

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

HARVEST TIME

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Harvest Donations

As we celebrate Harvest, we take the opportunity to give thanks for all the food and resources we have, whilst also remembering those in our local community who may be experiencing difficult times or going without.

Each year, we collect donations to support Cornerstone Day Centre and Trafford South Foodbank, two very worthy local charities that provide valuable support to individuals and families in need. We would like to say a huge thank you to all our families who have already donated. Your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated and will make a real difference to those who need it most. We are extending our Harvest collection for one more week, so there is still time to contribute if you have not yet had the opportunity to do so.

Please bring any donations to your child's class teacher. We would be very grateful for any items you are able to provide from the list below. Thank you once again for your continued support and generosity. Together, we can help make a positive difference to families and individuals in our local community. We hope that you can join us for the Harvest Mass listed on the dates list.

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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NATIONAL POETRY DAY – POET LAUREATE CHALLENGE

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A huge thank you to all our children and staff for getting involved in National Poetry Day today. It was wonderful to see the children embracing the activities, sharing their ideas and having so much fun exploring poetry.

We would also like to thank our Reading Ambassadors and Eco Leaders for their help in supporting the day. They did a fantastic job and showed great enthusiasm for poetry.

Following our National Poetry Day celebrations, we are now looking for our next St Vincent's Poet Laureate! Children are invited to take part in our optional poetry competition and show us their creativity.

Theme: New Beginnings

Write an original poem inspired by the idea of a new beginning. This could be a new day, a new friendship, starting a new school year, a new adventure or trying something for the first time.

Children can choose any style of poetry and are encouraged to experiment with words, rhyme, rhythm and imagery. Most importantly, we want them to enjoy being creative and have fun with their ideas.

Submission deadline: Friday 16th October

We can't wait to read the children's poems and see the wonderful ideas they come up with. Who knows, we may discover our next St Vincent's Poet Laureate!

PTA QUIZ NIGHT SAVE THE DATE!

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A huge thank you to all the parents who joined us for our PTA Annual General Meeting this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you there and to have your support and enthusiasm for the year ahead.

The PTA plays an important role in supporting our school by raising money to enhance, enrich and improve the learning experiences of all our children. We have lots of exciting events and fundraising ideas planned for this year, and we are looking forward to bringing our school community together for some fun along the way!

Our first event of the year will be our PTA Quiz Night on **Friday 16th October**, so please save the date! We are looking forward to a fun evening and hope lots of parents will be able to join us. More information about the event will be shared soon.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We are excited about the year ahead and hope to see lots of our families getting involved with the PTA and joining us at our upcoming events.

SCHOOL AND NURSERY OPEN MORNING AND RECEPTION 2027 ADMISSIONS

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Open Morning

We warmly invite prospective parents and families to join us for our Open Morning at St Vincent's on Wednesday 14 October. This is a wonderful opportunity to see our school and nursery in action, meet our staff and learn more about what makes our school community so special.

The morning will begin with a presentation about St Vincent's, including information about our school values and the admissions process. This will be followed by a guided tour of our classrooms and facilities, giving visitors the opportunity to see our learning environment and experience our school for themselves.

We are proud to be an inclusive and welcoming community where diversity is valued and celebrated. Families from across the local area are warmly invited to visit us and find out more about what St Vincent's has to offer.



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If you have friends or family who would like to attend, please encourage them to register for one of the following sessions: 9:15am, 9:45am, 10:15am or 10:45am. Places can be registered via the website or by sending an email to admissions@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk.

We look forward to welcoming your friends and family and sharing all that St Vincent's has to offer!

RECEPTION 2027 APPLICATIONS

Applications for Reception 2027 are now open. Families interested in applying for a place at St Vincent's are welcome to do so, regardless of whether they live within our immediate catchment area.

To apply for a place:

- Complete an application through the Trafford admission portal.
- Complete the St Vincent's supplementary application form.
- Return the supplementary form to the Infant Office.
- Please include a copy of your child's baptismal certificate with the supplementary form.
- Applications and supplementary forms must be submitted by the closing date of 15th January 2027.

Trafford admission portal: <https://parentportal.trafford.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions>

Supplementary application form to be returned to the Infant Office together with a copy of the baptismal certificate (if applicable): [Supplementary Application Form](#)

SITE SECURITY REMINDER

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We would like to remind all parents and carers about the updated site security arrangements communicated earlier this week.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us to keep the school site safe and secure. As part of these arrangements, it is particularly important that the school site is cleared promptly after drop-off and collection.



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In the morning, once you have dropped off your child, please make your way towards the gates promptly. This helps us to secure the site for the start of the day.

At the end of the school day, please make your way to the gates promptly after collecting your child and ensure the site is cleared by 3:50pm. This allows us to secure the site at the designated time and helps ensure that children attending Sunshine Club can safely use the school grounds and outdoor spaces.

Thank you for your continued cooperation, and for helping us to maintain a safe and secure environment for our whole school community.

WHOLE SCHOOL DATES LIST

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DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	08 October	KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am led by Y1 McCann (Harvest liturgy)	Infant department hall
Thursday	08 October	KS2 Harvest Mass 9.15am	Junior department hall
Wednesday	14 October	Open Morning	Across school
Thursday	15 October	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am Led by Y5 Mr Kerigan's class	Junior department hall
Friday	16 October	Show Racism The Red Card – Wear Red Day	-
Friday	16 October	Parents 'Stay and Share': 8:30 am: Y1 - 6	Y1-Y6 classrooms
Friday	16 October	PTA Parent's Quiz Night 7pm	Infant Hall
Thursday	22 October	KS1 Class Assembly 9.05am Led by Y1 Miss Hollins' class	Infant department hall
Friday	23 October	School closes for Half Term	-
HALF TERM HOLIDAY			



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

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

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
R CR	96%	02EB	99%	04FB	100%
R LD	88%	02KS	97%	05CG/DB	97.33%
R OW/CR	96%	03CD	100%	05LM	98.67%
01LT	99.33%	03DM	99%	05JK	95.33%
01AM	99.67%	03HC/CL	87.33%	06DH	97.74%
01MH	98%	04LH	95.67%	06ML	95.16%
02LC	91.38%	04CN/EL	99%	06NS/SK	94%
Overall percentage: 96.37%					

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

