

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
9 February 2024

Dear parents and families,

I am delighted to report that our attendance rates have been showing signs of improvement, thanks to the collective efforts of our students and families. This positive trend reflects our shared commitment to prioritising education and I encourage everyone to maintain this momentum as we embark on the second half of the year.

In addition to celebrating our progress in attendance, I want to underscore the importance of punctuality. Arriving at school on time ensures that students are fully prepared and focused for the day's lessons. Therefore, I kindly urge you to assist our children in arriving **by 8:45 AM**, ready to begin their learning journey. Registers will be promptly taken and any late arrivals may be marked accordingly.

Last week's attendance: 96.7% Attendance during January: 95.2% Our target: 97%



Good luck!

It is with a mixture of emotions that we announce the departure of Miss Oliver, our cherished Reception teacher, who has decided to embark on a new chapter by leaving the teaching profession. Despite this move, she remains committed to supporting the development of children and young people.

Miss Oliver has been an integral part of our school community, bringing dedication, passion, and warmth to her role in nurturing the youngest minds among us. Her departure marks the end of an era, but her impact will resonate with us for years to come.

While we are saddened by her decision to leave teaching, we wholeheartedly support Miss Oliver in her quest for a better work-life balance. We are grateful for her dedication to our students and wish her all the best in her future.

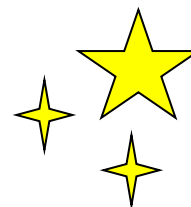
As we break for half term, I encourage you to take this time to rest, rejuvenate, and spend quality moments with your loved ones.

Have a lovely week.

Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week



Reception – Nakshith for settling down nicely and listening well.
 Year 1 – Fifi for excellent work and effort in maths.
 Year 2 – Camilla for working hard and producing beautiful artwork.
 Year 3 – Oliver for showing love and aspiration to learning.
 Year 4 – Massil for big improvement in handwriting.
 Year 5 – Immy for fantastic fraction work.
 Year 6 – Isabel for showing great aspiration.

School Value Awards

Reception – Dheeraka for showing compassion towards peers.
 Year 1 – Chengdao for showing curiosity when birdwatching.
 Year 2 – James for showing aspiration by completing work to a fantastic standard.
 Year 3 – Alex M for showing love, care and compassion to others.
 Year 4 – Ezra for a strong work ethic.
 Year 5 – Maddison for being a wonderful and compassionate friend.
 Year 6 – Zadok for making a determined effort to improve.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 12 to Friday 16 February	Spring Half Term Break
Wednesday 21 February	Year 3 to Mass (<i>leave school at 09:00</i>)
Thursday 22 February	Years 1 & 2 to Royal Festival Hall
Thursday 22 February	Open Book Session for all classes 15:30-16:30
Mon 26 February to Fri 1 March	Parent Teacher Meetings for Years 1-6
Friday 1 March	Dress up as a Book Character
Thursday 14 March	School Disco KS1 & KS2
Monday 25 – Thursday 28 March	Easter activities week
Tuesday 26 March	Purple Day (<i>Non-uniform day in support of Epilepsy Action</i>)
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 (Please save 50p coins in preparation)
Saturday 13 July	Summer Fair TBC

This Week's Attendance

5 – 9 February 2024	
Reception	94.2%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	98.3%
Year 5	96.5%
Year 6	92.2%
Whole school	96.3%



Parking

It has come to our attention that there have been occasions of discourteous parking behaviour during drop-off and pick-up times. We would like to remind everyone that such instances set a negative example for all our children.

At St Vincent's, we strive to instil virtues of respect, kindness and consideration in our students. This extends not only to interactions within the school but also to our actions in the broader community, including our parking habits.

We kindly request that all parents and visitors park with thoughtfulness and respect for our children, other adults and our neighbours. Please adhere to the designated parking rules and avoid blocking driveways or parking in an obtrusive manner.

While we understand the importance of punctuality, it should never come at the expense of the safety and well-being of others in our community. Let us demonstrate to our children the significance of respecting others and being mindful of our actions.

Let us all work together to uphold the values of our school and maintain positive relationships with our community.

Thank you to everyone who parks responsibly and with consideration for others' safety.

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 will be on sale **in the playground** from 19 February.
- **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 (date to be finalised)**
Details to follow.

Thursday 22nd February: Open Book Session

Parents will have the opportunity to come and look at children's work in their books. This session will be held from 3:30 to 4:30, and you are welcome to come with your children to share in their accomplishments. Parents do not need to book this session, just turn up.

Week beginning 26th February: Parent-Teacher Meetings Years 1-6

These are 10-minute appointments, during which your teacher will give you an update on your child's personal learning journey. The school has an online booking system, which allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will then receive a confirmation email. All meetings, whether conducted face-to-face or online, will have a fixed duration of 10 minutes. This standard duration is essential to ensure fairness and equity for all parents and carers.

We have scheduled face-to-face appointments for each class on **Thursday 29th February**. Additionally, we are providing online meetings **throughout the week**, with dates and timings varying for each class.

We would also like to emphasise that our teachers operate under an open-door policy. They are always ready and willing to meet with parents throughout the year whenever the need arises. Should you require a more in-depth discussion or have additional questions beyond the 10-minute meetings, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to schedule a separate meeting.

Appointments can be made by following the link below and will close on Tuesday 27th February at 4:00pm.

Please visit <https://www.stvincentslondon.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your times. You will find below, a short video to support you with the bookings:

<https://support.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

Sessions can be booked on a first come, first served basis. You will need to log in using yours and your child's details. Please ensure they are the same details we have on file, so the system can recognise them, for example ensure that you are using the same email address that you have given to the school. ****Note password is case sensitive****

If you are having trouble with your logins or if you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office.