

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
6 March 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Today we had great fun celebrating World Book Day, and it was wonderful to see the school filled with imagination, creativity and, most importantly, a real love of reading. The costumes this year reflected both the enduring appeal of the classics and some of the newer characters that children are enjoying today.

We saw an impressive range of outfits around the school: several Harry Potters, some brilliant classic story characters, a very well-equipped SWAT officer complete with gadgets, a chicken, a few dinosaurs, and even Dog Man making an appearance! The children clearly put a great deal of thought and enthusiasm into their choices, and it was lovely to hear them talking proudly about the books and characters they had chosen.

This celebration comes at a particularly fitting time for us as a school, as we continue to place reading firmly at the heart of our learning through our Year of Reading focus. Throughout the year, we are encouraging children to develop a deep love of books, to explore a wide range of authors and genres, and to see reading not simply as a school task but as a lifelong source of enjoyment and discovery. From our youngest readers in Reception learning the foundations of phonics, to our older pupils discussing stories, characters and themes in greater depth, we want every child to feel confident and excited about reading.

Events like World Book Day are a wonderful reminder of how powerful stories can be. Whether children are discovering a brand-new favourite or returning to a well-loved classic, reading opens doors to imagination, curiosity and learning. It was a joy to see so many children celebrating books together.

I am confident that this enthusiasm for books will continue to grow, helping our children develop a lifelong love of reading.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez  
Headteacher



## Stars of the Week

Reception – Finley for completing work to a high standard and taking pride in learning.  
Year 1 – Sofia for consistent effort to stay on task and remain focused during lessons.  
Year 2 – Gabriella for working hard at tasks and producing fantastic creative writing.  
Year 3 – Benjamin for great perseverance in his studies, even when faced with challenging tasks.  
Year 4 – Victoria for enthusiasm and eagerness to participate in class discussions.  
Year 5 – Alexander J for a brilliant comprehension of calculating perimeter of rectilinear shapes.  
Year 6 – David for making great strides in his work.

## School Value Awards

Reception – Zlata for a deep interest in learning, exploring new ideas with enthusiasm.  
Year 1 – Chizaram for always being ready to help others, spreading positivity and care.  
Year 2 – Anthony for working hard at tasks and sharing nice ideas.  
Year 3 – Paula for setting high goals and working hard to achieve them.  
Year 4 – Isha for remarkable resilience in the face of challenges.  
Year 5 – Emme for always demonstrating excellent behaviour for learning.  
Year 6 – Isabelle for making a determined effort to improve.

## Bronze Awards

Bronze Awards are for earning 25 dojos! Well done!  
Year 2 – Muhammad.

## Gold Awards

Gold Awards are for earning 100 dojos! Well done!  
Year 1 – Mike.  
Year 2 – Rio, Khatira, Daniella.  
Year 4 – Camilla, Kendall, Gabriella, Maro.  
Year 5 - Annie, Aurora, Emmanuel, Lillie, Gabriel, Jesse, Ivan, Joshua and Alex J.

## This Week's Attendance

2-6 March 2026	
Reception	92.5%
Year 1	95.9%
Year 2	99.2%
Year 3	98.3%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	98.8%
Year 6	95.3%
Whole school	96.8%



## 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.

Friday 27 March	Last day of Spring Term
Tuesday 14 April	First day of Summer Term
Wednesday 15 April	Book Sale (TBC)
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Wednesday 20 May	Class photos
Monday 25 May - Monday 1 June	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 2 June	School reopens for second half of Summer Term
Wednesday 22 July	Last day of Summer Term

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

## Book Sale

Due to unforeseen circumstances, it is with regret that we will not be able to hold our Book Fair as planned in March. We hope that it may still take place later in the school year.

However, to keep up the momentum with the year of reading, we will be holding a school book sale (currently planned for **Wednesday 15 April**). We are asking for donations of any new or pre-loved children's books that are in good condition to be delivered to the foyer by the school office, where there will be a container ready for any kind donations. Donations can be made at the start or end of the school day, Monday-Friday, beginning with immediate effect until Monday 23rd March. All money raised will go towards purchasing some wonderful books for the children to enjoy in school. We hope that the sale will provide another opportunity for children to obtain books that will help develop their love of reading.