

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
13 December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a joyful week it has been at St Vincent's!

We began with the Reception Nativity, a milestone event for our youngest children. It was truly heart-warming to see them shining with confidence and enthusiasm. This was followed by the Year 1 and Year 2 Nativities, each showcasing the children's growing skills and the progress they have made. Moments like these reflect the nurturing environment we strive for, grounded in our school ethos of celebrating every child's unique gifts.

Our Christmas Fair was another highlight of the week, bringing festive cheer to our community.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents, staff, and helpers who contributed to its success. Your efforts made the afternoon special for the children and it was a delight to see so many smiling faces.

A special mention must go to our visitors from the North Pole and their helpers, who brought so much joy to the event—they even brought along a reindeer with impressive administrative skills!

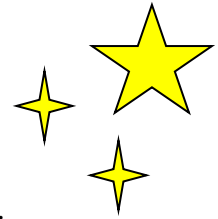
The celebrations aren't over yet! Next week, the children will enjoy a special day of Christmas activities, the class parties. Teachers are busy planning a variety of fun and festive activities outside the usual curriculum to make the day extra special. As part of the celebrations, children are welcome to wear their party clothes and to bring in some party food to share with their classmates. This is completely optional, so there is no obligation to contribute. However, if your child would like to bring something, please ensure it does not contain nuts, to keep all our children safe. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Looking ahead, I will be meeting with Mrs. Stevenson and the School Council next week to discuss potential plans for how we can use the funds raised. The children always have wonderful ideas, and I look forward to hearing their thoughts.

Thank you for your continued support during this busy and exciting time of year.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

Reception – Ethan for a great first week at St Vincent's.
Year 1 – Ian for taking responsibility for his learning and seeking ways to improve.
Year 2 – Ethan for enthusiasm and eagerness to participate.
Year 3 – Kaycee for consistent effort to stay on task and remain focused.
Year 4 – Aurora for resilience to keep trying.
Year 5 – Victoria for incredible bravery and resilience in settling in to the class.
Year 6 – Cody for making a great effort to improve his work.

School Value Awards

Reception – George for continuous effort to improve.
Year 1 – Anthony for never giving up, even when things are tough, showing resilience.
Year 2 – Sophia A for aspiring to create beautiful artwork and for kindness.
Year 3 – Lyla for remarkable resilience in the face of challenges.
Year 4 – Joshua for compassionate comments during R.E.
Year 5 – Damilola for being kind and supportive to a new member of the class.
Year 6 – Selena for enthusiasm and eagerness.

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 16 December	KS2 Carol Concert 2.00pm
Tuesday 17 December	Class Christmas parties
Wednesday 18 December	Reception Celebration of the Word
Friday 20 December	Last day of Autumn Term
Tuesday 7 January	First day of Spring Term

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

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

If you have one of the following raffle tickets, please claim your prize from the school office as soon as possible. Any prizes still unclaimed by the end of term will be recycled.

Green tickets 13, 116, 151, 152, 187, 233, 358, 396, 588, 741
Orange tickets 204, 236, 249, 256

Class Christmas Parties

All classes will have a Christmas party in the afternoon of Tuesday 17 December. Children may come to school wearing their party outfits. Children are welcome to bring an item of party food to share with their class (**no nuts please**).



This Week's Attendance

9 -13 December 2024	
Reception	94.7%
Year 1	85.2%
Year 2	96.9%
Year 3	95.0%
Year 4	97.4%
Year 5	94.2%
Year 6	98.1%
Whole school	94.7%



Applications for Reception Class September 2025

The application process for Reception places in September 2025 opened on 1 September 2024, for children whose date of birth falls between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021.

The national **closing date for applications is 15 January 2025**.

The national offer date for on-time Reception applications is 16 April 2025.

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.

A message from our Music Consultant

With Christmas approaching we'd like to invite St Vincent's Catholic Primary School families to an exciting, interactive music theatre show in Eltham.

The children will experience professional musicians performing on their instruments and instruments will be provided for everyone to use together. Joyful, festive fun for everyone!

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Christmas Show

Wednesday 18th December

10.45am ^{The} **BOB HOPE THEATRE**
Wythfield Rd, London SE9 5TG

Tickets £11 per seat
Under 1's free on laps

Book through this link:
www.boppinbunnies.co.uk/shows

Join Anna, Claire and our team of musicians for an exciting interactive Christmas Music Show!
Festive outfits welcome so dust off those Christmas jumpers!

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