

# ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents,

## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

### LENT

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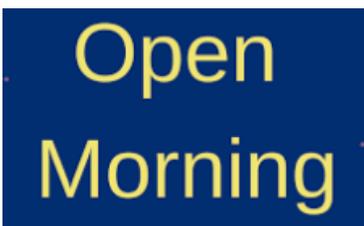
During the season of Lent, our children are encouraged to make a Lenten Promise, a simple, personal commitment to help them grow closer to God. Inspired by the 40 days that Jesus Christ spent in the desert in prayer and reflection, a Lenten Promise might involve praying more often, giving something up, or carrying out extra acts of kindness. Through these small sacrifices, children learn the importance of prayer, self-discipline, and caring for others as they prepare for Easter.

Our Lenten Planner will guide us each week with prayers, themes and small actions that we can carry out both in school and at home. We encourage families to refer to the planner for more details and to continue this journey together. [St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: Key School Events and Dates](#)

Please join us for our infant and junior Lenten Mass being held in each department on **Thursday 12 March at 9:05am**.

### OPEN MORNING – WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH

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We are delighted to share that on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding our Open Morning at St Vincent's Nursery and School.

This Open Morning is for prospective parents who are wanting their child to attend St Vincent's Nursery and School. Our open day is a wonderful opportunity to see the school in action, visit our classrooms and experience the warm, welcoming atmosphere that helps our children to thrive.

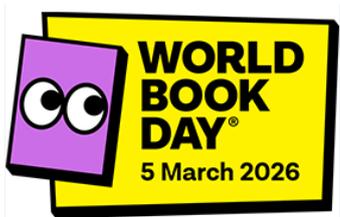
During the morning, prospective parents will be able to:

- See teaching and learning taking place
- Meet members of our staff team
- Explore our learning environment
- Find out more about our curriculum and school life

We are very proud of our school community and look forward to sharing what makes St Vincent's such a special place to learn and grow. Please let friends, family and anyone who may be interested know about this date. Registration is via the online form, which can be found at the end of the page using the link provided. We look forward to welcoming new families to St Vincent's. [St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: Admissions](#)

## CELEBRATING WORLD BOOK DAY

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It was wonderful to see the children dressed up in their World Book Day costumes yesterday. The excitement on their faces as they arrived in school made the whole day extra special. The children looked fantastic, and it was clear how much thought, creativity and effort had gone into their outfits. From well-loved storybook characters to inspiring heroes and imaginative creations, there was such a brilliant variety on display.

The day was a real celebration of books of all genres. Classrooms were filled with the joy of storytelling, reading and sharing favourite books with friends. It was lovely to hear children talking enthusiastically about the characters they admire and the adventures they enjoy. Activities throughout the day helped to bring stories to life and reminded us of all the magic that reading can spark.

World Book Day truly captured the importance of books in inspiring creativity, building imagination and nurturing a lifelong love of reading. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the power of stories together.



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## SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING WEEK 16 MARCH

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Science and Engineers Week this year is focused on the exciting theme, “**Transform Your Future.**” Throughout the week, we will be exploring the many ways science shapes our world and discovering the incredible difference engineers make to society. From designing safe bridges and developing life-saving medical equipment to creating sustainable energy solutions and advancing technology, engineers play a vital role in improving everyday life for people around the world.

Across the school, pupils will be taking part in a wide range of engaging and hands-on activities. Classes will be designing and building their own structures, investigating scientific reactions, exploring coding and robotics, and tackling fun engineering challenges that encourage teamwork, creativity and problem-solving. There will be opportunities for pupils to think like real engineers, identifying problems, planning solutions, testing their ideas and making improvements along the way.

We are also very grateful to the parents who are giving their time to come into school to speak to classes about their careers and experiences in science, technology and engineering fields. Hearing first-hand about real-world professions helps to inspire our pupils and shows them the many exciting pathways that could be part of their own futures.

It promises to be a stimulating and inspiring week, encouraging our children to think big, ask questions and imagine how they might help to transform the future. Thank you for your continued support in making these experiences so meaningful for our pupils.

## 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 2 dates can be seen below:

## SPRING 2 DATES

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	09 March	British Science & Engineering Week	-
Wednesday	11 March	Open Morning	Across school
Wednesday	11 March	Times Tables Check Parents Meeting (Year 3 & 4) 5pm	Junior hall
Thursday	12 March	Infant Lenten Mass 9:05am Junior Lenten Mass 9:05am	Infant Mass Junior Mass
Friday	13 March	Parent's 'Stay and Pray': 9:05am led by Y3	Junior hall
Monday	16 March	Neurodiversity Week	
Thursday	19 March	Parents' Evening 3:45 - 7pm	Halls and classrooms
Monday	23 March	Y1 Lenten Service dress rehearsal	Infant hall
Tuesday	24 March	Y1 Lenten Assembly: 9:05am	Infant hall
Wednesday	25 March	Y1 Lenten assembly: 9:05am	Infant hall
Thursday	26 March	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am: led by Y3 Mrs McDuff class	Junior hall
Tuesday	31 March	KS2 Lenten Service: 6:30pm	Holy Angels Church
Thursday	02 April	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am: Led by Y4 Mrs Kirk/Mrs Gerrard class	
Thursday	02 April	PTA Easter Eggstravaganza	Whole school
Thursday	02 April	School closes for Easter	-

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## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY REMINDERS

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If you have any concerns or need support with your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to request a call back from our pastoral team. We are here to help and work in partnership with families.

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 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 last week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RLD	96.33%	2ES	96%	4CG/SK	90%
RCR	97.67%	2FB	98.67%	5ML	98.33%
ROW/CR	96%	3DM	96.67%	5LM	96.35%
1AM	100%	3HC/CL	95.33%	5JK	99.19%
1MH	94%	3CN/EL	100%	6NS	93.10%
1LT	92.67%	4LD	99.33%	6HB/DB	96.90%
2LD	92.33%	4LH	95.33%	6DH	97.58%
Overall percentage: 96.24%					

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.



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Yours sincerely,

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