

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

LENTEN FUNDRAISING



As part of our Lenten fundraising, we raised funds for St Ann's Hospice by doing lots of mindfulness activities. The children enjoyed using their yoga mats and took the time to learn relaxation techniques. Please log on to [ParentPay](#), payment item Lenten Fundraising 2023, to make your donation to St Ann's Hospice.

LENTEN MASSES AND SERVICES

We are looking forward to the Lenten Masses and services next week. Please come along, we would love to see you.

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday	28 March	Year 1 Easter Liturgy 9:15am	Infant department hall
Tuesday	28 March	KS2 Lenten Service: 6:30pm	Holy Angels Church
Wednesday	29 March	Year 1 Easter Liturgy 9:15am	Infant department hall
Thursday	30 March	Junior Lenten Mass: 9:15am	Junior Hall
		Infant Lenten Mass: 9:15am	Infant hall
Friday	31 March	Parents 'Stay and Pray': Led by Y3 9am	Junior department hall

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ST VINCENT'S CHURCH

Tuesday 4 April 7:30pm Holy week service of prayer, music and reflection

Maundy Thursday 6 April No 12:15pm Mass

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching till midnight with night prayers till 11:45pm



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Good Friday 7 April

9:30am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

11:30am Children's Way of the Cross

3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:30pm Good Friday Prayers around the Cross – a special service of prayer, reflection and quiet time with Taizé music as we reflect on Christ's Passion and pray for peace.

Holy Saturday 8 April

9:30am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

No 12:15pm Mass

8:15pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

Easter Sunday 9 April

Masses at 8:30am, 10am and 11:30am

Please note there will be no evening Mass

Confessions will be available at the following times: 11:15-11:45am on Tuesday 4, Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 April.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT HOLY ANGELS CHURCH

Maundy Thursday 6 April

7pm Mass followed by watching until 10pm

Good Friday 7 April

10am Stations of the Cross

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 8 April

8:15pm Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 9 April

8:30am Mass

10:30am Mass

ONLINE VATICAN COURSE

Parishioners from Holy Angels have been enjoying an online podcast course on Vatican II. The next two podcasts on Divine Revelation are now available on the diocesan website at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org They are not time bound and so may be listened to any time.



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PARENTS STAY AND PRAY – EVERYONE IS WELCOME

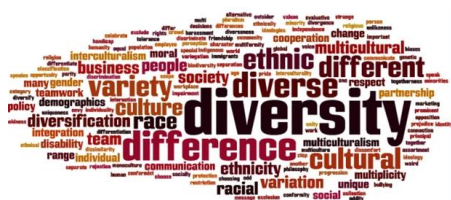
On Friday 31 March at 9am, Year 3 will lead a stay and pray session. It will take place in the junior hall. The children will lead the prayer and parents are encouraged to join us. Parents from across the school can come along, it is not just open to Year 3 so please come along, we would love to see you.

ST VINCENT'S 'WE ARE WRITERS' POETRY ANTHOLOGY



We are excited to share the news that our St Vincent's 'We Are Writers' poetry anthology has now been published by Scholastic and is available to order. Every child has written a poem in the book and so it is a lovely celebration of their poetry work. If you would like to purchase a copy for £5.99, you can do so via [ParentPay](#). All books sold will help to raise funds for new books for our school library. [#Passionate about learning](#)

ASSOCIATE BOARD MEMBER- REPRESENTATION FROM ETHNIC MINORITY BACKGROUNDS



We aim to have a diverse representation on our board and committees, and therefore would **want applications from ethnic minority backgrounds and other under-represented groups**. If you would like to talk about the role, please contact admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk [#Make a difference](#)

PTA UPDATE

The next PTA event will be the Easter Eggstravaganza for the children on Friday 31 March after school. To minimise queues, tokens are currently available to buy on ParentPay. **This will be a 'non uniform day' in exchange for an Easter egg donation.** Please do not bring in the eggs prior to this day.

Reception/Year 1	Donations of small eggs (i.e. Crème egg boxes, Kinder, bags of Mini eggs, little Lindt bunnies etc.)
Year 2 – 6	Donation of boxed a Easter egg (any size)



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TOKENS

In order to minimise queuing times, tokens to spend at the stalls **are now available to buy on ParentPay** in £5 quantity bags. These bags will be distributed to the children on the day of the event. Tokens will also be available to buy on the day but this may involve queuing.

CAKE DONATIONS

The PTA are also appealing for any shop bought or homemade cakes for the Easter event. If you would like to donate, please send them into school from Thursday 30 March onwards.

Cheese and Wine Night for parents is on Thursday 20 April, tickets are currently available on ParentPay. **#Make a difference**



Easter Eggstravaganza

Friday 31st March
3.15pm - 4.15pm

INFANT PLAYGROUND AND HALL

Join us for a fun hour of Easter activities for all the family, including Easter egg tombolas, Easter hunt, lucky dip, guess the bunny's name, homemade cakes and more!

Tokens will be available to buy in advance. Volunteers are still needed; please contact your class PTA rep if you would like to help.

CHEESE & WINE TASTING EVENING

Hosted by Reserve Wines
Award winning local wine merchants

20 APRIL 8PM (DOORS OPEN @ 7.30)
ST VINCENT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Indulge your senses with a selection of fabulous wines and cheeses and enjoy a relaxed evening while raising money for our children.

TICKETS: £30 PER PERSON
AVAILABLE VIA PARENTPAY



FAMILY FUN

Please use this link to view the most recent copy of Altrincham's Raring2go guide to what's on throughout springtime in the local area [Raring2go! Altrincham & Sale Spring 23 magazine](#)

ATTENDANCE



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ROUTINE APPOINTMENTS

We ask that all routine appointments for the dentist and opticians be taken outside of school time.

Please note we do not authorise holidays in term time. Please see the link for our term dates <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/term-dates-school-day-attendance/6182>

We monitor the attendance of all children and here are the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RMH	98%	2CG/EL	94%	4JM	95%
RLT	96%	2AB	99.33%	5JK	92%
RML	95.67%	3ES	92.48%	5LM	96.33%
1LH	98%	3DMcD	96.9%	5CL	98.06%
1AMcC	99.04%	3CN/CR	96.67%	6NS	97.33%
1CR	97.67%	4FJ	96.23%	6DH	86.61%
2LC	97.67%	4HB	98.97%	6DK	90.98%
Overall percentage: 95.91%					

We offer an open door to parents. If you have any questions about school life, please liaise with your class teacher. Mrs Farrell (infant department deputy, Mrs Sutton (junior department deputy, and I are also available to work in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

