St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter
6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half-term break and had the opportunity to spend some quality time together as a family.

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week. They have settled quickly into their routines, and it has been lovely to see them reconnecting with their friends and get back into their learning. We have a busy and exciting half-term ahead of us as we begin the journey towards Advent and Christmas.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Parents' Evenings on Tuesday and Thursday. These meetings are such an important opportunity for us to work together, celebrate the children's achievements and discuss how we can continue to support them in their learning.

I would also like to thank our teachers for the time and care they put into preparing for these conversations. We greatly value the partnership between home and school, and your continued support makes a real difference.

Remembrance Week Lest We Forget

Next week, we will be marking Remembrance Week across the school, taking time to remember and pray for those who have lost their lives in wars and conflicts, and for all those who continue to suffer because of war around the world.

As a Catholic school, Remembrance is also an opportunity for us to reflect on the importance of peace, compassion, forgiveness and reconciliation. We will encourage the children to think about how even the smallest acts of kindness and understanding can help us build a more peaceful world.

On Wednesday 11th November, Armistice Day, we will join people across the country in observing a two-minute silence at 11 o'clock.

We invite our families to join us in prayer during the coming week, remembering those who have sacrificed so much and asking God to guide us in becoming peacemakers in our own communities.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Looking Ahead to Christmas

Although we have only just returned from half-term, Christmas preparations are already beginning at St Vincent's!

I am delighted to announce that **our Christmas Fair will take place on Tuesday 8th December**. Please save the date in your diaries!

Our newly forming PTA has already begun planning and it is wonderful to see parents coming together with such enthusiasm to support our school. We are looking forward to a lovely festive event that will bring our school community together.

As a reminder, our cake and preloved uniform sale will take place next Friday, 13th November, at 3.15pm. We hope as many families as possible will come along to support this first PTA initiative. Donations of clean, good-quality preloved uniform are still very welcome and can be left at the school reception.

There will be more information about the Christmas Fair in the coming weeks, including opportunities for families to get involved. Thank you to everyone who has already offered to help!

Winter Uniform

Now that we have returned from half-term, children should be wearing their winter uniform. Thank you for ensuring that they come to school smartly dressed and appropriately prepared for the colder weather.

As temperatures begin to drop, please make sure that your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school every day. Children will continue to go outside for playtimes, even during cold or inclement weather, unless there is heavy rain or conditions make it unsafe to do so. Fresh air and outdoor play are important for children's wellbeing and we want them to enjoy their breaks comfortably, whatever the season.

Please also ensure that coats, hats, scarves and gloves are clearly labelled with your child's name.

A Final Thought

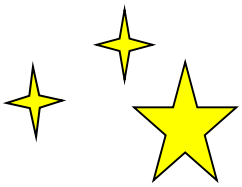
November is a particularly meaningful month in the Catholic Church, when we remember and pray for those who have died. It is a time to reflect on gratitude, love and the importance of caring for one another.

As we begin this new half-term, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support and for the many ways you contribute to our school community.

Have a lovely half term break.
Mrs Gonzalez
Headteacher

Friday 13th November – 3.15pm





Stars of the Week

Reception – Shannon for your willingness to challenge yourself and step out of your comfort zone.
Year 1 – Kikiola for showing love and compassion to others and for producing lovely creative work.
Year 2 – Andrew for always working super hard and being super respectful all of the time.
Year 3 – Amayah for your fantastic use of column method in Maths.
Year 4 – Amanda for active participation in the class discussions.
Year 5 – Camilla for consistently demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning and always putting in your best effort.
Year 6 – Alex J for making a great difference to his learning.

School Value Awards

Reception – Aksil for showing a deep interest in learning, exploring new ideas with enthusiasm.
Year 1 – Zara for working hard as tasks and for showing kindness to others.
Year 2 – Sofia for always being ready to help others, showing kindness and respect to all classmates.
Year 3 – Annabella for showing resilience and determination `when finding work tricky in Spanish.
Year 4 – Sophia for outstanding performance in all subjects.
Year 5 – Margot for reaching out to help a classmate in need. Demonstrating true compassion.
Year 6 – Emme for working hard to improve her Maths.

Bronze Dojo Awards

Year 1 – Ethan, Lucia.

Year 3 – Danny

Year 5 -. Camilla, Chimamanda, Kendall, Orion, Philemon-James, Epiphany.

This Week's Attendance

96.22% from 2nd to 6th November 2026	
Reception	97.22
Year 1	95.24
Year 2	96.89
Year 3	92.44
Year 4	95.02
Year 5	98.26
Year 6	97.85
Whole school	96.22

Well done Year 5 – best attendance for this week with 98.26%

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 11th November	Yr 6 to attend mass at OLHC (leaving school at 9am)
Wednesday 11th November	Yr 1 Celebration of the Word in school 9am
Friday 13th November	Non uniform- Donations of cuddly toys
Friday 13th November	Bake Sale and Preloved Uniform Sale 3.15pm
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 18th November	Yr 5 to attend mass at OLHC (leaving school at 9am)
Wednesday 18th November	Yr 2 Celebration of the Word in school 9am
Friday 20th November	Non uniform- Donations of raffle prizes
Wednesday 25th November	Yr 3 to attend mass at OLHC (leaving school at 9am)
Wednesday 25th November	Yr 5 Celebration of the Word in school 9am
Wednesday 2nd December	Yr 4 to attend mass at OLHC (leaving school at 9am)
Wednesday 2nd December	Yr 3 Celebration of the Word in school 9am
Tuesday 8 December	Christmas Fair

Odd Socks Day – Monday 16th November

To mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week, we will be celebrating Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November!

Odd Socks Day is a fun way to celebrate what makes us all unique! It encourages children to express themselves, embrace their individuality and recognise that we are all different in our own special ways. It's a great opportunity to celebrate our differences and remind everyone that being unique is something to be proud of.

Children are invited to wear their brightest, boldest and most mismatched odd socks for the day! Please remember that children should wear their usual school uniform, with the only exception being their odd socks.

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.

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-vincents.bromley.sch.uk F.A.O. DSL

The Designated Safeguarding Leads in school are:

Mrs Gonzalez and Mrs Hall