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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

HARVEST TIME

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



As we celebrate Harvest, we would like to say a great big thank you to all our wonderful families for your incredible generosity and kindness in supporting our Harvest collection.

We have been truly overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness and generosity shown by our school community. Every donation, no matter how big or small, is greatly appreciated and will help make a real difference to individuals and families in our local community who may be experiencing difficult times.

Your generous contributions will support Cornerstone Day Centre and Trafford South Foodbank, two very worthy local charities that work tirelessly to provide essential food, resources and support to those who need it most. Your kindness helps us to share the true meaning of Harvest by giving thanks for what we have and remembering those who may be less fortunate.

It is wonderful to see our school community coming together to show compassion, care and a willingness to help others. By working together, we are not only providing practical support to local people but also demonstrating to our children the importance of kindness, gratitude and thinking of others.

We are so grateful for the continued support of our families and for helping us to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Your generosity truly reflects the caring and supportive community we are so proud to be part of.

Thank you once again for your wonderful donations and for helping us to celebrate Harvest.



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SUPPORTING SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD – FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

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We are pleased to share that we will be supporting Show Racism the Red Card on Friday 16 October. This important campaign uses education to raise awareness of racism and promote equality, understanding and respect.

To show our support, this day will be a non uniform day where we invite all children to wear something red to school. This is a simple way for us to come together as a school community and demonstrate our commitment to kindness, fairness and inclusion.

This initiative links closely with our school value of showing respect. Throughout the day, the children will have opportunities to learn about the importance of treating everyone with kindness and fairness, celebrating our differences and ensuring that everyone feels welcome, valued and accepted. Through age-appropriate discussions and activities, we will encourage the children to develop empathy, understanding and an appreciation of what makes each of us unique.

We believe that teaching children the importance of respect and inclusion from an early age is vital in creating a happy, safe and supportive school environment where everyone feels that they belong. By supporting this campaign, we hope to reinforce the message that respect should be at the heart of everything we do.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us promote our school values and create a community where everyone is treated with dignity, kindness and respect.

STAY AND SHARE PARENT SESSION – YEARS 1 TO 6

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We are delighted to invite parents and carers of pupils in years 1 to 6 to our first Stay and Share session of the year on **Friday 16 October, from 8:30am to 9:00am.**

Stay and Share sessions are a lovely opportunity for parents and carers to come into the classroom and spend some special time learning alongside their child. Books and work will be laid out for you to explore together, giving you the chance to look through your child's learning, talk about what they have been doing and celebrate their achievements.

It is also a wonderful opportunity to see your child's classroom; gain an insight into their daily learning experiences and share in the fantastic start they have made to the school year. Most importantly, these sessions help us to celebrate the partnership between home and school and encourage children to feel proud of their learning.

We warmly welcome you to join us for this special opportunity to share in your child's learning and celebrate all the wonderful things they have achieved so far. We look forward to seeing you next week.

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. Please refer to email communication dated 5th October for more information.** We are looking forward to a fun evening and hope lots of parents will be able to join us. Tickets can be purchased now on ParentPay or purchased on the door.



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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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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.

If you have friends or family who would like to attend, please encourage them to register for one of the following sessions: 9:45am, 10:15am or 10:45am. Places can be registered by clicking on the link on the website or via email at 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 by 15 January 2027.
- Complete the St Vincent's supplementary application form.
- Return the supplementary form and baptismal certificate to the Infant Office by 15 January 2027
- Applications to the Council and supplementary forms to the school must be submitted by the closing date of 15th January 2027.



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Trafford admission portal: [Admissions Portal - Trafford Council](#)

Supplementary application form: [Supplementary Application Form](#)

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. [Term dates 2026/27](#)

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

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
R CR	99.33%	02EB	99.67%	04FB	99.52%
R LD	97.67%	02KS	99.33%	05CG/DB	95.33%
R OW/CR	94%	03CD	99.67%	05LM	100%
01LT	100%	03DM	100%	05JK	96.67%
01AM	97.33%	03HC/CL	98.52%	06DH	96.77%
01MH	100%	04LH	96.3%	06ML	96.77%
02LC	97%	04CN/EL	98.52%	06NS/SK	95.93%
Overall percentage: 98.03 %					

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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