

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
9 January 2026

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you and your families had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas break. It has been a real pleasure to welcome the children back to school this week and to see how quickly they have settled back into routines. There has been a calm, positive atmosphere across the school, with children reconnecting with friends, engaging well in lessons and stepping into this new term with maturity and enthusiasm.

Earlier this week, we marked the Feast of the Epiphany — an important moment in the Church's calendar, reminding us of the visit of the Magi and the revelation of Christ to the world. Epiphany invites us to reflect on light, guidance and hope: on recognising God's presence in our lives and in one another.

For us, as a Catholic school community, Epiphany is a powerful reminder of our shared values. It calls us to seek what is good, true and just; to act with love, forgiveness and compassion; and to recognise the dignity and uniqueness of every child. These are not just words we speak, but values we strive to live each day in our classrooms, relationships and decisions.

As we move into this new year, we do so with a renewed sense of purpose. There is much learning ahead, and we remain firmly committed to ensuring that every child is supported, challenged and encouraged to achieve their very best. Alongside this, we continue to place great importance on personal development, wellbeing and the nurturing of positive relationships — because children flourish most when they feel safe, valued and confident.

Of course, school life is not only about lessons and assessments. Some of the moments children remember most are the ones that build community: shared celebrations, creative projects, trips, special days and opportunities to simply enjoy being together. Over the coming term, there will be many opportunities for this, as we balance high expectations with joy, curiosity and memorable experiences.

We look forward to all that this new year will bring and to continuing our journey together as a school family.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez  
Headteacher



## Stars of the Week

Reception – Albert for working hard in phonics and for sitting quietly.

Year 1 – Esther for a fantastic first week at St Vincent's.

Year 2 – Muhammad for making a great start to our school in Year 2.

Year 3 – Ethan for taking responsibility for his learning and always seeking ways to improve.

Year 4 – Emmanuel for a successful settling in to Year 4.

Year 5 – Flora for using relative clauses in character description.

Year 6 – Cieanna for making great improvements to her writing.

## School Value Awards

Reception – Elissa for showing care and compassion to friends.

Year 1 – Fali for his effort to improve and reach new heights in P.E.

Year 2 – Shayah for kindness and compassion to others and for working hard at tasks.

Year 3 – Chengdao for remarkable resilience in the face of challenges and never giving up.

Year 4 – Teddy for setting high goals and working hard to achieve them.

Year 5 – Lukas for showing great resilience by improving his work and not giving up.

Year 6 – Violet for great resilience.

## Silver Awards

Silver Awards are for earning 50 dojos! Well done!

Year 1 – Fali, Mike, Zion.

Year 2 – Luna, Rio.

## Gold Awards

Gold Awards are for earning 100 dojos! Well done!

Year 1 – Radheeka.

Year 2 – Uchenna.

## This Week's Attendance

5 - 9 January 2026	
Reception	92.1%
Year 1	93.1%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	92.0%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	93.7%
Whole school	94.6%



## 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.

Monday 19 January	Year 5 trip to National Portrait Gallery
Monday 16 – Friday 20 February	Half Term Break
Friday 27 March	Last day of Spring Term
Tuesday 14 April	First day of Summer Term

**Term and holiday dates up to July 2026 are shown on the school website**

## Applications for Reception Class September 2026

The application process for Reception places in September 2026 opened on 1 September 2025, for children whose date of birth falls between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022.

The national **closing date for applications is 15 January 2026**.

The national offer date for on-time Reception applications is 16 April 2026.

If you are a Bromley resident, you should make your application through London Borough of Bromley. You can name schools outside of Bromley on your application, if you wish.

If you live outside of Bromley, you need to apply through the local authority where you live and can name Bromley schools on that application, if you wish.

In addition to the official council application, please complete a Supplementary Information Form, which can be picked up from the school office or downloaded from the school website.