

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
4 July 2025

Dear parents and families,

This week brought the full spectrum of British weather – and with it, two fantastic Sports Days! On Tuesday, our KS1 children showed brilliant energy and determination despite the extreme heat, while on Wednesday, our KS2 pupils took on the events with equal enthusiasm, even as the rain loomed threateningly overhead. True to British form, we spent both days asking: *Is it too hot? Is it too wet? Will it rain? Is that the sun?*

Regardless of the forecasts, our pupils gave it their all, and it was wonderful to see their team spirit, perseverance and sheer enjoyment. Thank you to all the staff who supported and all the families who came along to cheer from the side-lines – your encouragement makes all the difference.

We'd also like to give a special mention to our brilliant families – each year the Sports Day spirit seems to grow stronger and we're now spotting familiar faces in team colours, waving handmade signs and cheering like seasoned supporters! It's a real boost for the children (and the staff!), and your enthusiasm helps make the day feel extra special.

We are very much looking forward to our Summer Fair, which takes place this Wednesday from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. With plenty of fun stalls, games, and refreshments, we hope it will be another joyful event for our children and families to enjoy together.

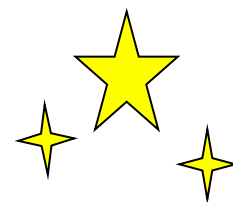
We'll continue selling bouncy castle tickets before and after school in the lead-up to the fair. Tickets will also be available to purchase during the event itself – don't miss out!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week



Reception – Isiuwa for writing an account of Sports Day, using her sounds well.
Year 1 – Uchenna for fantastic behaviour and listening on the school trip.
Year 2 – Mia for working hard and for showing kindness by helping others.
Year 3 – Victoria for fantastic leadership and team spirit, as a brilliant Sports Day captain.
Year 4 – Olumide for consistently trying his best.
Year 5 – Henry for meaningful involvement and enthusiastic contribution to the assembly.
Year 6 – Anna for being determined to improve her performance.

School Value Awards

Reception – Adebola for being curious about her learning in maths.
Year 1 – Heeya for resilience and determination on Sports Day.
Year 2 – Ethan for working hard to develop writing and creating a brilliant piece of non-fiction work.
Year 3 – Nathaniel for great determination and always trying his best.
Year 4 – Lukas for always looking out for other people.
Year 5 – Victoria for consistently demonstrating all the school values.
Year 6 – Mercedes for practising diligently to improve her singing.

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 9 July	Reception Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 9 July	Summer Fair 2.30-5.30pm
Thursday 10 July	Year 4 outing to Southbank Centre
Tuesday 15 & Thursday 17 July	Year 6 Performances
Wednesday 16 July	Year 6 Award Night, parents invited
Wednesday 16 July	Years 3 & 5 visit to Mass
Thursday 17 July	Mini Vinnie Cake Sale
Friday 18 July	Mini Vinnie Cake Sale
Monday 21 July	Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 22 July	Last day of Summer Term
Monday 1 September	First day of Autumn Term

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

Breakfast Club Price Increase

Please note that due to rising costs, the price of a Breakfast Club session will increase from £7 to £8 per child from 1st September.

This Week's Attendance

30 June - 4 July 2025	
Reception	96.9%
Year 1	96.4%
Year 2	97.5%
Year 3	98.4%
Year 4	93.9%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 6	93.4%
Whole school	96.2%



Mini Vinnie Cake Sale

The Mini Vinnies are holding a cake sale in the playground after school on Thursday 17 and Friday 18 July in aid of The Children's Trust, which supports children with brain injury. The Mini Vinnies would be grateful if you would please support this by bringing cakes to school on the mornings of the cake sale and by purchasing cakes from the stall. Thank you.

First Holy Communion Sacramental Programme 2026

Eligible candidates are invited from children who will be in Years 3 to 6 in September 2025. Applicants must be baptised Catholics and attend Mass at either Our Lady Help of Christians or St Patrick's. This year, application forms are available for collection from OLHC on the following dates: Saturday 6pm Masses from 7 June – 19 July 2025 and Sunday 11.15am Masses (during Little Church sessions) on 8, 15 and 22 June. All completed application forms must be submitted to the catechists and include two photographs, one of the applicant and another with their family/carer with whom they attend weekly Mass. Please note we only accept paper applications. The deadline for submission is Sunday 27 July 2025. Late applications will not be accepted.