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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a good half term and enjoyed spending time together with your children.

### NOVEMBER THE MONTH OF REMEMBERING HOLY SOULS



Thank you to the parents who were able to join us for the junior Mass on All Souls Day. If you were unable to join us for Mass this week, please see a nice reflection and scripture for this day on the link <https://sacredspace.com/daily-prayer/2023-11-01/>

**#Be kind #Be respectful**

### POPPY APPEAL FOR ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, the Mini Vinnies will be selling poppies and accessories to raise vital funds for the Royal British Legion. If children wish to purchase an item please ensure they bring in the correct change.

Prices are as follows:

- Slap band - £1.50
- Bracelet - £1
- Zip pull - 50p
- Keyring - £1
- Paper poppy - 50p

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## UNICEF RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL SILVER AWARD



We are delighted to share that we have been awarded a Silver [Rights Respecting School Award](#) by UNICEF UK.

UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights. The Rights Respecting Schools Award is granted to schools that show commitment to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children, and young people to respect the rights of others in school. Silver is given to schools that make excellent progress towards embedding the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into its ethos and curriculum.

The Award recognises achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of a school's planning, policies and practice. A Rights Respecting School is a community where children's rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted. This fits perfectly with our school values.

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## TRAFFORD SEND WEEK OF ACTION 2023



Trafford's SEND Week of Action will take place from 13-17 November and will be a chance for parents and professionals from education, social care and health to learn together, pool their shared knowledge and lived experience and get updates on new developments and practice. Please take a look at the [programme of events](#) and select any sessions you would like to attend. Some sessions are open to all and others are for specific audiences - this is detailed in the description.

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## APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE - RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2024 APPLICATIONS



It was wonderful to see so much interest in our school during our recent open morning. If your child is due to start Reception in September 2024, please follow the steps below.

Trafford are accepting applications for Reception places until the deadline of 15 January 2024. Please see the following guidance to help you in your application.

<https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-admissions/Primary/primary-school-admissions.aspx>

Catholic schools also require a supplementary form and copy of baptismal certificate to be submitted. **These must be submitted to our school office before 15 January 2024.**

[https://spaces.schoolspider.co.uk/uploads/120/files/5.ADM\\_New\\_Supplementary\\_Application\\_Form.pdf](https://spaces.schoolspider.co.uk/uploads/120/files/5.ADM_New_Supplementary_Application_Form.pdf)

Please contact our admin team if you have any questions about the admission process, [admissions@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk).

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## PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR: SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 12 - 3PM



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Preparations for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December are underway and lots of volunteers are still needed to make it a success. Your class reps will reach out to you via your class WhatsApp group so please come forward asap if you can help in any way. We really do need your help to make it a success.

Tokens that can be used on stalls will go on sale on ParentPay on Monday.

## CHRISTMAS GROTTO (MEET SANTA AND HIS ELVES) AND STOCKING MAKING WORKSHOPS

Tickets for these very popular events (both taking place within the fair) will also go on sale on Monday via ParentPay. Meeting Father Christmas is always extremely popular so please book early to avoid disappointment.

## AUTUMN 2 DATES

| DAY      | DATE           | EVENT  | LOCATION             |
|----------|----------------|--|----------------------|
| Thursday | 09 November    | KS2 Class Assembly 9:15am led by Y5 Miss Hobday's class                            | Junior hall          |
| Friday   | 10 November    | Remembrance Day  | -                    |
| Monday   | 13-17 November | Anti-Bullying/ Friendship Week   | -                    |
| Thursday | 16 November    | KS1 Class Assembly 9:15am led by Y2 Mrs Wormall/Mrs Robinson's class               | Infant hall          |
| Thursday | 16 November    | Y3 Sacramental Programme Parents' Meeting 6:30pm                                   | Junior hall          |
| Friday   | 17 November    | Parents 'Stay and Pray': 9:15am led by Y6  | Junior hall          |
| Sunday   | 19 November    | Y3 Sacramental Programme Enrolment Mass 10am                                       | St. Vincent's Church |
| Sunday   | 19 November    | Y3 Sacramental Programme Enrolment Mass for children in Holy Angels parish 10:30am | Holy Angels Church   |
| Thursday | 23 November    | KS2 Class Assembly: 9:15am led by Y6 Mrs Sheldon's class                           | Junior hall          |
| Thursday | 30 November    | KS1 Class Assembly 9:15am led by Y1 Mr McCann's class                              | Infant hall          |
| Saturday | 02 December    | PTA Christmas Fair   | Both departments     |

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|--------------------------|-------------|---|----------------------------|
| Monday                   | 04 December | Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal                    | Infant hall                |
| Monday                   | 04 December | Y4 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal                  | Junior hall                |
| Tuesday                  | 05 December | Reception Nativity Play 1/2: 9:15am                   | Infant hall                |
| Tuesday                  | 05 December | Y4 Christmas Concert 1/2: 1:45pm                      | Junior hall                |
| Wednesday                | 06 December | Reception Nativity Play 2/2: 9:15am                   | Infant hall                |
| Wednesday                | 06 December | Y4 Christmas Concert 2/2: 6:30pm                      | Junior hall                |
| Thursday                 | 07 December | Advent Mass 9:15am                                    | Infant hall<br>Junior hall |
| Friday                   | 08 December | Parents 'Stay and Share' : 8:30am: Y1-6               | Y1-6 Classrooms            |
| Wednesday                | 13 December | Christmas Lunch/ Parties/ Father Christmas Visit      | Both departments           |
| Thursday                 | 14 December | KS2 Class Assembly 9:15 led by Y4 Mrs Bullock's class | Junior hall                |
| Monday                   | 18 December | Christmas Service 6:30pm                              | St Vincent's Church        |
| Wednesday                | 20 December | Christmas Pantomime                                   | Both departments           |
| Thursday                 | 21 December | School Closes   | -                          |
| <b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b> |             |   |                            |

## PUNCTUALITY

It is very important that children arrive to school on time so that they can have a calm start to the day.

Children will be recorded as late once the classroom door is closed. The school timings are:

|         | Classroom doors open | Classroom doors closed |
|---------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Infants | 8:45am               | 9am                    |
| Juniors | 8:40am               | 8:55am                 |

## ATTENDANCE

Please see below the attendance percentages for the last week before half term.





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| Class                             | Attendance % | Class                       | Attendance % | Class                      | Attendance % |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Rec-Mrs Dreniw                    | 87.67%       | Y2-Mrs Burke                | 95.33%       | Y4-Mrs Gerrard/Mrs Leather | 96.67%       |
| Rec-Miss Turnbull                 | 96.55%       | Y2-Mrs Wormald/Mrs Robinson | 96%          | Y5-Mrs Luckham             | 94.33%       |
| Rec-Miss Doherty                  | 91%          | Y3-Mrs McDuff               | 95.33%       | Y5-Mrs Maguire             | 92.67%       |
| Y1-Mr McCann                      | 96.67%       | Y3-Miss Hutton              | 97.1%        | Y5-Miss Hobday             | 95.33%       |
| Y1-Miss Hollins                   | 94.33%       | Y3-Mrs Needham/Mrs Jennings | 98.67%       | Y6-Mrs Sheldon             | 95.33%       |
| Y1-Miss Reid                      | 96%          | Y4-Mrs Bullock              | 98.33%       | Y6-Mrs O'Keefe/Miss Slater | 98%          |
| Y2-Miss Campbell                  | 91.33%       | Y4-Mr Kerigan               | 98%          | Y6-Mrs Black               | 95.81%       |
| <b>Overall percentage: 95.26%</b> |              |                             |              |                            |              |

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher