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Dear Parents,

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

LENT

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



It was lovely to welcome Father Pat and Canon Jonathan to celebrate Mass with us yesterday. The children sang beautifully and took part respectfully in the Mass. During the Mass, we spoke about the meaning of Lent and how this special season helps us to reflect, pray and think about ways we can grow closer to God. We thank Father Pat and Canon Jonathan for joining us and helping the children to deepen their understanding of this important time in the Church's year.

Thank you so much for supporting the class charities. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and kindness the children have shown while learning about different charities and the important work they do. Throughout this project, the children have taken great pride in raising the profile of their chosen causes, sharing what they have learned, and encouraging others to think about how they can help people in need.

I would also like to say thank you to families for your generosity in supporting the children's efforts. Your donations and encouragement have helped the children see that even small actions can have a lasting impact. By working together as a school community, we have been able to support a number of worthwhile causes and show the children the power of kindness and giving. Thank you again for helping to make this such a positive and rewarding experience for the children.

SAFEGUARDING- ROAD SAFETY

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As a school, we are very lucky to have four different entrances that families can use:

- Orchard Road
- Osborne Road
- Stockport Road ginnel
- Balmoral Road

Having multiple entrances helps us spread out arrivals and departures. We encourage parents and carers to park further away from school and “park and stride” where possible. Many families already make use of the Tesco car park for the Balmoral entrance and walk the short distance to school, which really helps reduce congestion around the gates.

Orchard Road and Osborne Road should only be used by families accessing Sunshine Club or Nursery. Limiting traffic on these roads helps keep the area around school calmer and safer for the children arriving and leaving each day.

We know that everyone wants the best for our children, and by working together we can help make sure the walk to school is safe, calm and pleasant for all families. Thank you for your continued support and consideration for our school community.

PARENTS' EVENING

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Parents' evening will take place on Thursday 19 March between 3:45pm and 7pm.

Parents' evening is an opportunity for parents to meet with class teachers to discuss how your child is progressing. Meeting slots can be booked via Arbor Parent Portal. Please click on Parents' Evening - Thursday 19 March 2026 from under the Guardian Consultations section of your child's profile page.

On the evening, please go to the infant department hall for years reception through to year 2 or junior department hall for year 3 through to year 6 where you will find your child's teacher. Parents are also welcome to visit your child's classroom where you will find all your child's books for you to look through.

Thank you to the parents who came to the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Meeting. Please find the link to the slides below.

[Year 4 Multiplication check.pptx](#)



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SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING WEEK

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The children had a wonderful time taking part in Science and Engineering activities this week. Throughout the week they carried out a range of exciting experiments and practical activities, which helped them to explore scientific ideas and develop their curiosity about how things work. The pupils really enjoyed investigating, predicting outcomes and discussing their results with their classmates.

Thank you to all the parents who came into school to talk about how their professions involve science and engineering. The children enjoyed hearing about real-life experiences and learning how science and engineering are used in different careers. Your support helped to make the week even more memorable for the pupils.

NEURODIVERSITY WEEK

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Next week is Neurodiversity Week. This is a time when we celebrate the fact that everyone is unique and that people think and learn in many ways. Throughout the week, the children will take part in activities and discussions to help them understand and appreciate these differences.

We will be encouraging the pupils to recognise their own strengths and talents and to be proud of who they are. It is also an opportunity for the children to learn about kindness, respect and how we can support one another so that everyone feels valued and included in our school community.

We are proud to be an inclusive school and to celebrate the diversity of all our pupils. We are currently working towards the Inclusive School Quality Mark to further demonstrate our commitment to inclusion and ensuring that every child feels supported, valued and able to succeed.



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STAMFORD PARK WILLOW TREE PROJECT - VINNIE THE DUCK

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On Tuesday the Eco Leaders made their way to Stamford Park to watch our amazing willow duck, Vinnie, take pride of place on the island of the pond. It was a great community event. The wonderful collaborative work of all the children from St Vincent's and Des Gillan will be a feature in Stamford Park for all to enjoy!

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 parents events.



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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY REMINDERS

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	16 March	Neurodiversity Week	
Thursday	19 March	Parents' Evening 3:45 - 7pm	Halls and classrooms
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	Easter Fun day	Whole school
Thursday	02 April	School closes for Easter	-

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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](#)



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Please see below the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RLD	98.52%	2ES	97.78%	4CG/SK	100%
RCR	98.89%	2FB	100%	5ML	95.24%
ROW/CR	96%	3DM	98.33%	5LM	97.74%
1AM	98.89%	3HC/CL	99.33%	5JK	94%
1MH	97.41%	3CN/EL	98.15%	6NS	95.69%
1LT	98%	4LD	96.33%	6HB/DB	97.24%
2LD	99.63%	4LH	97.41%	6DH	96.77%
Overall percentage: 97.71 %					

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

