

# ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### YEAR OF THE JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

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As part of our preparations for the Catholic Church's Jubilee Year in 2025, themed "**Pilgrims of Hope**," the children took part in a **special Celebration of the Word** to nurture the children's spiritual growth and sense of togetherness.

The Jubilee Year, which occurs every 25 years, is a time when Catholics are invited to embark on a spiritual pilgrimage, whether to Rome or local holy places as a journey of renewal and deeper encounter with God.

As part of our school pilgrimage, the children moved to a different classroom, accompanied by their teacher, for a moment of prayer and reflection. Each classroom was prepared with a **focal point with a candle, a cross, and a Bible**. To make the moment more meaningful, each class also brought along a **special item** from their own room to add to the new prayer table.

The experience provided a peaceful pause in our busy day, an opportunity to reflect, pray, and come together as a school.

### TRAFFORD LIBRARIES READING CHALLENGE

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The Trafford Reading Challenge in 2025, part of the national Summer Reading Challenge, encourages children aged 0-11 to read six books during the summer holidays. The theme for 2025 is "Story Garden", which focuses on the connection between storytelling and nature, and encourages children to be curious, creative, and connect with the natural world. Children can sign up at their local library from July 5th, collect a collector pack, and get stickers for each book they read. Completing the challenge earns them a certificate and medal.

## KEY DETAILS:

**Theme:** Story Garden, exploring the link between storytelling and nature.

**Who:** Children aged 0-11.

**When:** Sign-ups begin Saturday, July 5th, 2025.

**How:** Borrow and read library books, including ebooks and audiobooks.

**Rewards:** Stickers, collector pack, certificate, and medal for completing the challenge.

**Activities:** Libraries will host free, garden-themed activities throughout the summer.

**Goal:** To encourage reading and prevent the "summer slide" (loss of learning over the summer).

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

**Visit a Trafford library:** Sign up for the challenge and collect your Story Garden collector pack.

**Choose your books:** Read at least six library books, including ebooks and audiobooks.

**Collect stickers:** Get a sticker for each book you read and add them to your collector pack.

**Get involved:** Participate in the free, garden-themed activities happening at the library.

**Complete the challenge:** Once you've collected all the stickers, return to the library to receive your certificate and medal.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a great way to keep children engaged in reading over the summer and helps them develop a love for books and the outdoors.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

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The raring to Go magazine is a magazine detailing what's on in the local area for families. Please follow the link for exciting activities for your family.

The link is: Raring2go! Altrincham & Sale Summer 25 magazine - <https://bit.ly/R2GAAltrinchamSummer25>

Highlights in the issue include:

- Summer holiday days out
- Little Page Turners - Our book review competition
- Details of summer holiday clubs



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## PARENT COMMUNICATION

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We are excited to announce that we will be moving our communications to Arbor via our MIS platform. Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and bring all core school data and workflows into one system. We are really looking forward to getting started with Arbor and invite all our parents to familiarise themselves using the link below.

[Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App](#)

We will shortly be sending further communication and how to register; please look out for this information and the registration email to register your child when prompted. All information changes should be made via the app and will be approved by the school.

We hope you are looking forward to using this new feature as much as we are! If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

## SCHOOL PAYMENTS

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Please can payments for school lunches, school clubs and the Sunshine Club be paid so that all payments are made by the end of the academic year: [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

## SUMMER 2

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
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



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Wednesday	16 July	Y6 Performance 6:30pm	Junior Department
Thursday	17 July	Y6 Performance 6:30pm	Junior department
Thursday	17 July	Reception Class Assembly 9:05am. Miss Howkins Class	Infant 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	<b>3:30PM SCHOOL CLOSING FOR END OF YEAR</b>	

## ATTENDANCE



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Please note that holidays in term time cannot be authorised in term time. Please check the term dates below for 2025-2026 before a holiday is booked. [ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PPRIMARY SCHOOL](http://stvincents.trafford.sch.uk)

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

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RKH	100	2AB	99	4LD	97.67
RLT	96.00	2OW/CR	96.00	5ML	99.03
RLD	98.94	3DM	99.67	5LM	99.33
1AM	99.67	3LH	95.33	5JK	98.06
1MH	98.97	3CN/JJ	98.67	6NS	100
1CR	100	4CG/SK	95.48	6HC/EL	96.42
2ES	98.67	4CL/HB	97.67	6DH	94.83
Overall percentage: 97.20					



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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

