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Dear Parents,

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

LENT

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



During this special time of Lent, our school community is preparing for the joy of Easter. We have lots of Lenten activities coming up where the children will be learning about the Easter story.

EASTER EVENT DETAILS

Tuesday 24 March 9:15am Infant Hall Year 1 Lenten Stay and Pray (for Year 1 parents).

Wednesday 25 March 9:15am Infant Hall Year 1 Lenten Stay and Pray (for Year 1 parents).

Year 1 parents are invited to attend one of these services

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

Tuesday 31 March Easter Service at 6:30pm Holy Angels Church for years 3,4,5 and 6 with Year 5 leading the readings and hymns.

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.



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The Year 1 children have been working very hard to prepare their assembly parts and are excited to share the message of Easter. The Easter events will provide an opportunity for families to come together and celebrate this important time in the Church's year.

The Key Stage 2 Easter Service will take place at Holy Angels Church, Hale Barns, starting at 6:30pm. All children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are asked to attend Holy Angels Church in school uniform to take part in the Easter Service. Year 5 will lead the readings and prayers. The children will retell the Easter story through scripture readings and hymns. This reflective service will help us remember the journey of Jesus and the hope and joy that Easter brings. Parents and families are warmly invited to attend and join us for this special celebration.

This year the Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Holy Angels on Sunday 12th April 2026. Please see the poster attached.

PARENTS' EVENING

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Thank you for coming along to Parents' Evening. It was lovely to have the opportunity to share the children's work in their exercise books and to speak with you about your child's progress and achievements in school.

These meetings are a valuable chance for us to celebrate the children's successes, discuss how they are getting on in their learning, and talk about the next steps to support them as they continue to grow in confidence and ability.

Your support at home makes a real difference to your child's learning, and we appreciate the time you took to attend and work in partnership with us. If you have any further questions or would like to discuss anything in more detail, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

CAREERS WEEK

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Careers Week has been a fantastic experience for all our pupils, and we would like to extend a big thank you to the parents who joined us for the Careers Fair on Wednesday, as well as those who kindly sent in videos sharing insights into their work. Your support brought learning to life and helped inspire the children in a truly meaningful way. We were also able to welcome the Guide Dog Charity in, who spoke to the children about their important work and opportunities for volunteering. The children have learnt so much throughout the week and have thoroughly enjoyed exploring and reflecting on the many different career paths available to them in the future.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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The Spring issue link is here <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/altrinchamandsale/spring2026/26/>

The magazine is aimed at primary school aged families and includes useful information about local events, Easter activities, holiday clubs, recipes, puzzles and more.

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

We are pleased to share the wide range of exciting events we have planned for this half term and look forward to welcoming you to all the parent events.



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| DAY | DATE | EVENT | LOCATION |
|-----------|----------|---|--------------------|
| Tuesday | 24 March | Y1 Lenten Stay and Pray: 9:15am | Infant hall |
| Wednesday | 25 March | Y1 Lenten Stay and Pray: 9:15am | Infant hall |
| Thursday | 26 March | KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am: led by Y3 Mrs McDuff class | Junior hall |
| Friday | 27 March | CAFOD Family Fast Day Own Clothes Day Easter Egg donations to the PTA | |
| 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 | Easter Fun day PTA Easter Extravaganza Easter Bonnet Parade | Whole school |
| Thursday | 02 April | School closes for Easter | - |

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.



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| Class | Attendance % | Class | Attendance % | Class | Attendance % |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|
| RLD | 98% | 2ES | 99.26% | 4CG/SK | 99.26% |
| RCR | 93.7% | 2FB | 99.63% | 5ML | 97.78% |
| ROW/CR | 97.04% | 3DM | 96.67% | 5LM | 92.58% |
| 1AM | 97.24% | 3HC/CL | 96.67% | 5JK | 97.74% |
| 1MH | 98% | 3CN/EL | 98.33% | 6NS | 94.64% |
| 1LT | 96% | 4LD | 98% | 6HB/DB | 93.87% |
| 2LD | 99.26% | 4LH | 97.67% | 6DH | 96.06% |
| Overall percentage: 97.20% | | | | | |

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

