

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents,

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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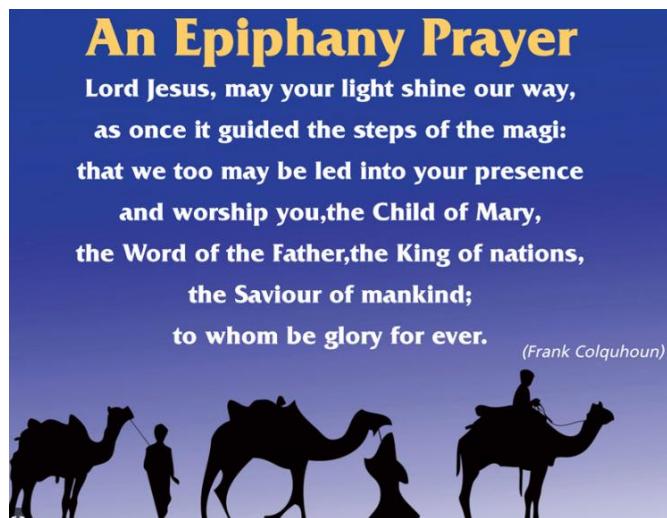
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Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed spending time with your family.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

On Tuesday, we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany with an assembly. This special feast reminds us of the visit of the Wise Men and the revelation of Jesus as the light of the world for all people.

During the assembly, the children reflected on the meaning of the Epiphany and how, like the Wise Men, we are called to seek Jesus and share His light through our words and actions. We spent time in prayer together, thanking God for the gift of His Son and asking for guidance as we begin the new year. Please find the Epiphany prayer we shared during the assembly below:



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RECEPTION SCHOOL PLACES- SEPTEMBER 2026 APPLICATIONS

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Please note that the deadline for Reception school place applications is 15 January 2026. If you, friends or family, are applying for a reception class place for September 2026, please note the following important information:

- Deadline for Reception place applications: 15 January 2026
- Please state your school preference via Primary School Admissions on the Trafford website (trafford.gov.uk)
- Bring the completed supplementary form to the school admin office
- Further information can be found on our website under Admissions
(St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: Admissions@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk)
- If you have any questions about the admissions process, please contact our admin team on 0161 911 8040

Hot School Meals

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As we move into the colder months, families may wish to consider the school's hot meal provision, which offers pupils a warm, nutritious lunch prepared fresh each day. Under the government's Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a free hot school meal each day. This funding does not extend to pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, and meals for these year groups must therefore be paid for by parents or carers. Payments for the current half term can be made via the link below. Parents wishing to change to hot school meals are asked to notify the school office by email, providing a minimum of one week's notice. [St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: School Meals](#)

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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 [St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: Key School Events and Dates](#) and spring 1 dates can be seen below:

SPRING 1 DATES

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	05 January	School re-opens for Spring Term	-
Wednesday	14 January	Year 6 Assessment Parent Meeting 5pm	Junior department hall
Thursday	15 January	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am led by Y6 Mrs Bullock/Mrs Black class	Junior department hall
Thursday	15 January	Y3 Sacramental Programme Parents' Meeting – Reconciliation 6:30pm	Junior department hall
Friday	16 January	Parents 'Stay and Pray': 9.05am led by Y5	Junior department hall
Thursday	22 January	KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am: Led by Y1 Mr McCann class	Infant department hall
Thursday	22 January	Y3 Sacramental Programme Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Y3 Mrs Needham's/Mrs Leather' class and half of Mrs McDuff's class	Holy Angels Church
Thursday	29 January	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am: led by Y3 Mrs McDuff class	Junior department hall

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Thursday	29 January	Y3 Sacramental Programme Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Ms Carr/Mrs Luckham's class and half of Mrs McDuff's class	Holy Angels Church
Thursday	29 January	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am: Led by Y4 Miss Hutton class	Junior department hall
Tuesday	03 February	Y3 Sponsor Liturgy and refreshments 9.15am	Junior department hall
Thursday	05 February	KS1 Class Assembly 9:05: led by Y1 Miss Hollins class	Infant department hall
Friday	06 February	Parents 'Stay and Share': 8:40am: Y1 - 6	
Friday	06 February	Maths Enrichment Day – NSPCC Rocks	Whole school
Monday	09 - 15 February	Children's Mental Health Week	Whole school
Thursday	12 February	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am: Led by Y3 Ms Carr/Mrs Luckham class	Junior department hall
Friday	13 February	School closes for half term	
HALF TERM HOLIDAY			

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.

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You can view the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 term dates here:

[St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: Term Dates and Times of the School Day](#)

Please see below the attendance percentages for the last week of the Autumn term.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RLD	92.33%	2ES	96%	4CG/SK	98.52%
RCR	94.67%	2FB	92.59%	5ML	97.04%
ROW/CR	91.67%	3DM	92%	5LM	97.04%
1AM	93%	3HC	98.33%	5JK	98.79%
1MH	96.33%	3CN/EL	100%	6NS	97%
1LT	94.07%	4LD	96%	6HB/DB	94%
2LD	96%	4LH	97.33%	6DH	98.79%
Overall percentage: 95.75 %					

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