

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

ST. VINCENT'S CHURCH INTERNATIONAL MASS – 11:30AM SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

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Canon Jonathon warmly welcomes you all to come along to St. Vincent's International Mass and Celebration at 11:30am on Sunday 23rd November. If you or your children would like to play a part in the Mass and celebration, the parish still need people to read Bidding prayers and be part of the Offertory procession. Please either sign up on the poster at the back of Church or contact the Parish office at parishoffice@stvincentsaltrincham.org.uk or 0161 928 1689. After the Mass there will be a celebration with a shared table at Westleigh, any contributions of food would be much appreciated.

PARENTS EVENING ON THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

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The next parents' evening will take place between 3:45pm and 7pm on Thursday 6th November. Meeting slots are available via Arbor Parent Portal. Please click on Parents' Evening - Thursday 6th November 2025 from under the Guardian Consultations section of your child's profile page.

If you haven't yet logged into your Arbor Parent Portal account, please follow these steps:

1. Visit login.arbor.sc
2. Click on 'Forgotten Password?'
3. Follow the on-screen instructions to set your password (Your username is the email address you have previously provided to the school)

WE'RE PROUD TO ACHIEVE THE PRIMARY SCIENCE QUALITY MARK!

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We are delighted to share that our school has been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM), a nationally recognised accreditation that celebrates a commitment to excellence in science leadership, curriculum design, teaching and learning. We are thrilled that our school has achieved the highest rating of gilt, showing the highest standards of curriculum design and subject leadership.

The PSQM is a comprehensive programme that supports primary science subject leaders in raising the quality and profile of science across the whole school. At the heart of the programme is a focus on the continuous development in science and STEM teaching and learning.

We are incredibly proud of this achievement and of the positive difference our science focus continues to make to children's curiosity, learning and understanding of the world around them.

SALE WATERSIDE FATHER CHRISTMAS THEATRE TRIP

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We are very excited to be taking the children to see Raymond Briggs' grumpy but loveable Father Christmas as he gets ready for his busiest day of the year: Christmas Eve. We will watch as he prepares his Christmas deliveries, feeds his reindeer and finally takes flight into the snowy night.

With plenty of live music, songs and playful puppetry, this critically acclaimed adaptation of Raymond Briggs' much loved book is a delightful festive treat for children and families to enjoy.

Please follow this link to pay for your child's ticket: www.parentpay.com

FAMILY TIME

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The Autumn issue of Raring2go! Altrincham & Sale magazine is now available. The magazine gives information on family events and helps to support local businesses.

Please follow the Raring2go! Altrincham & Sale Autumn 25 link - [R2GAutumn2025](#)

Highlights this issue include:

- Back to school information
- Family days out during half term
- Children's clubs and classes

FESTIVAL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE – FUN FOR FAMILIES

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Families are invited to a free event over half term as part of the Festival of Social Science. The event will take place at Manchester Central Library and is designed for primary school-aged children. Come along and enjoy a range of fun, hands-on activities that make learning about social science exciting for the whole family. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity for free learning and fun!

When: Wednesday 29 October, 1 – 3 pm
Where: Manchester Central Library
Cost: Free

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: [Term Dates 2025-2026](#)

Please see below the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RLD	99.67	2ES	99	4CG/SK	99.67
RCR	87.33	2FB	98.33	5ML	95.19
ROW/CR	93	3DM	99.67	5LM	97.04
1AM	99.67	3HC/CL	98.97	5DH	94.84
1MH	97.93	3CN/EL	99.33	6NS	94.98
1LT	95.86	4LD	99.26	6HB/DB	97.92
2LD	92.33	4LH	98.52	6DH	94.98
Overall percentage: 96.97 %					

I hope that you enjoy family time over half term. We will welcome the children back to school on **Tuesday 4th November**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

