

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
14 March 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

This week has been filled with joy, generosity and community spirit at St Vincent's.

Our school disco was a wonderful occasion, bringing together children from across the school to enjoy an evening of music and fun. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success. We are especially grateful to the parents who volunteered their time and to our fantastic Year 6 pupils for their support in setting up, running stalls and ensuring the younger children had a great time.

A special mention must go to Ella, our amazing DJ for the evening, who kept the energy high with a fantastic playlist and ensured the dancefloor stayed full! Her enthusiasm and music choices made the night even more enjoyable for everyone.

Today, we also marked 'Wear It Blue' Day, a non-uniform day organised by our Mini Vinnies to raise funds for Mary's Meals. It was inspiring to see our children take the lead in supporting such a worthwhile cause, demonstrating their compassion and commitment to helping others. Thank you to all the families who contributed—your generosity will help provide meals for children who need them most.

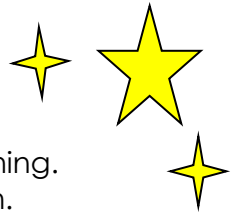
Our Journey through Lent

As we approach the Second Sunday of Lent, we reflect on this sacred season's call to prayer, sacrifice, and giving. This Sunday's Gospel recounts the Transfiguration of Jesus, where Peter, James, and John witness Christ's divine glory on the mountaintop. This moment of revelation reminds us that Lent is not only about sacrifice but also about preparing our hearts to recognise the light of Christ in our lives.

In school, the children have been deepening their understanding of Lent through prayer, reflection, and acts of kindness. Many are thinking about the small ways they can show love and generosity, whether through their friendships, their families, or helping others in need. This ties in beautifully with our focus on Catholic Social Teaching, encouraging the children to live out their faith through action.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

Reception – William for completing work to a high standard and taking pride in learning.
Year 1 – Heeya for being an excellent role model through hard work and dedication.
Year 2 – Bethel-Eden for enthusiastically joining in with class activities and showing kindness.
Year 3 – Ezinne for showing respect, contributing to a positive environment.
Year 4 – Oliver for knowledge of parliament, demonstrated on our trip.
Year 5 – Daniel O for being an excellent role model.
Year 6 – Charlotte for working hard to develop her writing.

School Value Awards

Reception – Alonso for consistent curiosity and interest in learning.
Year 1 – Elisha for curiosity and excellent behaviour on our trip.
Year 2 – Gabriel M for showing kindness and compassion and for working hard.
Year 3 – Eniola for remarkable resilience in the face of challenges.
Year 4 – Lukas for showing compassion and kindness to everyone.
Year 5 – Neidas for fostering a sense of community by supporting peers.
Year 6 – Immy for working hard to develop her maths.

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.

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| Monday 17 – Wednesday 19 March | Book Fair 3.20 – 4.00pm |
| Wednesday 19 March | Year 5 Celebration of the Word |
| Wednesday 19 March | Year 3 visit to Mass |
| Friday 21 March | Year 4 visit to library |
| Wednesday 26 March | Year 3 Celebration of the Word |
| Wednesday 26 March | Year 4 visit to Mass |
| Wednesday 2 April | Reception Celebration of the Word |
| Wednesday 2 April | Years 2 & 6 visit to Mass |
| 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

This Week's Attendance

| 10-14 March 2025 | |
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| Reception | 99.2% |
| Year 1 | 97.1% |
| Year 2 | 97.4% |
| Year 3 | 94.8% |
| Year 4 | 99.4% |
| Year 5 | 95.7% |
| Year 6 | 100% |
| Whole school | 97.6% |



Book Fair

We are very excited to be celebrating a love of reading linked to World Book Day with our upcoming annual Book Fair. In the past our Book Fairs have always been a very successful way of acquiring additional books for the school and have also proved to be an enjoyable event for the children.

By purchasing books from the school Book Fair you will be helping us to raise money for each class to spend on a selection of books this year. This means that by supporting our Book Fair you will also be contributing to all classes being able to obtain some excellent, high quality books for the children to enjoy in their classroom and support their learning.

This year the Fair will take place on **Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th March** after school from **3.20pm - 4pm** in the computer room. Please use the entrance by the ramp each afternoon, but please wait until the Reception class have been dismissed from this area before entering.

We will only accept cash on the day and unfortunately we will not be able to take any orders this year, so we can only offer the books that are in the cases each day. There is an option to send in money for your child to spend on a book of their own choice on Tuesday 18th March only. Cash must be placed in a named envelope and items that are purchased cannot be exchanged or returned. A member of staff will take your child to visit the Book Fair before the end of the school day to make their purchase.

Every child will receive a £1 World Book Day voucher that can be used towards the cost of a book at the Book Fair or at a participating book store. Some small stationery items are also on offer at the Fair (the voucher cannot be used on these items).

We very much appreciate all book purchases made at our Book Fair and we look forward to seeing you there!



St Vincent's Book Fair

Books being sold after school in the computer room 3.20pm – 4.00pm Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th March.
Cash only. World Book Day vouchers may be used - £1 off any book. No orders can be taken.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Year 4 Visit to Houses of Parliament



Year 4 enjoyed a captivating visit to the Houses of Parliament on Tuesday. We learnt all about the House of Lords, House of Commons and how laws are made.

Parking

As a school community, we are fortunate to be in a residential area, and we kindly ask all parents to be considerate when parking near the school. Recently, we have received concerns from our neighbours about cars blocking driveways, parking on white lines and even moving school cones. These actions cause significant inconvenience and, more importantly, pose safety risks for pedestrians and other road users.

Please remember:

- 🚗 Do not block driveways – even for a few minutes.
- 🚗 Avoid stopping on white lines outside residents' homes.
- 🚗 Do not park or stop in the middle of the road – this can create dangerous situations for passing vehicles.
- 🚗 Respect the school's cones and parking guidance – they are in place for everyone's safety.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that we maintain a positive relationship with our neighbours and keep the area around our school safe for everyone.