

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

THE YEAR OF PRAYER 2023-2024

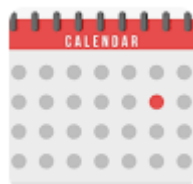


Pope Francis has declared this new liturgical year a year of prayer.

'I would greatly desire that we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee event, to a great "symphony" of prayer. Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him.'

This is then a year *for* prayer, not a year *about* prayer.

TERM DATES 2024/25



Term dates for the academic year 2024/25 are now available on our website:

https://spaces.schoolspider.co.uk/uploads/120/files/DAT_Termdates_2024_2025.pdf

ROAD SAFETY WEEK



This week the children have been learning about road safety. The pupil wellbeing champions have been sharing safety advice with the children about stop, look and listen and the importance of reflective clothing in the dark.

As a reminder, please do not drive down Orchard Road and Osborne Road to drop children off at school. Please use the car park at Tesco or other roads near to school where families can park and stride to school.



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TRANSLATION FUNCTION FOR THE SCHOOL WEBSITE



There is a translation button on our website that can translate the text into a wide range of languages. Please click on the world symbol on the top right of the home page coloured yellow to show the drop down of all languages that can be translated.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE?



What are ESOL courses?

If English isn't your main language, you can work through a course to help you improve your English. These courses are called ESOL or English for Speakers of other Languages. Improving your English will make it easier to: talk to teachers, understand the curriculum and homework. The Hub in Altrincham runs ESOL courses. If the course is full there are several other locations in Trafford. Please follow the link to register your interest:

https://ourhub.org/Groups/348596/Courses_and_Training.aspx
https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Trafford_ESOL_test_2023-24/



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HAVE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGED?



All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a free and healthy school lunch, known as Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) whether they are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) or not. Even if your child receives UFSM, it is still important for the school to know whether eligibility exists for FSM as this may lead to additional school funding. Children in school years 3 to 6 will be offered a free lunch if they meet certain criteria for FSM.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals; your child is eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed part of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as your annual gross income is £16,190 or less and you don't get Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-off after you come off Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit that you applied for on, or after, 1 April 2018 (as long as your household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax, not including any benefits)

Registering for Free School Meals could also raise an extra **£1,320** in Pupil Premium for your child's school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above. Please contact the school office in confidence if you believe you may be eligible.

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, 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>



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Catholic schools also require a supplementary form to be completed. **The supplementary form 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

Please contact our admin team if you have any questions about the admission process.

PARENT AND TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

Christmas Wreath Making Evening: Thursday 7th December 7.30pm



This is a lovely evening of Christmas Wreath making and socialising over a festive drink or two! The session is run by a local florist, using fresh, high quality products. All parents, family members and friends (adults only) of St. Vincent's are very welcome to come along to the event, which is always very popular. Tickets are now on sale on ParentPay but are limited.

Christmas Fair: Saturday 2nd December 12-3pm

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Preparations for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd 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.

Donations

Please see the attached donations calendar for the Christmas Fair. There will be another 'non-uniform' day on Friday 1st December as an incentive to bring in donations.

Tokens that can be used on stalls at the fair are on sale on ParentPay on now.

Santa's Grotto has now sold out.

SCHOOL DATES

AUTUMN 2 DATES LIST			
DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday	24 November	'Non uniform' Day for Christmas fair donations	
Friday	24 November	Year 2 Music concert	Infant department hall
Thursday	30 November	KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am led by Y1 Mr McCann's class	Infant department hall
Friday	1 st December	'Non uniform' Day for Christmas fair donations	
Saturday	02 December	PTA Christmas Fair 12-3pm	Both departments
Monday	04 December	Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal	Infant department hall
Monday	04 December	Y4 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal	Junior department hall
Tuesday	05 December	Reception Nativity Play 1/2: 9:15am	Infant department hall
Tuesday	05 December	Y4 Christmas Concert 1/2: 1:45pm	Junior department hall
Wednesday	06 December	Reception Nativity Play 2/2: 9:15am	Infant department hall
Wednesday	06 December	Y4 Christmas Concert 2/2: 6:30pm	Junior department hall



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Thursday	07 December	Advent Mass 9:05am	
Friday	08 December	Parents 'Stay and Share' : 8.30am: Y1-6	Y1-Y6 classrooms
Friday	08 December	Tea Room Chats coffee morning	Infant department hall
Wednesday	13 December	Christmas Lunch/ Parties/ Father Christmas Visit	Department halls
Thursday	14 December	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05 led by Y3 Mrs McDuff's class	Junior department hall
Monday	18 December	Christmas Service 6:30pm	St Vincent's Church
Wednesday	20 December	Christmas Pantomime	Infant hall Junior hall
Thursday	21 December	School Closes 3:25pm KS2 3:30pm KS1	-
CHRISTMAS BREAK			

Attendance

Please see below the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RML	99.65	2AB	96.35	4CG/EL	98.7
RLT	94.15	2OW/CR	99.3	5CL	95
RLD	100	3DM	99	5LM	96
1AM	93.65	3LH	94.8	5DH	94.35
1MH	98.35	3CN/JJ	96	6NS	96.35
1CR	99.3	4HB	96.65	6SK/CO	97
2LC	99.35	4JK	96	6DB	94.5
Overall percentage: 96.9%					

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.



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Yours sincerely,

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