

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
5 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a wonderful start to the new school year at St Vincent's. The children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm, and it has been lovely to see them settling so well into their new classes. A particularly warm welcome to all our new families—thank you for joining our school community.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome two new members of teaching staff to the St Vincent's family: Ms Nim, who has joined the Year 4 teaching team, and Mrs Alowoesin, who is working with the Year 5 team. Both bring a wealth of experience and have already made a positive start to the term.

This week, teachers have been spending time getting to know their new classes, building relationships, and setting clear routines and expectations. To help you stay informed, each class teacher will be sending home a letter on Monday, outlining the key information for the term ahead.

To support the strong home–school partnership we value so highly, we will be holding a Meet the Teacher session on **Monday 15th September**. This is an informal opportunity for you to come into school and meet your child's teacher. The information shared will mirror what is outlined in Monday's letter, so please don't worry if you are unable to attend.

St Oscar Romero Catholic Academy Trust

We are pleased to share that we are now officially part of the St Oscar Romero Catholic Academy Trust. Following consultation with parents and families, the process is now complete, and we begin this new chapter with great optimism and purpose.

Joining the Trust is a wonderful opportunity for our school. It strengthens our identity as a Catholic school, deepens our mission, and opens the door to meaningful collaboration with other Catholic schools. Through shared professional development, strengthened partnerships, and a united vision rooted in Gospel values, we can continue to grow as a community where every child flourishes.

The Trust's mission is *"Called by Christ to be agents of change and apostles of hope"*, inspired by the challenge of St Oscar Romero to "Live our Lives with Purpose."

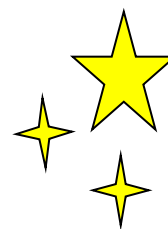
We will now be working together under five guiding principles:

- Act with Courage
- Build Community
- Embrace Faith
- Seek Justice
- Serve the Poor

These principles align closely with our values at St Vincent's and we look forward to what lies ahead.

Thank you for your continued support—working together, we can ensure a happy and successful year ahead for all our children.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

Reception – The whole class for a fantastic first week.

Year 1 – Taliana for being an excellent role model through hard work and dedication.

Year 2 – Dheeraka for a brilliant attitude to learning and for showing respect to others.

Year 3 – James for a positive attitude towards learning and putting in his best effort.

Year 4 – Orion for a consistent positive attitude towards learning.

Year 5 – Ola for a positive attitude towards learning and putting in her best effort.

Year 6 – Rhimer for great aspiration.

School Value Awards

Reception – Audrey for curiosity in her new classroom environment.

Year 1 – Radheeka for embracing new challenges with curiosity and a desire to learn.

Year 2 – Amayah for a fantastic attitude to learning and engaging well with activities.

Year 3 – Chloe for resiliently handling obstacles with grace and perseverance.

Year 4 – Eniola for determination and ability to work hard with a positive attitude to challenges.

Year 5 – Darcie for a deep interest in learning and embracing challenges.

Year 6 – Guilherme for great resilience.

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 17 September	Year 6 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 17 September	Year 5 visit to Mass
Wednesday 24 September	Year 6 visit to Mass
Wednesday 1 October	Year 2 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 1 October	Year 4 visit to Mass
Wednesday 8 October	Year 1 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 8 October	Year 3 visit to Mass
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

1 – 5 September 2025	
Reception	98.2%
Year 1	95.0%
Year 2	98.8%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	98.7%
Year 5	91.3%
Year 6	94.8%
Whole school	95.9%



School Uniform

Thank you to all families who have supported our uniform policy so well this week. The children look incredibly smart and we're proud of how they represent our school. Wearing the correct uniform encourages a sense of pride and belonging, while supporting fairness and consistency for all pupils.

We have recently updated our Uniform Policy and have included it with this newsletter. Please take a moment to read through the guidance and ensure your child is dressed appropriately each day.

A quick reminder about school bags: these should be either the official *St Vincent's school bag* or a plain black or navy bag. Thank you for supporting this approach.

If you have any questions or need support with uniform items, please don't hesitate to contact the school office—we're here to help.

Meet the teacher

We will be holding a Meet the Teacher event on **Monday 15th September**, with two short sessions to accommodate families:

- Key Stage 1 (Reception and Years 1 & 2): 3:30pm
- Key Stage 2 (Years 3–6): 4:00pm

This is an informal opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and hear about the year ahead. Please note that teachers will be sending home the main class information in a letter on Monday, so attendance at the session is optional.

We look forward to welcoming those who are able to join us.