

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
8 November 2024

Dear Parents and Families,

This week, we are focusing on two important themes with our children: Remembrance Day and Anti-Bullying Week. Both give us a chance to really talk about our school values—Love, Forgiveness and Compassion—and connect them to the core principles of Catholic Social Teaching that shape our community.

On Remembrance Day, we will come together as a school to honour those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom. This is a time for us all to pause, reflect and be grateful. It's also a great way for students to think about our shared responsibility to care for each other and the dignity of every person. Through simple activities and a moment of silence, we are encouraging the children to show gratitude and to think about how they can be peacemakers in their own lives.

For Anti-Bullying Week, our focus is on building a community where everyone feels safe, respected, and loved. We want each child to understand that they have the power to make a positive difference by showing kindness and compassion and standing up against unkindness. Through discussions, role-plays and activities, we'll talk about forgiveness, empathy and courage—qualities that help us build a stronger, more caring school community.

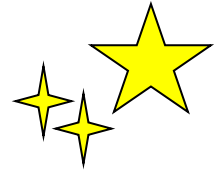
Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that we're all connected and that we're called to support and love one another, especially those who might feel left out or alone.

We'd love it if you could carry these themes into conversations at home, too. Simple chats about love, forgiveness and respect can really help reinforce these ideas in ways that stick.

Thank you for being a part of this journey with us, and for trusting us to support your children's growth in faith and character.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez



## Stars of the Week

Reception – Lucia for trying her best when blending CVC words.  
 Year 1 – Elisha for enthusiasm and eagerness to participate in class activities and discussions.  
 Year 2 – Aaron for creating lovely artwork and producing great writing.  
 Year 3 – Luisa for great perseverance in her studies, even when faced with challenging tasks.  
 Year 4 – Toby for hard work in English.  
 Year 5 – Neidas for tackling new challenges and setting high standards for himself.  
 Year 6 – Michael for an impressive effort to improve the presentation of his work.

## School Value Awards

Reception – Radheeka for continuous efforts to improve and reach new heights in learning.  
 Year 1 – Luna for embracing new challenges with curiosity and a desire to learn.  
 Year 2 – Paula for helping others and for exploring new learning with enthusiasm.  
 Year 3 – Kayla for helping others, spreading positivity and care throughout the school.  
 Year 4 – Nero for showing a deep interest in learning.  
 Year 5 – Orizime for showing kindness, respect and care for others.  
 Year 6 – Luiza for showing determined resilience.

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 11 November	Individual and sibling group photographs
Wednesday 13 November	Year 1 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 27 November	Year 3 Celebration of the Word (change of date)
Wednesday 4 December	Year 5 Celebration of the Word (change of date)
Wednesday 11 December	KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 18 December	Reception Celebration of the Word

**Term and holiday dates up to July 2025 are shown on the school website.**

## School Photographs

Just a reminder that school photographs are scheduled for Monday 11<sup>th</sup>. Individual and sibling group photos will be taken on this day. Please ensure your child is wearing the full winter uniform. Thank you.

## This Week's Attendance

4 – 8 November 2024	
Reception	93.1%
Year 1	93.8%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 3	94.7%
Year 4	97.0%
Year 5	99.7%
Year 6	92.5%
Whole school	95.4%

