

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

OUR MISSION

School Values: Make a Difference Be Passionate about Learning Be Kind Be Respectful



It has been a great start to the new school year, and the children are settling in well to their new routines.

The new school year is a good time to remind parents about our mission and values. Our mission and values permeate through everything we do. Attached is a document outlining our mission, values, scripture and prayer associated with our values. Please do read the attached overview of our mission so that we can work in partnership to be consistent in promoting our mission and St Vincent values.

St Vincent's Mission Statement is below:

'Let your light shine.'

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.' John 8:v12

At St Vincent's Catholic Primary School we celebrate, the uniqueness of each child as created in the image of God. We aim to provide a high quality education and environment where each person can develop their individual potential. Christ's example of love and care, shown by St Vincent de Paul, is encouraged through every aspect of school life and developed in partnership with parents, the parish and in the wider community. As a Catholic School, our faith permeates all aspects of school life. Our mission underpins our beliefs and values, which can be seen below.

We also have our St Vincent values. We refer to our values all of the time and they underpin all we do. Please read the attached for our prayers and scripture associated with each value.



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MASS AND LITURGY DATES

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The Mass and liturgy dates have been planned for this year and can be found here [Mass and Liturgy dates 2025/2026](#). The Masses and liturgies give parents a wonderful opportunity to join us in prayer. We are very grateful that Canon Jonathan and Father Matthew dedicate so much time to our school. We encourage parents to note the dates and join us for these special occasions.

In addition to Masses and liturgies, we invite parents to join us for class assemblies and Stay and Pray liturgies. Please do try to come along, you will be made most welcome.

YEAR 3 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Year 3 is a very special year for our Year 3 families. The children will continue their faith journey where they will prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. As part of the preparation, we invite parents to attend meetings so that we can work together to help prepare the children. Please see the [Sacramental Dates List 2025/2026](#) for more information.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

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Please note that the parent curriculum meetings are listed on the dates list. This is a good opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and learn about how we can work together to support your child's learning.

KEEPING OUR SCHOOL ROUTES SAFE

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As part of our **safeguarding procedures**, it is essential that **Orchard Road** and **Osborne Road** remain **congestion-free**. Like all schools, we must ensure that an **ambulance or emergency vehicle** can reach our school quickly if needed.

We kindly ask for your support in keeping the routes to our school gates clear by using the free **Tesco Park & Stride car park nearby**. Your cooperation helps us keep all our children safe. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

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

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Open Morning

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.



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To attend one of the following sessions 9:15am, 9:45am, 10:15am and 10:45am, please email your preference to admissions@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk

We look forward to welcoming your friends and family!

Applications for reception 2026 can now be received. To apply for a place, 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 15th January 2026.

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 the link [School Date List 2025/26](#) and Autumn 1 dates can be seen below:

AUTUMN 1			
DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Wednesday	03 September	School re-opens for Years 1 - 6	
Thursday	04 September	Reception children join school	
Thursday	18 September	KS2 Class Assembly 9.05am led by Mrs. Lawrence	Playground/field
Monday	22 September	Junior Department Curriculum Evening Y5 Curriculum Evening 4:30 - 5:15pm Y6 Curriculum Evening 5:15 - 6:00pm	Junior department hall
Wednesday	24 September	Junior Department Curriculum Evening Y3 Curriculum Evening 4:30 – 5:15pm Y4 Curriculum Evening 5:15 - 6:00pm	Junior department hall



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Thursday	25 September	New School Year Mass 9.15am	Junior department playground
Thursday	25 September	Infant Department Curriculum Evening Reception Curriculum Evening 4:30 - 5:15pm Phonics Workshop Reception/Y1 5:15 - 5:45pm Y1 Curriculum Evening 5:45 - 6:30pm Y2 Curriculum Evening 6:30 - 7:15pm	Infant department hall
Friday	26 September	Whole School Individual and Sibling Photographs	
Friday	26 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning: 9am	Junior department hall
Friday	26 September	St Vincent de Paul Feast Day	
Tuesday	30 September	Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) AGM: 6.30pm	Infant department hall
Thursday	02 October	KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am led by Y2 Mrs Dreniw's class	Infant department hall
Thursday	02 October	Junior Harvest Mass: 9:15am	Junior department hall
Friday	03 October	CAFOD Family Fast Day/Harvest fundraising commences	
Friday	03 October	Parents 'Stay and Pray': 9:15am Led by Y1	Infant department hall
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': 8:40am: 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	
Friday	17 October	Show Racism The Red Card – Wear Red Day	-

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Friday	17 October	PTA Quiz Night	Infant Hall
Thursday	23 October	KS2 Class Assembly 9.05am Led by Y5 Mr Kerigan's 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 we do not authorise holidays in term time. Please refer to our term dates on this link before booking a holiday to ensure it is booked within the half term holiday. **Please see the term dates for 2025-2026.**
[ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES](#)

Please see below the attendance percentages for **last week**.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RLD	100.00	2ES	100.00	4CG/SK	98.33
RCR	100.00	2FB	99.44	5ML	97.62
ROW/CR	100.00	3DM	98.89	5LM	97.78
1AM	98.33	3HC/CL	98.89	5JK	100.00
1MH	93.68	3CN/EL	98.89	6NS	96.11
1LT	100.00	4LD	100.00	6HB/DB	98.89
2LD	99.44	4LH	93.89	6DH	100.00
Overall percentage: 98.58 %					

We warmly welcome parents to approach us with any questions about school life. Your first point of contact is always your **class teacher**.



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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

