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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

YEAR 3 HOLY COMMUNION

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The Year 3 children have been journeying through the Sacramental Programme, preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. The children have already celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and on Saturday, the first of our year 3 classes will take the next step in their faith journey as they make their First Holy Communion. The children are well-prepared and excited to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at St Vincent's Church. Please remember the children in your prayers on this very special day.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR 3 CHILDREN

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist.

*Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom
as they grow into full discipleship.*

Amen

MARY OUR MOTHER

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May is a special month in the Church because we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus. All through this month we think about how important Mary is, we will say special prayers to her and arrange May prayer tables to show our love for Mary. The children will also sing songs to Mary and ask her to help us stay close to Jesus.

PRAYING THE ROSARY

The children will be praying the Rosary. This prayer helps children build a loving relationship with Mary, who they can turn to for comfort and guidance, just like a mother. Whether prayed at home or school, the Rosary brings children together in shared prayer and faith. Please see the link for how to pray the Rosary: [Pray the rosary](#)

ONLINE PARENTING COURSES

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Online parenting courses are a great way to get advice and learn new skills in the comfort of your own home and at times to suit you. The courses below give helpful techniques and ideas. Parents can access the courses on demand so that you can work through them at your own pace. Our range of courses are pictured below. Please follow the link to access the courses:

[Online parenting classes](#) | [Family Lives](#)



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STAYING SAFE IN THE SUN – SUMMER REMINDER

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Summer Term Reminders

As the weather becomes warmer, please take note of the following reminders to help keep children comfortable and safe during the school day:

- **Water Bottles:** Children should bring a *labelled* water bottle to school each day to stay hydrated.
- **Sun Cream:** Please apply sun cream to your child before school. If you would like them to reapply it during the day, kindly send in a *named* bottle and inform the class teacher.
- **Sun Hats:** We recommend that children bring a *labelled* sun hat to wear during outdoor activities to protect them from the sun.
- **Named Clothing:** Jumpers and cardigans are often removed during warm weather. Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled to help prevent items from being lost.



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- Summer Uniform: Children may now wear their summer uniform. Details can be found on our school website: [School Uniform Information](#)

PUPIL PREMIUM

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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 as laid down by the government.

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)

Children with parents who are serving/have served in the regular armed forces may also be eligible for funding as are children previously looked after by a local authority or other state care, including children adopted from state care or equivalent from outside England and Wales.

Registering for Free School Meals could raise up to an extra £1,515 in Pupil Premium for the school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

If you believe you are eligible, please click on the below link to apply via the confidential link. You will receive an instant answer based on the information provided. If you have any questions, our Business Manager, Mrs Wong, would be happy to speak to you confidentially.

[Online FSM Application](#)



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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

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A very special event recently took place at St Vincent's, our whole school photograph. This rare occasion happens only once every seven years. The entire St Vincent's family of pupils and staff came together to be part of the photograph, and it was a magical moment to see the whole school come together as our St Vincent family.

The children looked wonderful in their full school uniforms. We are delighted to have created this lasting memory, which will be treasured for years to come.

Details about how to purchase a copy of the photograph are below.

Whole School Group - <https://htmp.st/551503-14>

Please include your **child's full name** to assist with distribution at the school.

Order within two weeks to avoid P&P charges (Delivery to school).

For assistance, please call 01736 752411

Option 3 - Place an order (P&P applies)

Option 5 - Customer services

Please be aware that orders placed after 13th May will be subject to postage and packaging charges.



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ATTENDANCE



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Please see below the attendance percentages for **last week**.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RKH	95.98	2AB	96.67	4CG/SK	97.58
RLT	93.53	2OW/CR	96.67	5ML	97.50
RLD	99.57	3DM	98.33	5LM	98.33
1AM	100.00	3LH	98.75	5JK	94.76
1MH	99.17	3CN/JJ	94.35	6NS	97.92
1CR	98.75	4CL/HB	96.25	6DH	92.67
2ES	98.33	4LD	99.17	6HC/EL	94.83
Overall percentage: 97.10%					

Please see the summer term dates below:

SUMMER 1

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Saturday	03 May	First Holy Communion: Mrs McDuff's class 10am	St Vincent's Church
Thursday	08 May	Reception Class Assembly 9:05am: Reception Miss Doherty's class	Infant department hall
Saturday	10 May	Y3 First Holy Communion: Miss Hutton's class 10am	St Vincent's Church
Sunday	11 May	First Holy Communion 10:30am	Holy Angels Church



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Monday	12 May	KS2 SATS Week	-
Thursday	15 May	PTA Football Tournament	-
Saturday	17 May	Y3 First Holy Communion: Mrs Needham's/Mrs Jennings' class: 10am	St Vincent's Church
Monday - Wednesday	19 - 21 May	Y5 Robinwood Residential	Dobroyd Castle Activity Centre
Thursday	22 May	Whole School International Mass 9:15am	Playground
Friday	23 May	Parents 'Stay and Share 8:30am: Y1 - 6	Y1-6 Classrooms
Friday	23 May	School closes for half term	-
HALF-TERM HOLIDAY			

SUMMER 2

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	09 June	School reopens	-
Monday	09 - 13 June	Year 1 Phonic check	-
Monday	09 - 13 June	Year 4 Multiplication tables check	-
Thursday	12 June	Whole School Mass of the Holy Spirit: 9:15am	Playground
Tuesday	17 June	Infant Sports Day 9:30 – 11:30am Year 1 and 2 Sports Day 1:30pm – 2:30pm Reception Sports Day	School Field
Wednesday	18 June	Junior Sports Day 9:30 – 11:30am Year 5 and 6 Sports Day 1:30pm – 3:15 pm Year 3 and 4 Sports Day	School Field
Thursday	19 June	First Holy Communion Celebration Mass 9:15am	Junior department hall
Friday	20 June	Parents 'Stay and Pray': 9:05am Reception classes	Infant department hall
Saturday	21 June	PTA Summer Family Fun Day	Junior department



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Thursday	26 June	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am: Y5 Mr Kerigan's class	Junior department hall
Thursday	26 June	New Reception Parents' Meeting	Infant department hall
Thursday	03 July	New Reception Taster Session	Early Years
Thursday	03 July	Moving Up Day	All classes
Friday	04 July	Reception Disco 3.30pm-5.30pm	Infant department hall
Thursday	10 July	Reception Class Assembly 9:05am: Reception Miss Turnbull's class	Infant department hall
Monday	14 July	Y2 Dress Rehearsal 9:30am	Infant department hall
Monday	14 July	Y6 Dress Rehearsal 1:30pm	Junior department hall
Tuesday	15 July	Y2 Performance 9.30am	Junior department hall
Tuesday	15 July	Y6 Performance 1:30pm	Infant department hall
Wednesday	16 July	Y2 Performance 1.30pm	Infant department hall
Wednesday	16 July	Y6 Performance 6:30pm	Junior department hall
Thursday	17 July	Reception Class Assembly 9:05am: Reception Miss Howkins' class (is this taking place)	Infant department hall
Thursday	17 July	Y6 Performance 6:30pm	Junior department
Friday	18 July	Y6 Leavers' Disco	Holy Angels Parish Centre
Tuesday	22 July	Y6 Leavers' Mass 6:30pm	St Vincent's Church
Wednesday	23 July	Whole School End of Year Mass 9:15am	Field/playground
Thursday	24 July	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR END OF YEAR	



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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, Mrs Sutton (junior deputy, and I are also available to work in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

