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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

MASS AND LITURGY DATES

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We are looking forward to our first Mass of the year on Thursday 25th September at 9:15am. If the weather is good, the Mass will be outside, on the junior playground. All parents are invited to come along to the Mass. If the weather is wet, the Mass will be held in the junior hall. We hope to see lots of parents join us.

HARVEST TIME



At Harvest time, we give thanks for all the food we have and remember those in need. Each year, we ask for donations to support Cornerstone Day Centre and Trafford South Foodbank.

Please can donations be given to your class teacher during week beginning 29th September. For more information, please see the [Harvest planner](#).

We welcome the following donations from each year group:

Reception	Tinned meat/tinned fish
Year 1	Tinned fruit/rice pudding/custard
Year 2	Coffee/tea/juice/sugar
Year 3	Hand wash, toilet rolls, deodorant



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Year 4	Pasta/tinned tomatoes/tinned spaghetti/ beans
Year 5	Jam/ sponge puddings
Year 6	Cereal

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

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We are excited to welcome you to our curriculum information meetings next week. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, learn more about what your child will be learning, and find out how we can work together to support their learning. After the presentation, parents are welcome to visit the classroom and see the learning environment.

Monday 22 September – Junior Department

- Y5 Curriculum Meeting: 4:30 – 5:15 pm
- Y6 Curriculum Meeting: 5:15 – 6:00 pm

Wednesday 24 September – Junior Department

- Y3 Curriculum Meeting: 4:30 – 5:15 pm
- Y4 Curriculum Meeting: 5:15 – 6:00 pm

Thursday 25 September- Infant Department

- Reception Curriculum Meeting: 4:30 – 5:15 pm
- Phonics Workshop (Reception/Y1): 5:15 – 5:45 pm
- Y1 Curriculum Meeting: 5:45 – 6:30 pm
- Y2 Curriculum Meeting: 6:30 – 7:15 pm

ST VINCENT'S SCHOOL & NURSERY – OPEN MORNING WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER

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Open Morning

We warmly invite prospective parents to join us for our **Open Morning** at St Vincent's. This is a wonderful opportunity to see our school and nursery in action, meet our staff, and learn more about what makes our community so special.

The morning will begin with a **presentation** about St Vincent's, including information about our school values and the application process. This will be followed by a **guided tour** of our classrooms and facilities.

We are proud to be an **inclusive community** where diversity is valued and celebrated. **Everyone is welcome** to come along and apply for a place.

To attend one of the following sessions 9:15am, 9:45am, 10:15am and 10:45am, please email your preference to admissions@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk

We look forward to welcoming your friends and family!

Applications for reception 2026 can now be received. To apply for a place, please follow the link to [Trafford admission portal](#). Please also complete a [supplementary form](#) and return this to the infant office along with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate by the closing date of 15th January 2026.

CELEBRATING INTERFAITH WEEK – STARTING MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER

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As part of our commitment to celebrating different faiths and cultures, we will be marking Interfaith Week from Monday 10th October. Each year group will explore a world religion:

- **Reception & Year 6:** Hinduism
- **Years 1 & 2:** Judaism
- **Year 3:** Islam
- **Year 4:** Buddhism
- **Year 5:** Sikhism



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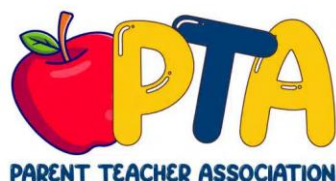
To enrich this learning, we warmly invite members of our school community to share their experiences. If you or a family member have a connection to any of these faiths, and you/they would be happy to speak to a class, please contact your child's teacher. All help is greatly appreciated.

TRAFFORD SLEEP SERVICE

If you would like some guidance on sleep for your child, please contact Trafford Sleep Services to access a webinar and other useful tips.

[Trafford Sleep Services Webinars – Sleep and Therapy Services](#)

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED JOINING THE PTA?



The PTA is here to support our school by raising money to enhance, enrich, and improve the learning experiences of all children. Each year, we organise a variety of events that bring our school community together. To make these events possible, we rely on the support of parents and staff who volunteer their time and skills. Every year we also hold the PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is a chance for parents to hear about the projects we'd like to fund to support children's learning and give them those extra special treats. Please keep an eye out for a special invitation your children are making for you! We'd love to see as many parents as possible getting involved with the PTA.

The next PTA Annual General Meeting takes place on Tuesday 30th September at 6:30pm in the Infant Department Hall.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



We are delighted to be supporting Macmillan Cancer Support again this year. To raise funds, we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning for parents, grandparents, and friends of St Vincent's on Friday 26th September in the junior hall from 9:10am. To help make the event a success, we would be very grateful for nut-free cake donations



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from parents. Our wonderful Mini Vinnie pupils will be lending a hand throughout the morning. We warmly invite you to join us, come along, enjoy a slice of cake, and support an excellent cause.

Whole School Dates List

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The key dates have been set for the academic year. On the list, you will see the date, event and location. The full list can be seen on the link [School Date List 2025/26](#) and Autumn 1 dates can be seen below:

AUTUMN 1			
DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	22 September	Junior Department Curriculum Evening Y5 Curriculum Evening 4:30 - 5:15pm Y6 Curriculum Evening 5:15 - 6:00pm	Junior department hall
Wednesday	24 September	Junior Department Curriculum Evening Y3 Curriculum Evening 4:30 – 5:15pm Y4 Curriculum Evening 5:15 - 6:00pm	Junior department hall
Thursday	25 September	New School Year Mass 9.15am	Junior department playground
Thursday	25 September	Infant Department Curriculum Evening Reception Curriculum Evening 4:30 - 5:15pm Phonics Workshop Reception/Y1 5:15 - 5:45pm Y1 Curriculum Evening 5:45 - 6:30pm Y2 Curriculum Evening 6:30 - 7:15pm	Infant department hall
Friday	26 September	Whole School Individual and Sibling Photographs	

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Friday	26 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning: 9am	Junior department hall
Friday	26 September	St Vincent de Paul Feast Day	
Tuesday	30 September	Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) AGM: 6.30pm	Infant department hall
Thursday	02 October	KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am led by Y2 Mrs Dreniw's class	Infant department hall
Thursday	02 October	Junior Harvest Mass: 9:15am	Junior department hall
Friday	03 October	CAFOD Family Fast Day/Harvest fundraising commences	
Friday	03 October	Parents 'Stay and Pray': 9:15am Led by Y1	Infant department hall
Thursday	09 October	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am led by Y5 Mrs Maguire's class	Junior department hall
Friday	10 October	World Mental Health Day	
Friday	10 October	Parents 'Stay and Share': 8:40am: Y1 - 6	Y1-Y6 classrooms
Wednesday	15 October	Open Morning	Across school
Thursday	16 October	KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am Led by Y2 Miss Slater's class	
Friday	17 October	Show Racism The Red Card – Wear Red Day	-
Friday	17 October	PTA Quiz Night	Infant Hall
Thursday	23 October	KS2 Class Assembly 9.05am Led by Y5 Mr Kerigan's class	Junior department hall
Friday	24 October	School closes for Half Term	-
HALF TERM HOLIDAY			

Attendance and Punctuality

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Please note that we do not authorise holidays in term time. Please refer to our term dates on this link before booking a holiday to ensure it is booked within the half term holiday. **Please see the term dates for 2025-2026.**
[ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES](#)

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

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RLD	100	2ES	98.67	4CG/SK	98.67
RCR	95.67	2FB	99.33	5ML	98.93
ROW/CR	100	3DM	98.33	5LM	100
1AM	97.33	3HC/CL	94.33	5JK	98.06
1MH	96.21	3CN/EL	99.67	6NS	94.67
1LT	98.28	4LD	100.00	6HB/DB	97.67
2LD	100	4LH	99.33	6DH	97.74
Overall percentage: 98.23%					

We warmly welcome parents to approach us with any questions about school life. Your first point of contact is always your class teacher.

In addition, Mrs Farrell (Infant Deputy), Mrs Sutton (Junior Deputy), and I are always available to work in to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

We value open communication and welcome all to work together for the benefit of all our pupils.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

