

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

Lenten Activities 2026



Dear Parents,

Lent begins on Wednesday 18 February. Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice, and good works in preparation for the celebration of Easter. To help our pupils and families prepare during this important time in the Church's Liturgical Calendar, we are organising a range of special events.

Mass and Liturgy Dates

Year 4 Stay and Pray	Friday 6 March 9:05am	Junior Hall
Infant Lenten Mass	Thursday 12 March 9:15am	Infant Hall
Junior Lenten Mass	Thursday 12 March 9:05am	Junior Hall
Year 3 Lenten Stay and Pray	Friday 13 March 9:05am	Junior Hall
Year 1 Lenten Stay and Pray	Tuesday 24 March 9:15am Wednesday 25 March 9:15am	Infant Hall
Year 1 parents are invited to attend one of these services		
Junior Lenten Service	Tuesday 31 March 6:30pm	Holy Angels Church
This service will be led by children from the junior department. Junior parents are welcome to attend. Younger siblings may sit with their parents.		

Purple Wednesday

As part of our St Vincent's tradition, each Wednesday will be Purple Wednesday. Children are invited to wear a purple accessory such as a belt, bobble, hairband, tie, socks, or tights. Purple helps us to remember Jesus' love for us. It reminds us of the journey Jesus made for us, and that He is our King and that we celebrate the joy and hope of His Resurrection.

Lenten Promises

Children will be making their Lenten promises at school. We try to think of others and focus on our thoughts and actions. Some of the children have spoken about doing this with their families too as a family Lenten promise.

Lenten Prayer Journey

Children in Year 3 will be taking part in a special Lenten journey with St Margaret Ward Primary School during March. As part of this, our children will visit St Margaret Ward to join in Lenten liturgies, and pupils from St Margaret Ward will visit our school to share a time of reflection together. These visits will give the children a meaningful opportunity to pray, reflect, and grow in faith while building friendships with pupils from another Catholic school.

Lent Love in Action Day Friday 13 March

On Lent Love in Action Day, every class will take on a charitable challenge to raise funds for their chosen charity. In preparation, each child will research a charity of their choice as part of their homework. They will then share their findings with their class, and together, the class will vote for the charity they will be supporting with their sponsored challenge.

This day is an opportunity for our children to live out our values of kindness and make a difference to the lives of others.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 27 March

On Friday 27 March we kindly ask for donation to CAFOD through the just giving link.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-vincent-s-big-lent-walk2026?edit=page>

Prayer Trails and Stations of the Cross

In the junior department there will be a Lenten prayer trail where pupils will visit prayer stations and reflect on the journey that Jesus made and pray the Stations of the Cross. The stations will be displayed, and children will be led in a reflection by the Prayer Leaders and their teachers where they can observe and pray.

Lenten Buddy

This Lent, every child will get a secret 'Lenten Buddy' from their class! Their challenge is to be extra kind, helpful, and thoughtful to their buddy each day without letting them know who they are. Children will also have fun trying to guess who their buddy is as the weeks go by. It's a lovely way for everyone to spread kindness, make someone smile, and discover the joy of giving during Lent!

Lenten Fundraising

This Lent we will be taking part in the 'CAFOD Big Lent Walk' for CAFOD This will involve children and staff walking 200km during Lent using our daily mile track. Every child will walk with their class daily throughout Lent to meet this target collectively. The children will have the opportunity to wear Easter hats that they have made at home for the final walk on 2nd April. Please donate to our just giving page through the link below.

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Mini Vinnies Activities:

Easter Chicks for Francis House Children's Hospice

Mini Vinnies will be selling Easter chicks from Monday 2nd March and throughout Lent, they are £2 each and should be paid for in cash only. Every child must bring in the correct money and will be able to purchase 1 egg each until everyone has had an opportunity to buy. Any surplus eggs will be on a first come, first served basis.

Easter Cards for Cyril Flint Befrienders, Woodend Care Home residents & SVP Parishioners Friday Club

The Mini Vinnies will be organising the making of Easter cards to give to Cyril Flint Befrienders, Woodend Nursing Home & SVP Parishioners Friday Club.

Mini Vinnies Lent Calendar

The children will be promoting participation in the Lent Calendar mission which involves 40 challenges to complete over Lent (except Sundays) and will help the children to prepare for Lent.

Friday 27 March- Easter egg donations to the PTA: Own clothes day.

Thursday 2 April - Easter Bonnet Parade Children will have the opportunity to wear Easter hats that they have made at home for the final walk of Lent.

Thursday 2 April - PTA Easter Extravaganza This event will take place throughout the school day while children are in school with their classes, rather than after school. Various Easter activities and events will be held during the day, providing a fun and 'exciting' experience for all!

We kindly ask for a £1 donation per child, which can be made through ParentPay. All children will go home with a chocolate egg.

We hope to see lots of parents, carers and grandparents join us in our Lenten journey,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Harrop

Headteacher