Mass
Friday 10 October	Deadline for booking appointments with teachers
Friday 17 th October	Break the Rules Day
Friday 17 October	Last day of first half of Autumn Term
Monday 20 – Friday 31 October	Half term break
Monday 3 November	First day of second half of Autumn Term
Friday 19 December	Last day of second half of Autumn Term

Term and holiday dates up to July 2026 are shown on the school website

This Week's Attendance

29 Sep - 3 Oct 2025	
Reception	93.7%
Year 1	96.9%
Year 2	97.6%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	93.2%
Whole school	96.4%

★ Well done Year 5 ★
– best attendance for this week
with 98.1%

