

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

OUR MISSION

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Our positive start to the new school year is continuing, with the children settling well into their new routines and getting fully into the rhythm of school life.

The new school year is a good time to remind ourselves of our mission and values. Our mission and values permeate everything we do at St Vincent's and are at the heart of our school community.

Attached is an overview of our mission, values, the scripture associated with each value and our school prayers. Please do take some time to read the document so that we can work in partnership to promote our mission and St Vincent's values consistently, both at school and at home.

Our children know our values well and understand what they look like in action. During our assemblies, we regularly recognise children who have demonstrated our values and contributed to living out our mission. It is wonderful to see our values being put into practice each day across our St Vincent's family. Please see our mission and school values below:

Our Mission

'Let your light shine.'

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.' John 8:v12

Jesus is our light and our guide. He shows us how to live with love, kindness, forgiveness and faith. When we choose to follow Jesus, he helps us to know what is right and gives us hope, especially when life feels difficult.



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ST VINCENT'S MISSION

At St Vincent's, our children from 0-11 grow in a loving environment rooted in the Catholic faith, where they develop a strong spiritual and moral identity. We are ambitious and aspirational, enabling every child to become the best they can be. Through an inspirational, enriched curriculum and through expert teaching, our pupils are well prepared to flourish in an ever-changing world.

We celebrate diversity and warmly welcome all into our St Vincent's family. Children learn how to stay safe and care for their mental and physical wellbeing. Our nurturing environment, strong pastoral care, and inspiring curriculum ensure that every pupil thrives.

When they leave St Vincent's, our pupils achieve highly, are confident, compassionate, and ready to embrace the next stage of their journey, letting their light shine to make a positive difference in the world.

Please read the attached for our prayers and scripture associated with each value.



MASS AND LITURGY DATES

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The Masses and liturgies give parents a wonderful opportunity to join us in prayer. We are very grateful that Canon Jonathan and Father Matthew dedicate so much time to our school. We encourage parents to note the dates and join us for these special occasions. The dates can be found on the Mass and Liturgies attachment.

In addition to Masses and liturgies, we invite parents to join us for class assemblies and Stay and Pray liturgies. Please do try to come along, you will be made most welcome.



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YEAR 3 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Year 3 is a very special year for our Year 3 families. The children will continue their faith journey where they will prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. As part of the preparation, we invite parents to attend meetings so that we can work together to help prepare the children. The dates can be found on the First Sacraments Information attachment.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

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Please note that the parent curriculum meetings are listed on the dates list. This is a good opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and learn about how we can work together to support your child's learning.

KEEPING OUR SCHOOL ROUTES SAFE

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As part of our safeguarding procedures, it is essential that Orchard Road and Osborne Road remain **congestion-free**. Like all schools, we must ensure that an ambulance or emergency vehicle can reach our school quickly if needed.

We kindly ask for your support in keeping the routes to our school gates clear by using the free Tesco Park & Stride car park nearby. Your cooperation helps us keep all our children safe. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.



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ST VINCENT'S SCHOOL & NURSERY – OPEN MORNING WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER

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Open Morning

We warmly invite prospective parents to join us for our Open Morning at St Vincent's. This is a wonderful opportunity to see our school and nursery in action, meet our staff, and learn more about what makes our community so special.

The morning will begin with a presentation about St Vincent's, including information about our school values and the application process. This will be followed by a guided tour of our classrooms and facilities.

We are proud to be an inclusive community where diversity is valued and celebrated. Everyone is welcome to come along and apply for a place.

To attend one of the following sessions 9:15am, 9:45am, 10:15am and 10:45am, please email your preference to admissions@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk

We look forward to welcoming your friends and family!

Applications for Reception 2027 can now be received. To apply for a place, please follow the link to [Trafford admission portal](#). Please also complete a [supplementary form](#) and return this to the infant office along with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate by the closing date of 15th January 2027.

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 was sent out last week.



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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

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Please note that we do not authorise holidays in term time. Please refer to our term dates on this link before booking a holiday to ensure it is booked within the half term holiday. Please see the term dates for 2026-2027:

Please see below the attendance percentages for **last week**.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
R CR	100.0%	02EB	100.0%	04FB	92.0%
R LD	100.0%	02KS	98.9%	05CG/DB	97.8%
R OW/CR	96.7%	03CD	98.9%	05LM	99.3%
01LT	100.00%	03DM	95.0%	05JK	98.7%
01AM	99.4%	03HC/CL	100.0%	06DH	96.8%
01MH	97.3%	04LH	98.9%	06ML	98.4%
02LC	100.00%	04CN/EL	98.9%	06NS/SK	99.4%
Overall percentage: 98.39%					

We warmly welcome parents to approach us with any questions about school life. Your first point of contact is always your class teacher. In addition, Mrs Farrell (Infant Deputy), Mrs Sutton (Junior Deputy), and I are always 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,

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