

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
8 March 2024

Dear parents and families,

On Wednesday, we welcomed Sharon Docherty, representing the Diocese, who engaged with our teachers, governors, and students. Ms. Docherty was particularly impressed with the involvement of our students in Years 4 and 5, in the Celebration of the Word. The children demonstrated a deep understanding of scripture and its relevance to their daily lives, reflecting our school's mission to embrace the teachings of Jesus in all aspects of learning.

Furthermore, the Diocese commended our student leaders for their role in fostering catholicity within our school community. It's noteworthy to mention that not all students, chosen to interact with our visitor, were Catholics. However, this inclusivity is integral to our ethos, emphasising that everyone is valued and has a role to play in our shared mission.

I am proud of the recognition we received from the Diocese, which reflects the dedication of our staff and students in continuously enhancing our Catholic identity. As we move forward, we plan to incorporate direct quotes and readings from the Bible into our curriculum, empowering our students to engage more deeply with scripture.

Additionally, we aim to strengthen our partnership with parents, inviting them to participate more actively in the events led by our children. For instance, our Spiritual Leaders were very proud to talk about their involvement in leading the Rosary every Tuesday, but although it is very well loved and attended by our children, they wish for more parents and families to also attend.

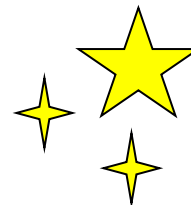
Your involvement is invaluable in enriching the spiritual growth of our students and strengthening our school community, so we would like to encourage parents to share any suggestions or ideas they may have for further collaboration on the catholicity of our school. What would you like to see?

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who contributes tirelessly to advancing our Catholic Life and Mission. Together, we will continue to nurture a learning environment where the values and teachings of Jesus inspire us to make a positive difference in the world.

Have a lovely week.

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week



Reception – Annabella for amazing literacy, reading and phonics.
Year 1 – Chloe for working hard and overcoming challenges.
Year 2 – Ivie for being a lovely new member of Year 2.
Year 3 – Jesse for completing tasks to a great standard.
Year 4 – Orezime for working hard in her written work.
Year 5 – Owura for use of good expression when reading a play script.
Year 6 – Tom for developing story-writing skills.

School Value Awards

Reception – Khatira for showing resilience in phonics and writing.
Year 1 – Oscar for showing resilience and aspiration in phonics.
Year 2 – Fope for showing curiosity by learning about topics in depth.
Year 3 – Olu for being caring and compassionate to others.
Year 4 – Maximilian for aspiring to grow in confidence.
Year 5 – Luiza for showing aspiration when sharing information about Brazil.
Year 6 – Zadok for having developed resilience.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 11 March	Year 5 Library visit (<i>leave school at 13:40</i>)
Wednesday 13 March	Year 4 to Mass (<i>leave school at 09:00</i>)
Thursday 14 March	School Disco KS1 & KS2
Friday 15 March	Non-Uniform Day (<i>please donate an Easter egg</i>)
Friday 15 March	Coffee morning for those interested in PTA (<i>After drop off</i>)
Wednesday 20 March	Years 3 & 5 to Mass (<i>leave school at 09:00</i>)
Monday 25 – Thursday 28 March	Easter activities week
Tuesday 26 March	Purple Day (<i>Non-uniform day in support of Epilepsy Action</i>)
Wednesday 27 March	Year 2 to Mass (<i>leave school at 09:00</i>)
Wednesday 27 March	Big Lent Walk 13:30
Thursday 28 March	Last day of Spring Term
Monday 15 April	First day of Summer term
Friday 24 May	Break The Rules Day
Thursday 6 June	50p trail (<i>Please save 50p coins in preparation</i>)
Saturday 13 July	Summer Fair TBC

Coffee Morning

All parents, who are interested in helping the PTA, are welcome to come to a Coffee Morning at drop off time on Friday 15 March in the school hall. Whether you wish to be part of the PTA or just curious about future events, please come along.

This Week's Attendance

4 - 8 March 2024	
Reception	93.3%
Year 1	93.3%
Year 2	99.3%
Year 3	95.3%
Year 4	97.7%
Year 5	93.5%
Year 6	96.9%
Whole school	95.6%



The Rosary

Each Tuesday at 8.45am, our Spiritual Leaders lead the Rosary in the school hall. Many children join our Spiritual Leaders to pray a decade of the rosary together and offer their own prayer intentions to Jesus. We would like to warmly welcome parents to join us in prayer.



The Big Lent Walk

As Mini Vinnies, we have been hard at work deciding ways that we can follow St Vincent, in showing charity and compassion to the poor. This year we will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk. We will take on the challenge of collectively walking 200km, to be part of a massive team helping people as they overcome poverty. The Big Lent Walk will take place on Wednesday 27 March at 1.30pm. All children and staff members will participate. We encourage you to join us in putting our faith into action. We will set up a page on the GoFundMe website for family and friends to donate.

Further details will follow next week.

From the Mini Vinnies.



Fundraising Activities

Just a reminder that the following activities have been scheduled on the calendar over the coming months:

- **Spring school disco – Thursday 14 March**
Please see the poster in the office, along with the sign-up form for volunteers.
Tickets are on sale **in the playground** each day.
- **Easter activities week Monday 25 - Thursday 28 March**
We are hoping to run some Easter activities 25-28 March. In advance of this week of activities, we will be requesting donations of Easter eggs. Therefore, if you are shopping over half term, please think about picking up an egg for the donation.
- **Break the rules day – Friday 24 May**
Details to follow.
- **50p trail – Thursday 6 June**
Please keep collecting your 50p coins for this fundraising event.
- **Summer Fair – Saturday 13 July** Details to follow.



St. Vincent's Easter Week

This year, we will be enjoying Easter activities from Monday 25th March until Thursday 28th March when the children break up for the Easter break.

Each day after school there will be fun and games for all of the family to enjoy. Please stop by after school and have some fun.

We will have lots to enjoy.....

Games	Raffle	Refreshments	Easter egg hunt	Easter egg tombola
	Crafts	Lucky dip		

We will be holding a school dress down day on Friday 15th March. We are asking for children to donate an Easter egg for the day.

As always, we cannot run these fun events for this children without your help and support. We are hoping that children in our junior classes will be able to assist with running the stalls, and therefore, any adult helpers to supervise the stalls will be very much appreciated. Each day we will aim to be finished by 4.30. We hope that by holding events throughout the week, we are making this as accessible for everyone as we possibly can.

Further details will be sent soon.



International Women's Day



The campaign theme for International Women's Day 2024 is "Inspire Inclusion."

International Women's Day (IWD) is a global celebration of the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. It also serves as a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activities are witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality.

However, there's no room for complacency. According to the World Economic Forum, sadly, none of us will see gender parity in our lifetime, and it's unlikely that many of our children will either. Gender parity is not expected to be achieved for well over a century.

Many women in the Bible serve as examples of faith, courage, and devotion. Examples include Ruth's loyalty and obedience, Esther's bravery in saving her people, and Mary's willingness to accept God's plan despite uncertainty. Jesus treated women with respect and compassion, engaging in meaningful conversations with them and affirming their value in God's sight.

The #InspireInclusion campaign aims to forge a more inclusive world for women. There's urgent work to be done - and we can all play a part.