

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
29 November 2024

Dear Parents and Families

Yesterday evening, the school was filled with joy as our children came together to enjoy the much anticipated movie night. It was heartwarming to see their faces light up with laughter and excitement as they shared this special experience with friends.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Lyas for helping with the delicious treats that added to the fun of the evening and to the parents who kindly lent a hand with looking after the children. Your support made the night run so smoothly and ensured everyone had a fantastic time.

Behind the scenes, our dedicated staff are working hard to prepare for the upcoming Christmas Fair, which promises to be a wonderful event for all. We are incredibly grateful for the generous donations we've received so far—they make such a difference in helping us create a magical experience.

Looking ahead, next **Friday, 6th December**, we'll be holding another **non-uniform day**, and this time we are asking for **toy donations**. These can include soft toys, teddies, or any toys in good condition that your children no longer use. Please don't feel pressured to purchase new items; preloved treasures are more than welcome and will help us stock the ever-popular tombola.

## PTA

In the new year, we'll also be asking if there are any parents interested in forming a new PTA (Parent-Teacher Association). Having a PTA in place would enable us to continue organising all the fun events that bring so much joy to our school community. If this is something you'd like to be involved in, please do look out for further details in January!

## Pupil Premium

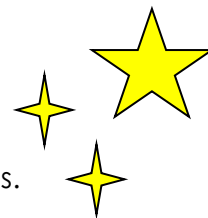
We'd also like to remind parents about the Pupil Premium scheme, which provides essential funding to schools to support eligible children. This funding helps us provide resources, targeted support, and additional opportunities for the children who need it most. For eligible families, the benefits are significant. You will receive a £50 voucher to spend at the school uniform shop, ensuring your child is ready for school and a £15 food voucher for every holiday week to spend at a grocery shop of your choice, helping with the cost of living.

Applying for Pupil Premium is quick and easy and even if you're unsure whether you qualify, we encourage you to check. Every successful application not only supports your family but also provides additional funding to the school, enabling us to continue offering enriching activities and resources for all pupils. If you think you might be eligible or would like more information, please contact the school office—we're here to help!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Gonzalez

## Stars of the Week



Reception – Axel for enthusiasm and eagerness to participate in class discussions.

Year 1 – Thiago for a fantastic start at his new school.

Year 2 – Amelie for a positive attitude towards learning and creating beautiful artwork.

Year 3 – Ivie for a positive attitude towards learning and putting in her best effort.

Year 4 – Olumide for consistent effort in learning.

Year 5 – Valentina for outstanding effort and dedication in practising fractions.

Year 6 – Anna for achievements in maths.

## School Value Awards

Reception – Alonso for demonstrating love to others with his lovely manners.

Year 1 – Sophia for resilience and determination in her writing.

Year 2 – Elia for consistently showing kindness to others and for creating lovely artwork.

Year 3 – Maya for eager pursuit of knowledge and for asking insightful questions.

Year 4 – Arianna-Rose for hard work and thirst for knowledge.

Year 5 – Ezra for a positive attitude and helpful spirit.

Year 6 – Georgio for determined resilience to improve.

## 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.

Wednesday 4 December	Year 3 outing to Buddhist Centre
Wednesday 4 December	Year 5 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 4 December	Year 4 attendance at Mass
Friday 6 December	Non-uniform day, please bring a toy for our tombola
Tuesday 10 December	Reception Class Nativity 2.15pm
Wednesday 11 December	Year 1 Nativity 9.30am
Wednesday 11 December	School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 11 December	Year 2 Nativity 2.00pm
Thursday 12 December	Christmas Fair 2.00-4.00 pm
Friday 13 December	Year 5 library visit
Monday 16 December	KS2 Carol Concert 2.00pm
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**

## This Week's Attendance

25-29 November 2024	
Reception	87.7%
Year 1	91.9%
Year 2	94.5%
Year 3	96.9%
Year 4	95.6%
Year 5	97.3%
Year 6	94.7%
Whole school	94.4%



## Church Christmas Bazaar

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Fundraising Christmas Bazaar and Raffle Draw will take place at Maryfield Hall from 10.00am on Saturday 30 November.

## 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.



# Mottingham Festive Market

**Join Mottingham Big Local Refocused in celebrating the festive season with indoor and outdoor market stalls, fairground rides, and Santa!**



**Kimmeridge Road, SE9 4EB**  
**Saturday 30th November**

**12pm** - quiet hour for those with disabilities and neurodivergence

**1pm** - open to everyone

**4pm** - festive lights switch-on

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