

# ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### YEAR 3 HOLY COMMUNION

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



The Year 3 children have been journeying through the Sacramental Programme as they prepare to receive their Sacraments. This Saturday, the first of our Year 3 classes will take the next important step in their faith journey as they receive their First Holy Communion. The children are well prepared and are looking forward with great excitement to receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist at St Vincent's Church. Please keep them in your prayers as they celebrate this very special occasion.

### PRAYER FOR THE YEAR 3 CHILDREN

*Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.  
May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist.  
Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom  
as they grow into full discipleship.  
Amen*

### MARY OUR MOTHER

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May is a special month in the Church as we honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Throughout this month, we reflect on how important Mary is in our faith. The children will take part in special prayers, create May prayer tables, and



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show their love for Mary in different ways. They will also sing songs to Mary and ask for her help in staying close to Jesus.

## PRAYING THE ROSARY

During this month, the children will also be praying the Rosary. This beautiful prayer helps them to build a loving relationship with Mary, who they can turn to for comfort and guidance, just like a mother. Whether prayed at home or in school, the Rosary brings children together in shared prayer and strengthens their faith.

Please see the link provided for a simple guide on how to pray the Rosary. [Pray the rosary](#)

## WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN THIS TERM

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

# CURRICULUM

The link to year group plans can be found below. These outline all the themes your child will learn about at school.

If you have any questions about the curriculum or how best to support your child, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

Reception curriculum newsletter: [Reception](#)

Year 1 curriculum newsletter: [Year 1](#)

Year 2 curriculum newsletter: [Year 2](#)

Year 3 curriculum newsletter: [Year 3](#)

Year 4 curriculum newsletter: [Year 4](#)

Year 5 curriculum newsletter: [Year 5](#)

Year 6 curriculum newsletter: [Year 6](#)



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## SAFE IN THE SUN

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As the weather becomes warmer, please take note of the following reminders to help keep children comfortable and safe during the school day:

**Water Bottles:** Children should bring a labelled water bottle to school each day to stay well hydrated.

**Sun Cream:** Please apply sun cream to your child before school. If you would like them to reapply it during the day, kindly send in a named bottle and inform the class teacher.

**Sun Hats:** We recommend that children bring a labelled sun hat to wear during outdoor activities to help protect them from the sun.

**Named Clothing:** Jumpers and cardigans are often removed in warmer weather. Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled to help prevent items from being lost.

**Summer Uniform:** Children may now wear their summer uniform. Further details can be found on our school website under School Uniform Information.

## 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 summer 1 dates can be seen below:

## SUMMER 1 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.

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Saturday	02 May	First Holy Communion: Mrs Needham/Mrs Leather's class: 10am	St Vincent's Church
Thursday	07 May	KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am: Led by Y1 Miss Turnbull class	Infant department hall
Saturday	09 May	Y3 First Holy Communion: Ms Carr/Mrs Luckham's class 10am	St Vincent's Church
Sunday	10 May	First Holy Communion 10:30am	Holy Angels Church
Monday	11 May	KS2 SATS Week	-
Saturday	16 May	Y3 First Holy Communion: Mrs McDuff's class:10am	St Vincent's Church
Monday - Wednesday	18- 20 May	Y5 Robinwood Residential	Dobroyd Castle Activity Centre
Thursday	21 May	Reception Class Assembly: Led by Reception Miss Doherty's class	
Friday	22 May	Parents 'Stay and Share': 8:30am: Y1 - 6	Y1-6 Classrooms
Friday	22 May	School closes for half term	-
<b>HALF-TERM HOLIDAY</b>			

## 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	2ES	99.3	4CG/SK	99.3
RCR	99.7	2FB	98.5	5ML	97
ROW/CR	96.3	3DM	97.3	5LM	97.1
1AM	91.7	3HC/CL	98.9	5JK	98.4
1MH	96	3CN/EL	98.7	6NS	98.7
1LT	97.3	4LD	96.7	6HB	98.6
2LD	99	4LH	97.7	6HB/DB	94.3
Overall percentage: 97.45%					

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

