

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
14 February 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

This week, we are marking *Safer Internet Day*, focusing on the theme “*Too Good to Be True? Protecting Yourself and Others from Scams Online.*” As technology advances, so do the tactics used by scammers—many of whom are now targeting young people.

Research shows that children and teenagers are more likely to believe online scams, particularly those disguised as gaming rewards, social media giveaways, or messages from seemingly trusted brands. With the rise of AI-generated content and increasingly convincing fake messages, it's more important than ever to teach children how to spot red flags and think critically before clicking, sharing, or responding.

Across the Borough of Bromley, many schools are moving towards *mobile-free environments* during the school day. Studies suggest that delaying mobile phone use until at least 16 can lead to improved concentration, better sleep and stronger social interactions. By reducing screen time, we help children stay engaged in their learning while also limiting their exposure to potential online risks.

We encourage all families to take time this week to talk about online safety—discussing *how to recognise scams, question what seems too good to be true and seek help if something doesn't feel right.* Together, we can help children develop the skills they need to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly.

To support these conversations at home, here are some helpful resources:

✦ **UK Safer Internet Centre** – Practical advice and guides on staying safe online.

☞ www.saferinternet.org.uk

✦ **NSPCC – Online Safety Hub** – Guidance on parental controls, gaming and spotting scams.

☞ www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety

✦ **ThinkUKnow (CEOP Education)** – Age-specific activities and videos for children and parents.

☞ www.thinkuknow.co.uk

✦ **Internet Matters – Scam Awareness Guide** – How to spot and report online scams.

☞ www.internetmatters.org

✦ **Childnet – Parent and Carer Toolkit** – Tips for conversations and setting digital boundaries.

☞ www.childnet.com

By working together, we can ensure that our children develop the skills and confidence to use the internet safely and responsibly.

Have a lovely week.

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week



Reception – Seth for trying hard to listen.

Year 1 – Anthony for consistently showing a positive attitude and putting in his best effort.

Year 2 – Chengdao for working hard and creating beautiful artwork.

Year 3 – Chimamanda for kindness and willingness to help others

Year 4 – Flora for willingness to help and for hard work.

Year 5 – Tega for consistent effort to stay on task and remain focused.

Year 6 – Daniel for making great effort to improve his work.

School Value Awards

Reception – William for curiosity in maths.

Year 1 – Izaiah for curiosity and for always seeking to understand more.

Year 2 – Sophia L for continuous effort to complete fantastic pieces of work.

Year 3 – Margot for continuous effort to improve and reach new heights in learning.

Year 4 – Alexander for curiosity and for thinking deeply about his work.

Year 5 – Cieanna for sharing great knowledge about the Tudors with classmates.

Year 6 – Elsie for resilience.

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 17 – Friday 21 February	Half term break
Tuesday 4 March	Year 2 outing to Southwark Cathedral
Wednesday 5 March	Year 3 Celebration of the Word
Tuesday 11 March	Year 4 outing to Houses of Parliament
Wednesday 12 March	Year 6 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 12 March	School disco
Thursday 13 March	Years 1 & 2 outing to Royal Festival Hall
Wednesday 19 March	Year 5 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 2 April	Reception Celebration of the Word
Friday 4 April	Last day of Spring Term
Tuesday 22 April	First day of Summer Term

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

World Book Day - Friday 7th March 2025

6th March is World Book Day, but our school celebration of this event will take place on Friday 7th March. Children may dress up as a book character on this day and will enjoy plenty of opportunities in school to celebrate the wonderful world of reading.

This Week's Attendance

10-14 February 2025	
Reception	95.0%
Year 1	98.6%
Year 2	96.1%
Year 3	92.1%
Year 4	95.3%
Year 5	95.3%
Year 6	91.3%
Whole school	94.7%



St Vincent's School Disco – Save the Date!

We are excited to announce the next school disco, which will be held on **Wednesday 12th March!** Tickets will be available from Monday 24th February. This will be a fantastic event for our students, and we'd love to see as many of you there as possible!

As we plan for the disco, we're looking for a few more parent volunteers to help with organising and running the event. If you're interested in supporting this fun evening, please get in touch! It's a great way to get involved and help ensure the success of future discos for our children.

Safe playground

To ensure the safety of everyone in our school community, **scooters and bicycles must not be ridden in the playground at any time.** We have also noticed that some children are using school toys and resources before and after school—these are for playtime use only and should not be taken out.

Football and other ball games are not permitted in the playground before or after school due to the high number of children, parents and babies in prams. This is a busy time, and we need to prevent any accidents.

Please support us by following these rules and reminding your children to do the same.