

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

JUBILEE YEAR AND PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

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As part of the Jubilee year, a beautiful picture of The Visitation has been travelling from school to school on a Pilgrim of Hope journey. By the end of the year the picture will have visited every school in the Shrewsbury Diocese. The Jubilee Icon picture depicts the moment of the Visitation, when Mary travelled to support her cousin Elizabeth, who was soon to give birth to her first child. We welcomed the Jubilee Icon of the Visitation as a sign of our commitment as a Diocesan family to be pilgrims of hope to one another, just as Our Lady is a source of hope and guidance for us. In this Jubilee Year, we pray for all in our school communities.

RECEPTION SCHOOL PLACES- SEPTEMBER 2026 APPLICATIONS

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As the local birth rate is currently very low, we have a higher number of Reception places available for September 2026. For this reason, we are actively welcoming applications from all families to St Vincent's.

Places are available both within and outside our usual catchment area, and we also warmly welcome children who may not be Catholic but who support and appreciate our school's values. If you, friends or family are applying for a reception class place for September 2026, please ensure the following is completed by the deadline date of 15th January 2026:



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- State your school preference via Primary School Admissions on the Trafford website (trafford.gov.uk) or your local authority where you reside
- Bring or send the completed supplementary application form along with a copy of the baptismal certificate, if appropriate, to the infant office, admissions@stvincent.trafford.sch.uk

Further information can be found on the [admissions page](#) of the school website or please contact our admin team on 0161 911 8040 (infant department) or email admissions@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk if you have any questions about the admissions process.

ADVENT PLANNER

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The Advent planner has been finalised, and we are delighted to share a wonderful programme of events for the forthcoming season of preparation and hope.

Please take a moment to look through the attached Advent Planner, where you will find details of our Advent Masses, services, fairs, and other special gatherings. We look forward to celebrating the Advent season together.

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

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The PTA Christmas fair will be taking place on Saturday 29th November. The PTA would really appreciate the support of all our parents during the festive period. The fair provides lots of fun for the children and is a great fundraiser for things they wouldn't otherwise have and that makes our school so wonderful.



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Please see the attached PTA donation planner, which includes information on donations needed and also the dates of own clothes days.

Tickets are now on sale on ParentPay for bags of tokens (which can also be purchased on the day) and you can also pay the £2 entry fee (per adult) on ParentPay.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Does your company offer community days? These days are a wonderful opportunity to get involved in school life and give back to the community. We are looking for parents who can use their volunteering community days to help us prepare for the Christmas Fair on Friday 28 November.

If your workplace supports volunteering, we would be delighted to have your help. Please email our PTA stvincentspta@gmail.com if you can volunteer.

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 [St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: Key School Events and Dates](#) and autumn 2 dates can be seen below:

AUTUMN 2



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DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	27 November	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05 led by Y6 Mrs Sheldon class	Junior department hall
Friday	28 November	PTA 'Own Clothes Day' for Christmas Fair donations	Infant and Junior Departments
Saturday	29 November	PTA Christmas Fair 12pm – 3pm	Both departments
Thursday	04 December	KS1 Advent Mass 9:15am	Infant hall
Thursday	04 December	KS2 Advent Mass 9:15am	Junior hall
Monday	08 December	Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal (watched by infants and siblings)	Infant department hall
Monday	08 December	Y4 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal (watched by juniors and siblings)	Junior department hall
Tuesday	09 December	Reception Nativity Play 1 of 2: 9:15am	Infant department hall
Tuesday	09 December	Y4 Christmas Concert 1 of 2: 1:45pm	Junior department hall
Wednesday	10 December	Reception Nativity Play 2 of 2: 9:15am	Infant department hall
Wednesday	10 December	Y4 Christmas Concert 2 of 2: 6:30pm	Junior department hall
Thursday	11 December	School Games and Santa Dash (whole school)	Daily Mile Track
Monday	15 December	Christmas Service 6:30pm	St Vincent's Church
Monday	15 December	UKS2 Christmas Theatre Trip 'Father Christmas' 1:30pm - 2.30pm	Sale Waterside Theatre
Tuesday	16 December	Infant Christmas Theatre Trip 'Father Christmas' 1:30pm - 2.30pm	Sale Waterside Theatre
Wednesday	17 December	Christmas Lunch/ Parties/ Father Christmas Visit	Department halls
Thursday	18 December	LKS2 Christmas Theatre Trip 'Father Christmas' 1:30pm - 2.30pm	Sale Waterside Theatre
Friday	19 December	School Closes	-
CHRISTMAS BREAK			

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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

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Please note that holidays in term time are not authorised. Before booking any trips, we 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 PPRIMARY SCHOOL](https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/2025-2026-term-dates)

Please see below the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RLD	97.33	2ES	94.33	4CG/SK	99.67
RCR	94.67	2FB	98.67	5ML	98.10
ROW/CR	98.67	3DM	97.67	5LM	96.25
1AM	97.33	3HC/CL	97	5JK	96.06
1MH	98.62	3CN/EL	98	6NS	96
1LT	94.48	4LD	95.93	6HB/DB	85.92
2LD	97	4LH	98.89	6DH	95.97
Overall percentage: 96.52%					

We warmly welcome parents to ask about school life. Your first point of contact is your class teacher. In addition, Mrs Farrell (infant deputy) and Mrs Sutton (junior deputy) and I are 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

