

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
9 May 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

Today, I write with a heart full of joy. Like many of you, I was captivated by the events unfolding in Rome yesterday as we awaited the announcement of the new leader of our Catholic Church. The moment the white smoke appeared and the words "*Habemus Papam!*" were declared, a wave of excitement and anticipation swept across the Catholic world.

We now welcome **Pope Leo XIV**, chosen to lead the Church during a remarkable and hope-filled time. As we journey through the *Jubilee Year of Hope*, his election feels especially significant—a timely reminder of God's presence and guidance in our lives and in our Church.

Many of the children have also been fascinated by the events in Rome. In school, we've taken time to talk about the role of the pope, how he is chosen and why this moment is important for Catholics around the world. We've linked this to our ongoing reflections during the *Jubilee Year of Hope*—a special time to renew our faith, grow in love and service and look for signs of God's hope in the world around us.

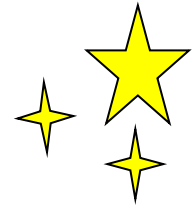
Pope Leo XIV has already spoken of his desire to build peace, care for the poor and foster unity within the Church. His election comes alongside heartening news: the number of Catholics around the world is rising, particularly among young people. It is a powerful reminder that our faith is alive and growing—and that the future of the Church is vibrant and full of promise.

Let us continue to keep Pope Leo XIV in our prayers as he begins this sacred mission. May we, too, be people of hope—walking together in faith, and helping our children to see that they are part of something joyful, lasting and global.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez





Stars of the Week

Reception – Seth for trying hard to listen during class discussions.
Year 1 – Dheeraka for creativity and originality in tackling assignments and projects.
Year 2 – Benjamin for consistently working hard in maths and for great skill in PE.
Year 3 – Victoria for a positive attitude towards learning and always putting in her best effort.
Year 4 – Eliza for being a helpful, considerate and wonderful pupil and classmate.
Year 5 – Guilherme for great perseverance in his studies, even when facing challenging tasks.
Year 6 – Jacob for making great strides forward.

School Value Awards

Reception – Mark for curiosity and seeking to understand more.
Year 1 – Gabia for showing love by including everyone and making sure no one feels left out.
Year 2 – Chengdao for exploring new ideas, sharing great answers and producing fantastic stories.
Year 3 – Antonio for an eager pursuit of knowledge and always asking insightful questions.
Year 4 – Toby for working hard on creating longer sentences.
Year 5 – Aziah for stepping out of his comfort zone, making wonderful contributions to discussions.
Year 6 – Ella for great determination.

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 14 May	Year 4 visit to Mass
Wednesday 21 May	Year 1 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 21 May	Years 2 & 6 visit to Mass
Friday 23 May	Year 3 outing to Chislehurst Caves
Friday 23 May	Last day of first half of Summer Term
Monday 26 May – Monday 2 June	Half term break
Tuesday 3 June	First day of second half of Summer Term
Thursday 19 June	Year 3 outing to Eltham Palace
Tuesday 1 July	Sports Afternoon for Reception, Years 1 & 2
Wednesday 2 July	Sports Afternoon for Years 3-6
Tuesday 22 July	Last day of Summer Term
Monday 1 September	First day of Autumn Term

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

This Week's Attendance

6-9 May 2025	
Reception	99.5%
Year 1	91.3%
Year 2	99.1%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	99.3%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	99.2%
Whole school	97.9%

 Well done Reception 
– best attendance for this week
with 99.5%