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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

MASS AND LITURGY DATES

School Values: Make a Difference Be Passionate about Learning Be Kind Be Respectful



We were delighted to see so many parents join us for our New Year Mass, it was a wonderful way to come together as our St Vincent family.

Our next Mass will celebrate the harvest. It will be held in the Junior Hall on Thursday 2 October, and we invite parents to join us as we celebrate together.

This Saturday we will remember the Feast of St Vincent de Paul. Please see a reflection attached about our Patron Saint.

HARVEST TIME

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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 Cornerstones Day Centre for the homeless and the South Manchester Foodbank.

Please can donations be given to your class teacher during week beginning 29 September.



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For more information, please see the Harvest Planner [here](#)

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

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

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Thank you for attending the curriculum meetings this week. It was great to see so many parents in attendance. The PowerPoints for each year group can be found on the following links along with the curriculum overview and subject specific information for the autumn term.

Phonics: [Phonics Workshop 2025-26.pptx](#)

Reception: [Reception Curriculum Evening 2025-26.pdf](#)

Year 1: [Y1 Curriculum Evening 2025-26.pdf](#)

Year 2: [Y2 Curriculum Evening 2025 - 26.pptx](#)

Year 3: [Y3 Curriculum Evening 2025-26.pdf](#)

Year 4: [Y4 Curriculum Evening 2025-26\(1\).pdf](#)

Year 5: [Y5 Curriculum Evening 2025-2026 \(1\).pdf](#)

Year 6: [Y6 Curriculum Evening 2025-26 \(2\)\(1\).pdf](#)

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What Your Child Will Learn in Each Subject

If you would like to learn more about how children build their knowledge and skills, please take a look at the progression grids for each subject in the National Curriculum. These show how children develop their learning step by step, building cumulative knowledge from Reception through to Year 6 in each subject:

Phonics	https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/phonics/120613
Reading	https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/reading/134285
Writing	https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/writing/134286
Mathematics	https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/mathematics/134287
Religious Education	https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/religious-education/134288
Science	https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/science/134289
History	https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/history/134290
Geography	https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/geography/134291
Music	https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/music/134292
Art	https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/art-and-design/134293
PE	https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/physical-education/134294
Computing	https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/computing/134295
French	https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/modern-foreign-languages-mfl/134297
PSHE	https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/pshe/134298

Please see the curriculum maps for each year group

Reception [2025 EYFS Curriculum Termly Overview - Autumn 25-26.pdf](#)



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- Year 1 [2025 Year 1 Curriculum Termly Overview - Autumn 2025.pdf](#)
- Year 2 [2025 Year 2 Curriculum Termly Overview - Autumn 25.pdf](#)
- Year 3 [2025 Year 3 Curriculum Termly Overview - Autumn 25\(1\).pdf](#)
- Year 4 [2025 Year 4 Curriculum Termly Overview - Autumn 24.pdf](#)
- Year 5 [2025 Year 5 Curriculum Termly Overview - Autumn 2025.pdf](#)
- Year 6 [2025 Year 6 Curriculum Termly Overview - Autumn 25 \(1\).pdf](#)

How will I know how my child is progressing?

Parents are informed of how their child is progressing throughout the year. This is through a range of opportunities listed below:

6 November	Parents' evening 3:45pm-7:15pm
5 December	Stay and Share (Y1-6) Parents visit the classroom to look at your child's books, 08:30am
6 February	Stay and Share (Y1-6) Parents visit the classroom to look at your child's books 8:30am
February	Interim Report
24 February	Reception parents 'Stay and Play' Miss Doherty's class 09:05am
25 February	Reception parents 'Stay and Play' Miss Reid's class 09:05am
26 February	Reception parents 'Stay and Play' Mrs Robinson/Mrs Wormall's class 09:05am
19 March	Parents' evening 3:45pm to 7:15pm
22 May	Stay and Share (Y1-6) Parents visit the classroom to look at your child's books 08:30am
3 July	Stay and Share (Y1-6) Parents visit the classroom to look at your child's books 08:30am
17 July	End of Year Report Friday

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

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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 9:45am, 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.

SMARTPHONE-FREE CHILDHOOD

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Many families are exploring the Smartphone-Free Movement, which encourages children to have access to a phone for safety and communication without the distractions and risks of social media. For example, some parents choose basic phones or child-friendly phones that allow calls and text messages, so children can contact parents when needed, but do not include social media apps, games, or unrestricted internet access.



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We support this approach as it aims to:

- Support children's well-being and focus on learning and friendships.
- Reduce exposure to social media pressures and screen time.
- Give families peace of mind while ensuring children can stay in touch.

If you'd like to find out more, you can explore Smartphone Free Childhood.

Please watch this video to learn more about the benefits of a basic phone without access to social media. Their video is a moving account of the harm screen time can have on a child: [Smartphone Free Childhood video: This made my kids stop begging for a phone](#)

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED JOINING THE PTA?

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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.

 Tuesday 30 September at 6:30pm
 Infant Hall

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 this [link](#) and Autumn 1 dates can be seen below:

Autumn 1			
Day	Date	Event	Location
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': 9:05am Led by Y1	Infant department hall
Thursday	10 October	World Mental Health Day	
Thursday	09 October	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am led by Y5 Mrs Maguire's class	Junior department hall
Friday	10 October	Parents 'Stay and Share': 8:30am: 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	Infant department hall
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 class	Junior department hall
Friday	24 October	School closes for Half Term	-
Half term holiday			

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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

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Please note that holidays during term time are not authorised. Before booking any trips, we kindly ask parents to check our term dates to ensure holidays are arranged within the designated school breaks. You can view the 2025–2026 term dates here: [St Vincent's Term Dates 2025-26](#)

Please see below the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RLD	98.00	2ES	95.67	4CG/SK	98.00
RCR	98.67	2FB	98.00	5ML	97.86
ROW/CR	98.00	3DM	98.67	5LM	96.00
1AM	99.67	3HC	95.67	5JK	94.19
1MH	95.67	3CN/EL	98.00	6NS	95.33
1LT	96.21	4LD	97.33	6HB/DB	90.67
2LD	98.67	4LH	98.67	6DH	89.03
Overall percentage: 96.62 %					

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 partnership with you 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

