ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Believe, Trust and Be Ready

"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Religious Education Newsletter – Autumn 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second half of Autumn term, we have certainly had a very busy week. In this newsletter, you will find information about events at the end of last year and also what has been happening so far this year. You will also find details of your child's RE Curriculum learning for this term in order for you to feel a part of their RE growth and development. If you have any questions about RE, please speak to your child's class teacher.

You can find lots more information about RE and the Catholic Life of our school on our school website.

St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School:

I am also happy to answer any other questions and welcome any ideas and suggestions you may have.

Masses, liturgies and other Catholic life events this term:

Year 4 Class Assembly - 13th November

Year 3 Class Assembly - 27th November

1st Sunday of Advent - 29th November

Advent Mass in school - 1st December

Knutsford Crib Service - 12th December 3.30pm

KS2 'Christmas by Candlelight' - 9th December in St. Vincent's Church 6.00pm

FS/KS1 Nativity - 15th December

Carol Service (school) - 18th December 2.30pm

Please talk to your child about what they are learning in school.

Autumn 1 RE Curriculum	
Reception	God made our beautiful world and everything in it.
Year 1	All that is comes from God. Reflect on what prayer means.
Year 2	God's covenant (promise) with Noah. The Sacrament of Baptism. How can we care for God's world?
Year 3	The story of Creation. Caring for our common home. All human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Catholic Social Teaching – Human Dignity
Year 4	God's call to Abraham and God's covenant. Virtues of faith, hope and love and how we live our lives.
Year 5	The story of Moses, the call and the covenant. Covenants throughout history. Ten Commandments. Virtues help us live a good life.
Year 6	The second account of Creation – Genesis. The Nicene Creed. Laudato Si. Sin. Symbols of Baptism. God as sustainer and source of universe – compatability with scientific account.

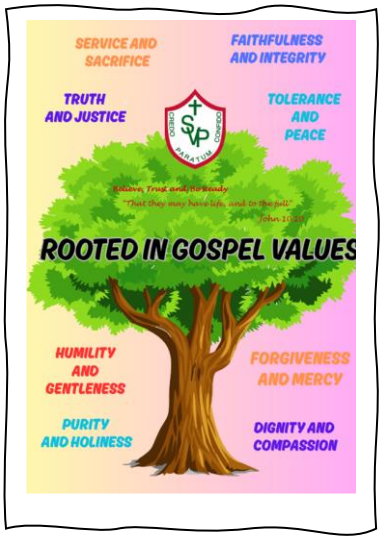
The Vine and The Branches: All year groups are now following the new curriculum – 'The Vine and The Branches'.

Welcome from Father David

As parish priest of St Vincent's, I just wanted to say hello as we begin a new school year. It was lovely to start the new term with a Mass for the whole school. The links between the parish and the school are very important. The children are our hope for the future. Our School and Parish Mass on 27th September was very well attended and was followed by an enjoyable Parish Fair – thank you to everyone who supported this. Children's Liturgy started again on 13th September at our 11am Sunday Mass where the children can listen to the readings in a simpler form. Please do come along and join our wider St. Vincent's community.

Gospel Values

Last year, our Mini Vinnies designed a poster for our Gospel Values which is now on display in all classrooms and around school. Each fortnight we have been focusing on a different value. Well done team!



Our new Mini Vinnies



Mini Vinnies

On Friday 19th September, we had a special commissioning assembly for our new Mini Vinnies. We were joined by Mrs Bayley and Mrs Flood from the SVP society. The children made a pledge infront of the whole school to be the best Mini Vinnie they could be and we all said the Mini Vinnie prayer together. Mrs Bayley and Mrs Flood helped to present the children with their badges, certificates and bookmarks. The children have taken their new role very seriously and will be hosting their first event - a Coffee Afternoon on 10th November 2.45pm in the school hall. All money raised will be split between Macmillan Cancer Support and Children in Need. Please join us!

Year 3 - First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion

If your child is currently in Year 3, or older, and you would like them to make their First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion then please contact the school office or speak to Miss Groarke.

Please join us for Mass in school at 9.15am in the school hall on Tuesday 1st December to mark the beginning of Advent.

Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching is rooted in scripture and formed by the teachings of the Church leaders. Simply put, it is our moral compass guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world. This term we will be focusing on the gospel values: Autumn 1 – Human Dignity (Fairtrade) Autumn 2 – Preferential Option for the Poor

Y6 SATs – prayers

Thank you for all your prayers and support at the end of last year for our Year 6 children as they took their SATs test. We were very proud of them and the amazing results they all achieved.

Our Mission Statement

At the start of this academic year, all classes looked at our school mission statement with their teachers and what it means to us all. The children came up with some wonderful ideas such as "…believing in God, ourselves and others…". Please discuss our mission statement with your child as it is an important aspect of our school.



Prayer Leaders

This year, we welcomed a new set of Prayer Leaders. They have started the year brilliantly, supporting the prayer life of the school, reading in our Harvest Festival and on 11th November a couple of them will be representing our school at the cenotaph for Remembrance Day.

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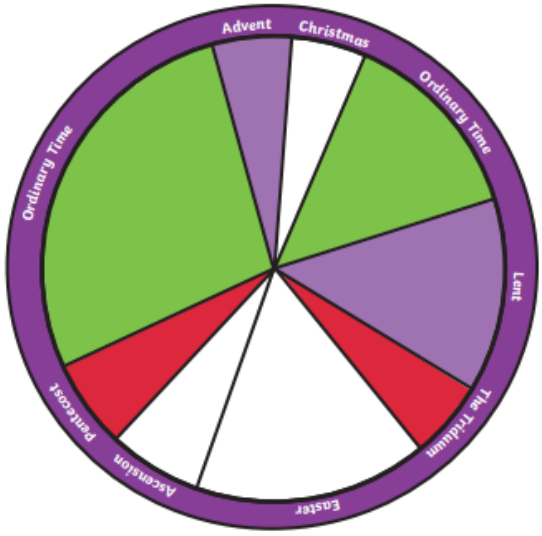
Fairtrade Fortnight

In school we have been focusing on Fairtrade, what it means and how we can all play a part. We used comprehensions, PowerPoints, videos and looked at labels on food. Fairtrade is the most recognised and trusted sustainability label working to make trade fairer for the people who grow our food. If you would like to find out more and look at ways you can help then please click on the link :

Teaching Resources - Fairtrade Schools



The Liturgical Colours	
Ordinary Time	
Lent and Advent	
Easter and Ascension	
Pentecost and The Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday)	
Christmas and Epiphany	

We are currently in Ordinary Time.

RSHE - We follow the Life to the Full programme to deliver our RSHE lessons. The programme is based on the structure of 'A Model Catholic RSE Curriculum' by the Catholic Education Service. Please see the separate document attached with more information about the content of the scheme. There is an online parent platform so that you, as parent and carers, can engage with the teaching and deepen the experience for your child.

To access the online parent platform please visit: www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal

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Have a wonderful school year everyone!

