

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
24 May 2024

Dear parents and families,

On Tuesday, May 21st, our school community came together to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary with a special Crowning of Mary ceremony. This beloved Catholic tradition pays tribute to the mother of Jesus Christ and her important role in our faith.

Father Mario led us in praying a decade of the Rosary followed by the Crowning ceremony as we sang 'Ave Maria'. We then had our children presenting flowers to Mary with beautiful reverence.

The Crowning of Mary is a yearly highlight at our school, reminding us of the love, humility and obedience to God that Mary exemplified.

As we approach the half term break, we bid a fond farewell to a very special member of our community – Mrs Bridge. For over three decades, Mrs Bridge has been an integral part of our school, first as a dedicated parent and then as a beloved member of staff.

Mrs Bridge's journey with us began when her eldest child joined our school. From that moment on, she embraced every opportunity to enrich the lives of our students.

Over the years, Mrs Bridge has touched the lives of hundreds of students, offering a listening ear, a warm smile and unwavering support. Her patient guidance, coupled with her nurturing nature, has made her an invaluable asset to our school.

As Mrs Bridge embarks on her well-deserved retirement, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for her years of service, her infectious laughter and her firm commitment to our school community.

Thank you, Jan, for your tireless efforts, your kindness and your unwavering love for our students. You will be deeply missed, but your impact on our school will be felt for generations to come.

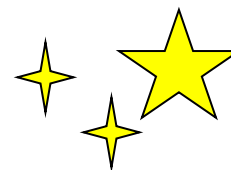
Today our classrooms were filled with the sounds of laughter, music, and perhaps a few surprised gasps as St Vincent's children amazed us with inventive ways to celebrate 'Break the Rules Day.' From crazy hair colours and mismatched sock choices, sunglasses in lessons and a variety of 'snacks' children embraced the chance to bend - or break - the rules that normally govern our daily routines.

Break the Rules Day struck a perfect balance. Children still followed all rules pertaining to safety, but were freed from constraints around dress code and choice of refreshments.

Wishing everyone a happy and sunny half term break! Enjoy the beautiful weather and family time. Have a lovely week.

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week



Reception – Uchenna for excellent behaviour and for working hard.
Year 1 – Megan for always working hard and supporting others.
Year 2 – Victoria for working hard and presenting work beautifully.
Year 3 – Arianna-Rose for settling well, back in this school
Year 4 – Henry for a creative piece of artwork.
Year 5 – Ambrose for working hard in Literacy and for creating a fantastic formal letter.
Year 6 – Tiago for working hard to produce great writing.

School Value Awards

Reception – Elisha for working hard.
Year 1 – Manuela for showing love and being kind to others.
Year 2 – Damola for curiosity in learning.
Year 3 – Ernest for resilience in Maths.
Year 4 – Amari for compassion and kindness.
Year 5 – Thierno for curiosity in Literacy and for further learning at home.
Year 6 – Zadok for resilience.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 27 to Friday 31 May	Summer half term break
Wednesday 5 June	Reception Celebration of the Word 09:00 (parents welcome)
Thursday 6 June	50p trail (<i>Please save 50p coins in preparation</i>)
Tuesday 11 June	Year 5 Celebration of the Word 09:00 (parents welcome)
Wednesday 12 June	Class photographs
Monday 17 June	Year 2 outing to Beeche Environmental Centre
Wednesday 19 June	Year 4 Celebration of the Word 09:00 (parents welcome)
Friday 28 June	Year 3 outing to Eagle Heights
Friday 28 – Sunday 30 June	Year 6 residential trip
Wednesday 3 July	Year 6 Celebration of the Word 09:00 (parents welcome)
Thursday 11 July	Reception outing to Godstone Farm
Saturday 13 July	Summer Fair
Tuesday 16 July	Year 1 outing to Eagle Heights
Wednesday 17 July	Year 1 Celebration of the Word 09:00 (parents welcome)
Tuesday 23 July	Last day of Summer Term
Thursday 29 August	First day of Autumn Term

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

This Week's Attendance

20-24 May 2024	
Reception	89.2%
Year 1	86.8%
Year 2	93.1%
Year 3	92.6%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	91.6%
Year 6	87.5%
Whole school	90.7%



The Big Lunch

The Big Lunch is the UK's annual get-together for neighbours and communities, with millions of people connecting with others through friendship, food and fun.

We have been asked to tell parents about **4 Big Lunches** which will take place in parks across Bromley next month. Attached are the official event posters.

These FREE Big lunches will happen between 11 am – 1pm at the dates and locations below:

Saturday 1 June – Priory Gardens, Orpington

Saturday 22 June – Chislehurst Common (Prickend Pond Green)

Sunday 23 June – Crystal Palace Park Cricket Ground

Saturday 29 June – Queens Gardens, Bromley

Participants will be able to bring their homemade lunches and picnic essentials, whilst also finding out what is going on in Bromley with Libraries, Clarion Futures, MET police, Caremark, Fostering, Mytime Active and many more organisations attending to promote their services, activities, and groups.