

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
4 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the start of another academic year, I find myself feeling a mixture of pride, gratitude and What a lovely first week back we have had at St Vincent's! It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school and to see the children looking refreshed, happy and ready for the new school year.

A particularly special welcome goes to our new Reception children, who have reached a huge milestone this week as they began their journey with us at St Vincent's. Starting school is a very big step and I have been so proud of how well they have settled. Of course, there were a few tears and a little bit of upset on those first mornings. The children had their moments too, but I am delighted to say that everyone has settled remarkably well.

They have already begun to find their feet, learn their new routines and get to know their teachers and friends. It has been lovely to see their confidence growing even over these first few days and we are very proud of them.

As we begin the new school year, I would also like to remind families about our school uniform expectations.

Our summer uniform should continue to be worn until the October half-term. However, I have noticed that a number of children have returned to school already wearing their winter uniform. If families choose to move to winter uniform early, that is absolutely fine, but we do ask that children wear the full winter uniform, rather than a mixture of summer and winter items.

Please could I ask all parents and carers to take a few moments to review our policy and ensure that children are coming to school in the correct uniform each day, including the appropriate footwear and bags.

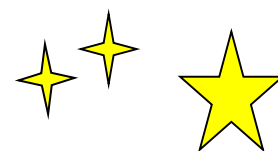
Our uniform policy is not simply about appearance. Having a clear and consistent school uniform helps to create a sense of belonging and equality amongst our children. It also helps to remove competition around designer brands, expensive clothing, bags and accessories. We want our children to feel that they belong to one school community and that what matters is who they are, rather than what they are wearing.

Thank you, as always, for supporting us in maintaining these expectations and helping our children to wear their St Vincent's uniform with pride.

It has been a very positive start to the new school year and I am looking forward to everything that the year ahead will bring.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez
Headteacher



This Week's Attendance

% from 1 st to 4 th September 2026	
Reception	95.83
Year 1	98.94
Year 2	88.82
Year 3	97.62
Year 4	95.48
Year 5	99.11
Year 6	82.14
Whole school	93.7



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 September 2026	Meet the Teacher sessions Years 1,3,5 - 3.30pm
Wednesday 9 September 2026	Meet the Teacher sessions Years 2,4,6 - 4.00pm
Wednesday 23 rd September 2026	Year 4 Celebration of The World - School Hall 9.00am
Wednesday 30 th September 2026	Year 6 Celebration of The World - School Hall 9.00am
Thursday 1 st October 2026	Flu Vaccination sessions
Wednesday 14 th October 2026	Year 1 Celebration of The World - School Hall 9.00am

Year 4 – We Need Your Help!

As part of our topic on **teeth**, Year 4 would love to hear from any parents or carers who are **dentists or dental nurses** and would be willing to come in and talk to the children about their work and help us learn more about looking after our teeth.

If you are able to support us, please get in touch with your child's class teacher. We would be very grateful for your help!

Term and holiday dates up to July 2027 are shown on the school website

If you have any comics and card games (e.g. UNO) that you would be happy to donate to the school, they will be gratefully received.

Breakfast Club Price Increase

Please note that due to rising costs, the price of a Breakfast Club session will increase from £8 to £9 per child from 1st September.

Bicycles and Scooters

Children are very welcome to bring bicycles and scooters to school. However, please remember that bicycles and scooters should not be ridden in the school playground at any time.

The playground can become particularly busy at the beginning and end of the school day, with lots of children and families moving around. To keep everyone safe and avoid accidents, bicycles and scooters should always be walked through the playground.

Thank you for helping us to keep our playground safe for everyone.

Safeguarding

If you need to discuss an **immediate** safeguarding concern, you can contact us through the following contact methods:

Call the school number 0208 857 5134 and ask for the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Email: general.post@st-vincent.sch.uk F.A.O. DSL

The Designated Safeguarding Leads in school are:

Mrs Gonzalez and Mrs Hall