

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
5 May 2023

Dear parents and families,

Today we had a colourful day in school. Our children talked and learned about the weekend celebrations coming up. They have shown a real interest in the monarchy and a wealth of knowledge about our current Royal Family. Clearly, the celebrations that we have witnessed within the past couple of years have sparked curiosity in our school.

The children had a lovely afternoon full of arts and crafts, enjoying the treats that our families generously donated. Thank you!

Once again, our children are learning history in action, as they are indeed part of occasions that the next generations will be learning about from their history books.

We hope the Coronation weekend brings the community together throughout the UK and we can enjoy a weekend dedicated to good causes.

A special message to our Year 6:

Congratulations on all the hard work you have put in leading up to SATs next week.

We are behind you, cheering you on to the finish line. You might be feeling stressed, overwhelmed, confused– we understand that, but keep going to give it everything you've got – you're nearly there.

This weekend, find special time for you; make it a homework-free time! Relax, get some rest and get ready for the big week ahead.

Next week, as you sit down to your exams, you owe it to yourself to work hard and do your best, but know that the results will not be a measure of you.

No exam can possibly come close to showing what you are capable of; most of the things that will make you successful, happy and give you a wonderful life will not be measured next week or in any exam.

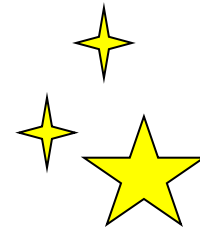
I want to wish you the best of luck during SATs week and remind you of what an incredible job you have done this year.

Whatever the outcome, we are very proud of all of you.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week



Reception – Gabriel M for trying hard in phonics and writing.

Year 1 – Lydia for always being kind and hardworking.

Year 2 – Sienna for working hard and for fantastic reading.

Year 3 – Neidas for writing an excellent newspaper report.

Year 4 – Luiza for always being kind and helpful and for improved focus in her work.

Year 5 – Diana for a determined work ethic.

Year 6 – Maria for making a determined effort to improve her maths.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 8 May	School closed for Bank Holiday to mark King's Coronation
Wednesday 10 May	Year 4 visit to Mass (<i>leaving at 9am</i>)
Wednesday 10 May	Year 2 visit to the library (<i>leaving at 1.40pm</i>)
Friday 26 May	Last day of first half of term
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June	Half term break
Monday 5 June	School closed for staff training
Tuesday 6 June	School re-opens for second half of term
Friday 21 July	Last day of Summer Term
Monday 4 September	First day of Autumn Term

This Week's Attendance

2 – 5 May 2023	
Reception	99.2%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	93.8%
Year 3	97.0%
Year 4	98.9%
Year 5	90.9%
Year 6	98.8%
Whole school	96.7%



School Meal Price

We regret that we will have to increase the price of a school meal from £2.50 to £2.70 after the half term break, from Tuesday 6th June. The cost of meals for the second half of the term (6th June to 21st July) will be £91.80.

Baby News

Congratulations to Fope, Fifi and their parents on the birth of a beautiful baby girl, Folayin.

Gospel Reflection

John 14:1-12

Today Jesus tells us that through him we will come to know God and that we should trust in him as we trust in God.

In today's reading, Jesus is telling his disciples that he is the Son of God, but the disciples find it difficult to understand.

Right at the beginning of today's gospel, Jesus tells the disciples not to be worried and to believe in him.

He is asking them to trust him.

Trusting someone means believing that they are always there for us, that they are always willing to help us, that they will comfort us when we are upset or frightened. When it comes to trusting someone, what they do is often more important than what they say.

Jesus also tells the disciples in this reading that if they find it hard to believe in his words, to believe in the things that he does.

Jesus did not only teach his disciples with words. Throughout his life he showed them (and us) how to love one another, to serve others and to care for and support people who were poor, sick, or sad. He showed us how to make sure that we treated all people well, even those who are usually ignored, or who are not well liked.

People are more likely to trust us if we are kind, if we listen to what they are saying, if we are willing to help, and if we tell the truth.

We can also trust in God. We know that God is always there for us and wants what is best for us. God is always ready to listen.

We can talk to God through prayer. When we pray we can share all our worries and fears and all our joys and hopes with God.

We can show our trust in God by listening to what Jesus asks of us and trying to follow him. By loving one another and by doing what is right, we are doing what God wants us to do.

We share all our worries, fears, joys and hopes with God as we pray together:

Prayer

God of life, we thank you for being there for us always. Help us to do all that you ask of us and to love one another, so that all people may have someone to trust.

Amen.

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