

# ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

### YEAR 3 HOLY COMMUNION

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



The Year 3 children have now made their First Holy Communion. All the Masses were beautiful occasions and a wonderful celebration of faith for our school and parish community.

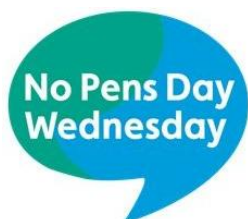
I would like to extend sincere thanks to Canon Jonathan and Fr Matthew for helping to prepare the children so well alongside our staff and parents. The children were fully prepared and enjoyed receiving this special sacrament.

A special thank you also goes to the altar servers, the parents who led the offertory procession, and the parents who read the readings in mass. Your support and participation helped make these celebrations very special for everyone involved.

The children will enjoy a special celebration Mass on Thursday 18 June at 9:15am in the junior hall. They will be able to wear their Holy Communion clothes and will have photographs taken. Parents are also invited.

### NO PENS DAY WEDNESDAY

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This week we held No Pens Day Wednesday, a fantastic opportunity to promote communication, oracy and inclusive learning across the school.

Throughout the day, children took part in a wide range of activities that encouraged:

- Speaking and listening
- Collaborative and group work
- Creative and practical learning
- Discussion-based tasks
- Inclusive strategies to support all learners

Classrooms were filled with teamwork, conversation, problem-solving and creativity as children explored learning in different and engaging ways without relying on written work.

It has been wonderful to see our pupils developing confidence, communication skills and positive collaboration through such meaningful learning experiences.

## WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

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This week, our school took part in Walk to School Week, It was wonderful to see so many pupils walking, scooting, and cycling to school throughout the week.

I would like to thank all the families who supported the event by choosing active travel where possible. We understand that walking the whole journey is not always possible, and we appreciated families who parked further away and walked the final part of the journey or shared lifts with others.

As we continue to encourage safe and healthy journeys to school, please note that we have four entrances to school.

- Balmoral Road gate
- Orchard Road
- Osborne Road
- The golf ginnel off Stockport Road

Thank you for helping us make our school journeys healthier, safer, and greener.



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## 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](#).

## 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	97.67%	2ES	100%	4CG/SK	99.33%
RCR	96.67%	2FB	99%	5ML	96.67%
ROW/CR	96.97%	3DM	99%	5LM	98.39%
1AM	99.33%	3HC/CL	97%	5JK	96.45%



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1MH	97%	3CN/EL	99.33%	6NS	100%
1LT	92.65%	4LD	98%	6HB/DB	96.21%
2LD	96.33%	4LH	96.67%	6DH	97.74%
Overall percentage: 97.66 %					

## HALF TERM FUN

Please see some ideas for activities over the holidays.

[Raring2go! | The go to guide for you and your family](#)

[Family activities and events for primary school children | Primary Times](#)

We finish school today for the whit holiday and we will welcome the children back to school on Monday 8 June. I hope you can enjoy some family time together.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

