

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
7 March 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

Today, we have had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day, and it has been wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm for reading shine through. The creativity and effort put into costumes were incredible—we had princesses, superheroes, plenty of Harry Potters, delightful Goldilocks in Reception and even a visit from Elmer the Elephant!

Reading sparks the imagination and this was evident in the variety of costumes we saw today. From characters embodying virtues to complex figures like Maleficent, children truly embraced the stories they love. Whether choosing a courageous protagonist or a more nuanced character, today reminded us all of the power of books to transport us into different worlds, challenge our thinking, and inspire creativity.

Our Year 6 students added a special touch to the celebrations by organizing their very own Alice in Wonderland tea party. The students collaborated to decorate a small section of their classroom, drawing inspiration from the whimsical world of Wonderland. They adorned the area with handmade decorations, including playing cards, teacups, and clocks, creating an enchanting setting for their tea party. This collaborative effort not only showcased their creativity but also deepened their connection to the classic tale.

Most importantly, the day was about sharing the joy of reading—both at school and at home. It has been wonderful to see children so engaged with books and stories, and we encourage them to keep reading widely and often!

At St Vincent's, we take great pride in our school uniform, which fosters a sense of belonging and ensures that all children are dressed appropriately for learning. We appreciate the effort parents make in ensuring their children come to school looking smart and ready for the day ahead.

As we begin to see the days getting gradually warmer, we would like to give parents a heads-up to start preparing for the uniform transition. Children can begin wearing their summer uniform from the start of the summer term after the Easter break, which begins on Tuesday, 22 April 2025. We expect all students to be in full summer uniform after the half-term break, starting Monday, 2 June 2025.

To help avoid lost property, please ensure that all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining high standards of presentation at St Vincent's.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez

## Stars of the Week



Reception – Adebola for engaging well with her learning.

Year 1 – Harry for showing respect to teachers and classmates, creating a positive environment.

Year 2 – Sophia A for kindness to others and for creating beautiful artwork.

Year 3 – Yeani for consistent effort to stay on task and remain focused.

Year 4 – Emme for being a role model.

Year 5 – Tobenna for great perseverance in studies, even when faced with challenging tasks.

Year 6 – Julian for great resilience.

## School Value Awards

Reception – Paris for her achievement and resilience with her reading.

Year 1 – Alvin for a strong desire to succeed and consistently striving to do his best.

Year 2 – Oscar for kindness and compassion to others.

Year 3 – Amirah for kindness and respect towards classmates, making the room a welcoming place.

Year 4 – Ivan for participation and enthusiasm in a writing project.

Year 5 – Henry for setting himself high goals and working hard to achieve them.

Year 6 – Victoria for great aspiration.

## 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.

Tuesday 11 March	Year 4 outing to Houses of Parliament
Wednesday 12 March	Year 6 Celebration of the Word
Wednesday 12 March	Year 5 visit to Mass
Wednesday 12 March	School disco
Thursday 13 March	Years 1 & 2 outing to Royal Festival Hall
Friday 14 March	Year 3 visit to library
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**

## Wear it Blue Day - Friday 14 March 2025

Our Mini Vinnies have been busy organising a 'Wear it Blue Day' on Friday 14 March to raise funds for the charity Mary's Meals. This charity serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. They ask for a donation of £1 for children to wear their own clothes on this day, please try to make sure that some of the clothes are blue!



## 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 our school. By purchasing books from the Book Fair, you will be helping us to raise money to enhance our reading provision across all classes. The Travelling Book Fair will be in school again this year on Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 18th March. It will be a cash only event, with World Book Day tokens being accepted. More details to follow.

## This Week's Attendance

3-7 March 2025	
Reception	96.7%
Year 1	98.2%
Year 2	95.0%
Year 3	99.1%
Year 4	96.5%
Year 5	97.0%
Year 6	99.4%
Whole school	97.5%



## St Vincent's School Disco

We are thrilled to remind everyone about our upcoming school disco scheduled for Wednesday, 12th March. Tickets are still available for purchase, so if you haven't secured yours yet, there's still time!

To ensure the event's success, we are seeking additional parent volunteers to assist with supporting the running of the disco. If you're interested in helping with this fun-filled evening, please get in touch. Your involvement is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Please stay tuned for upcoming announcements detailing the specific arrangements for dropping off and collecting students on the day of the disco.

We look forward to a memorable event for all our children!

