

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
13 September 2024

Dear Parents and Families,

This week marked a lovely milestone as we welcomed you to our "Meet the Teacher" event. It was wonderful to see so many of you engaged and enthusiastic about the year ahead. Building strong relationships between home and school is key to ensuring the best outcomes for our children and your support is invaluable.

As we settle into the new term, most of the children will have brought home their reading books, which are linked to our reading scheme and phonics program. While these books are essential for developing foundational reading skills, it's equally important to provide your child with a variety of books to encourage reading for pleasure. Offering choices beyond the school books helps foster a true love of reading, as children can explore topics and stories that excite them.

For our younger children, reading aloud from storybooks filled with vibrant pictures can spark their imagination and deepen their engagement with books. With older, more proficient readers, discussing the stories they read or exploring more complex themes can be just as beneficial.

We warmly invite you to explore our "Little Library" if you're looking for extra books to enjoy with your child. Feel free to stop by and borrow from our wonderful selection at any time.

I'm delighted to share that following a meeting with our children, where they expressed their enthusiasm to join various leadership groups, we will be announcing this week the pupils who will form our Spiritual Leaders, Guardian Angels, and Mini Vinnies teams.

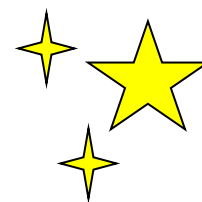
These leadership roles provide an incredible opportunity for children to take on important responsibilities and we are looking forward to working closely with those who have chosen to lead and contribute to key areas of our school.

In particular, I am pleased to announce that one of the first tasks for our Spiritual Leaders will be attending a special Mass led by Archbishop Wilson, bringing together all Catholic schools across Southwark. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Spiritual Leaders to represent St Vincent's Catholic Primary in such an important event.

I am confident that these young leaders will have a positive impact on our school community!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Gonzalez



## Stars of the Week

Reception – Antonio for joining in with classroom routines.

Year 1 – Eva for fantastic effort to remain focused.

Year 2 – Sophia for completing work to a high standard and taking pride in learning.

Year 3 – Gabriella for being an excellent role model through hard work and dedication.

Year 4 – Benedictus for enthusiasm and eagerness to participate in class.

Year 5 – Martin for an amazing use of expanded noun phrases.

Year 6 – Jacob for great resilience when completing work.

## School Value Awards

Reception – Zion for an inquisitive nature that inspires others to ask questions.

Year 1 – Gabia for remarkable resilience and never giving up.

Year 2 – Chengdao for aspiring to be the best he can and for amazing artwork.

Year 3 – Victoria for helping others and spreading positivity and care throughout school.

Year 4 – Emmanuel for consistently making school a more caring and calm place.

Year 5 – Daniel for embracing new challenges with curiosity.

Year 6 – Imogen for good aspiration.

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 18 September	Year 6 attendance at Mass
Wednesday 25 September	Year 4 Celebration of the Word
Friday 20 September	Year 3 Library visit
Wednesday 2 October	Year 5 attendance at Mass
Wednesday 9 October	Year 2 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 9 October	Year 4 attendance at Mass
Friday 11 October	Year 4 Library visit
Wednesday 16 October	Year 6 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 16 October	Year 3 attendance at Mass
Friday 18 October	Year 5 Library visit
Friday 18 October	Last day of first half of Autumn Term
Monday 21 Oct – Friday 1 Nov	Half Term Break
Monday 4 November	First day of second half of Autumn Term
Wednesday 13 November	Year 1 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 27 November	Year 5 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 4 December	Year 3 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 11 December	KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 18 December	Reception Celebration of the Word

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

## This Week's Attendance

9 - 13 September 2024	
Reception	97.9%
Year 1	97.4%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	98.8%
Year 4	98.2%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	96.9%
Whole school	97.8%



## Breakfast and After School Clubs

We are pleased to inform you that the bell for our Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs is now conveniently located outside the school gate, which will be locked during club hours. This new system has been trialled over the past week and has been very successful.

Please note that the Breakfast Club staff will open the gate at 7:30, 7:45, 8:00 and 8:15. If your child requires breakfast, we kindly ask that they arrive at school by 8:00 at the latest to ensure they have enough time to eat.

Thank you for your cooperation in making this a smooth transition!