

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

MASS AND LITURGY DATES

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



We are looking forward to our first Mass of the year on Thursday 24th September at 9:15am. If the weather is good, the Mass will be outside, on the junior playground. All parents are invited to come along to the Mass. If the weather is wet, the Mass will be held in the junior hall. We hope to see lots of parents join us.

HARVEST TIME

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At Harvest time, we give thanks for all the food we have and remember those in need. Each year, we ask for donations to support Cornerstone Day Centre and Trafford South Foodbank.

Please can donations be given to your class teacher during week beginning 28th September.

We welcome the following donations from each year group:

Reception	Tinned meat/tinned fish
Year 1	Tinned fruit/rice pudding/custard
Year 2	Coffee/tea/juice/sugar
Year 3	Hand wash, toilet rolls, deodorant
Year 4	Pasta/tinned tomatoes/tinned beans
Year 5	Jam/ sponge puddings
Year 6	Cereal



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HAVE YOU CONSIDERED JOINING THE PTA?

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The PTA is here to support our school by raising money to enhance, enrich, and improve the learning experiences of all children. Each year, we organise a variety of events that bring our school community together. To make these events possible, we rely on the support of parents and staff who volunteer their time and skills. Every year we also hold the PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is a chance for parents to hear about the projects we'd like to fund to support children's learning and give them those extra special treats. Please keep an eye out for a special invitation your children are making for you! We'd love to see as many parents as possible getting involved with the PTA.

The next PTA Annual General Meeting takes place on Tuesday 29th September at 6:30pm in the Infant Department Hall.



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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

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We are delighted to be supporting Macmillan Cancer Support again this year. To raise funds, we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning for parents, grandparents, and friends of St Vincent's on Friday 25th September in the junior hall from 9am. To help make the event a success, we would be very grateful for nut-free cake donations from parents. Our wonderful Mini Vinnie pupils will be lending a hand throughout the morning. We warmly invite you to join us, come along, enjoy a slice of cake, and support an excellent cause.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

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We are excited to welcome you to our curriculum information meetings next week. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, learn more about what your child will be learning, and find out how we can work together to support their learning.

In addition to the meetings, we are pleased to invite families of children in Years 3, 4 and 5 to a short information evening delivered by **Learn North West**, St Vincent's entrance-exam tuition partner.

Date: Wednesday 23 September 2026

Time: 6.00pm–6.45pm

Location: Junior Hall

During the session, Learn North West will explain:

- The different local entrance exams, including Loreto, St Ambrose and the Trafford Consortium.
- The changes being introduced from 2027.
- How entrance-exam preparation develops from Year 3 through to Year 5.
- How children can be supported calmly and effectively, without unnecessary pressure.



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There will also be an opportunity for parents and carers to ask questions. Whether you are already considering the entrance-exam pathway or would simply like to understand the options available, you are warmly invited to attend.

School Nurse Drop In

Our school nurse, Ella Hornby, will be available in the Angel Room in the Junior Suite from 8:30 am on **Wednesday 21st October**

What You Can Talk About

- Healthy eating & growth
- Sleep
- Toileting / continence
- Immunisation questions
- Managing medical conditions in school
- Emotional wellbeing
- General health concerns

Although you are welcome to drop in, if you can email admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk to let us know you'll be attending it helps us gauge interest. If you're unable to make the scheduled date, get in touch and we can arrange another time for a call or face-to-face meeting.



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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.

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 here for 2026-2027 [Term dates 2026/27](#)

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



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Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
R CR	100.0%	02EB	96.33%	04FB	95.33%
R LD	98%	02KS	99%	05CG/DB	99%
R OW/CR	96.67%	03CD	99%	05LM	98.15%
01LT	98.33%	03DM	98.67%	05JK	98%
01AM	99.26%	03HC/CL	99.33%	06DH	97.42%
01MH	98%	04LH	99%	06ML	98.71%
02LC	99.31%	04CN/EL	99.33%	06NS/SK	97.67%
Overall percentage: 98.3%					

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,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

