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Friday 6th November 2026

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I hope that you enjoyed half term with your family. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school for what will be a magical half term as we approach Advent.

NOVEMBER THE MONTH OF REMEMBERING

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During the month of November, we remember in a special way all those who have died. As a Catholic school community, we have reflected on the lives of the saints and remembered loved ones in our thoughts and prayers. We will also mark Remembrance Day on 11 November with great respect, supporting the Poppy Appeal and remembering those who gave their lives in service to others.

YEAR 3 PARENT SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME MEETING

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There will be a meeting for parents only (**no children at this meeting**) regarding the Sacramental Programme on Thursday 12 November at 6:30pm in the Junior Hall**.** Parents and carers are encouraged to attend this important meeting to learn more about the programme and the preparation journey for the children.

We are also delighted to welcome Canon Jonathan, who will talk through the Sacramental Programme and provide guidance on the significance of the sacraments and the preparation process. We look forward to welcoming parents to this important meeting.

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PARENTS' EVENING

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Thank you for attending Parents Evening this week. It was wonderful to see everyone and to have the opportunity to talk about the children's progress. A big thank you also to everyone who visited the Book Fair, your support helps to promote a love of reading across our school.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent parent survey. We are delighted that the results show exceptionally high levels of parental satisfaction. Parents overwhelmingly told us that their children are happy, safe and well supported in their learning and well behaved.

We were particularly pleased that 100% of parents who responded said they would recommend our school to others. Results highlighted the positive relationships between home and school and the caring, supportive environment we provide for our children.

Whilst celebrating the many positive outcomes from the survey, we will continue to build on our values and our commitment to nurturing strong relationships across the school community. We will further strengthen communication about the support and provision available for children with SEND. Through open and effective communication, we will work in partnership with families to ensure every child is supported to thrive.

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

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Each half term, teachers share the key areas of learning they will be focusing on in all subject areas. Please take a moment to read through the curriculum newsletters for each year group below to find out how parents can further support learning.

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: Reception - EYFS

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: Year 1

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: Year 2

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St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: Year 5

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: Year 6

RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2027

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Applications for Reception class 2027 are now open on the Trafford website. To complete your application:

- **Step1:** Visit the Trafford school admissions portal and create a login: Trafford admission portal

  State your preferred school on the portal

- **Step 2:** Complete the Supplementary application form found on our school website Supplementary form

Return the completed supplementary form and copy of baptismal certificate, if applicable, to the school infant department admin office by 15th January 2027.

We look forward to welcoming our new families in September.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

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TERM DATES

2026–2027 term dates: Link here

2027-2028 term dates: Link here

Following the publication of our 2027-2028 term dates, we would like to remind all parents and carers that family holidays taken during term time cannot be authorised by the school.

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Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's educational success. Every lesson counts, and even a short period of absence can result in missed learning, gaps in understanding, and difficulties in keeping up with classroom routines and expectations.

We therefore ask all families to check the published term dates carefully before making any travel arrangements. Holidays should be booked during the designated school holiday periods only. Absence due to a family holiday during term time will be recorded as unauthorised.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that all children benefit from the continuity of learning and the opportunities that come from attending school every day. By working together, we can give every child the best possible chance to thrive and achieve their full potential.

Please see below the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
R CR	96	02EB	99.33	04FB	97.67
R LD	95.67	02KS	99.67	05CG/DB	98
R OW/CR	94.67	03CD	98.67	05LM	97.67
01LT	100	03DM	88.33	05JK	98
01AM	96	03HC/CL	98.33	06DH	94.52
01MH	91.33	04LH	93.67	06ML	96.13
02LC	97.67	04CN/EL	96	06NS/SK	96.33
Overall percentage: 96.36					

We warmly welcome parents and carers to speak with us about any aspect of school life. Your child's class teacher should always be your first point of contact**,** as they work most closely with your child and can usually address any questions. If further support is needed, a member of the leadership team will be happy to assist. We value working in partnership with families and believe that, together, we can help every child flourish

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop
Headteacher