

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
4 October 2024

Dear Parents and Families,

As we embrace October and celebrate Black History Month, it's essential to reflect on the contributions of Black people throughout history and acknowledge the rich diversity that shapes our world. At St Vincent's, this month provides an important opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture. However, our commitment to embedding Black history into our curriculum extends far beyond these 31 days.

We firmly believe that Black history is not a standalone topic to be revisited once a year. It is woven into the fabric of our curriculum, ensuring that throughout the year, our pupils engage with the experiences of different cultures, ethnicities, and religions. We want our children to understand how Black history and the contributions of Black people have helped shape the world around us. From lessons in history to stories in our literacy sessions, we explore a diverse range of voices that reflect both the richness of the world and the uniqueness of each child.

Our approach uses both "windows" and "mirrors." Windows offer children stories and perspectives that broaden their understanding of different cultures, while mirrors reflect their own identities and experiences. This ensures that all our children, whatever their background, feel represented and valued in our teaching.

At St Vincent's, we are committed to nurturing a school community that respects and celebrates the beauty of diversity. Our children learn that it is our differences that make us special, and through this, we cultivate a deep respect for each other's ideas, cultures, and contributions. Let us continue to foster this respect and appreciation as we celebrate Black History Month, and let it serve as a reminder that Black history is a vital part of our shared history, all year round.

Harvest Celebration at St Vincent's

With the season of harvest, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude and generosity. At St Vincent's, we believe in living out our Catholic values, especially when it comes to supporting those in need within our local community.

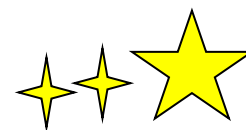
Once again, our Minnie Vinnies are leading the way by organising a food collection for the Bromley Foodbank. We kindly ask families to donate non-perishable items, such as tinned goods, pasta, rice, and long-life milk, which will be distributed to those who are struggling. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to put their faith into action, demonstrating compassion and kindness towards others.

Donations can be brought into school starting from Monday 7 October and will be collected in the main entrance. We will continue accepting items until the final collection day on Friday 18 October, when the Minnie Vinnies will prepare everything for delivery to the foodbank.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping us to support our local community in such a meaningful way. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week



Reception – Aliane for enthusiasm to participate in class discussion.
Year 1 – Alvin for being an excellent role model to classmates.
Year 2 – Lena for a positive attitude towards learning and producing fantastic work.
Year 3 – Amirah for being a dependable and trustworthy student who can be counted on.
Year 4 – Alexander for actively listening, making himself reliable and dependable.
Year 5 – Sasha for taking responsibility for learning and seeking ways to improve.
Year 6 – Jason for working hard to improve his writing.

School Value Awards

Reception – Zion for being compassionate to his peers.
Year 1 – Shayah for demonstrating maturity by forgiving others and maintaining a positive outlook.
Year 2 – Noah for great interest in learning and working hard to produce fantastic maths.
Year 3 – Katherine for setting high goals and working hard to achieve them.
Year 4 – Sophia for going out of her way to help others learn.
Year 5 – Amarisa for pushing through difficulties and staying focused on goals.
Year 6 – Nasiah for aspiring to achieve the best she can.

Dates for your Diary

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	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

This Week's Attendance

30 Sept – 4 Oct 2024	
Reception	96.3%
Year 1	94.1%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	99.1%
Year 4	98.2%
Year 5	98.0%
Year 6	97.5%
Whole school	97.5%



Mini Vinnies

This week, our Mini Vinnies were pleased to welcome a representative from Bromley Food Bank. The visit helped the children understand the important work they do in supporting local families in need. The Mini Vinnies are now preparing for their upcoming collection to contribute to this vital cause. We are proud of their commitment to helping others!

