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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

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October is known as The Month of the Rosary, and on October 7 we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This is a wonderful opportunity to begin, or continue, the special prayer of the Rosary with your children.

Rosary Beads for Sale

Rosary beads will be available to purchase through ParentPay, and we will deliver them directly to your child's class.

Praying the Rosary

During October, you might like to focus on one set of the Mysteries of the Rosary each week. You could pray one decade each day or take a little more time together to pray a whole set of mysteries, five decades in one extended prayer session.

Let us join in prayer this October, seeking the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary.

HARVEST DONATIONS – THANK YOU!

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A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest collection this year. We were absolutely delighted with the generous response from our school community. The donations have been split between two charities: Cornerstone Day Centre for the Homeless and Timperley Food Bank, where they will provide much-needed support to those in need. We would also like to say a special thank you to the parents who kindly helped deliver the items to these charities. Your generosity has made a great difference to those in need, thank you for supporting our Harvest work.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH – OCTOBER

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Black History Month remains an important time for us to learn about Black history and culture. During October, the children will take part in a variety of lessons and activities on the theme of Black History. They will explore the lives of influential people, connecting their stories to history topics, and celebrate the values, achievements, and positive contributions Black history has made to our world. This month is also a time to acknowledge the contributions of all individuals and to appreciate the beauty and diversity of every culture.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

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Thank you to all the parents who donated cakes and to those who came along to our coffee morning. It was great that so many parents were able to join us. We are delighted to share that we raised £432.05 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

ST VINCENT'S SCHOOL & NURSERY – OPEN MORNING WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER

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We warmly invite prospective parents to join us for our Open Morning at St Vincent's. This is a wonderful opportunity to see our school and nursery in action, meet our staff, and learn more about what makes our community so special.

The morning will begin with a presentation about St Vincent's, including information about our school values and the application process. This will be followed by a guided tour of our classrooms and facilities.

We are proud to be an inclusive community where diversity is valued and celebrated. Everyone is welcome to come along and apply for a place.

We still have availability on the 10:15am and 10:45am slots, please email your preference to admissions@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk

We look forward to welcoming your friends and family!

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS 2026

Applications for reception 2026 can now be received.

To apply for a place with Trafford, please follow the link to [Trafford admission portal](#).

Please also complete a [supplementary form](#) and return this to the infant office along with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate by the closing date of 15 January 2026.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED JOINING THE PTA?

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We were delighted to welcome parents to the PTA AGM this week. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead with a range of events planned for both children and parents. Our first event will be the Quiz Night, please see the information below for further details.



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WINTER UNIFORM REMINDER

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As the weather turns colder, we kindly ask that all children now switch from the summer uniform to the winter uniform.

The winter uniform includes:

- Blouse or shirt
- School tie
- School jumper or cardigan
- Trousers/skirt

Thank you for your support in helping our pupils stay warm and smart during the colder months.



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WHOLE SCHOOL DATES LIST

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The key dates have been set for the academic year. On the list, you will see the date, event and location. The full list can be seen on this [link](#) and Autumn 1 dates can be seen below:

Autumn 1			
Day	Date	Event	Location
Thursday	09 October	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am led by Y5 Mrs Maguire's class	Junior department hall
Friday	10 October	World Mental Health Day	
Friday	10 October	Parents 'Stay and Share': 8:30am: Y1 - 6	Y1-Y6 classrooms
Wednesday	15 October	Open Morning	Across school
Thursday	16 October	KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am Led by Y2 Miss Slater's class	Infant department hall
Friday	17 October	Show Racism the Red Card – Wear Red Day	-
Friday	17 October	PTA Quiz Night	Infant Hall
Thursday	23 October	KS2 Class Assembly 9.05am Led by Y5 Mr Kerigan class	Junior department hall
Friday	24 October	School closes for Half Term	-
Half term holiday			

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

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Please note that holidays during term time are not authorised. Before booking any trips, we kindly ask parents to check our term dates to ensure holidays are arranged within the designated school breaks. You can view the 2025–2026 term dates here: [ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL](http://stvincents.trafford.sch.uk)

Please see below the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RLD	98	2ES	99	4CG/SK	98.67
RCR	100	2FB	97.33	5ML	97.21
ROW/CR	98.33	3DM	97.33	5LM	99.67
1AM	99.67	3HC/CL	95.33	5JK	97.42
1MH	98.97	3CN/EL	98	6NS	92.67
1LT	98.62	4LD	94.67	6HB/DB	96.67
2LD	99.67	4LH	99.33	6DH	97.74
Overall percentage: 97.87%					

We warmly welcome parents to approach us with any questions about school life. Your first point of contact is always your class teacher. In addition, Mrs Farrell (Infant Deputy), Mrs Sutton (Junior Deputy), and I are always available to work in partnership with you to support your child's learning and wellbeing. We value open communication and welcome all to work together for the benefit of all our pupils.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

