

St Vincent's Catholic Primary

School Newsletter



To love, serve and learn as Jesus shows us

Friday 19th January 2024

DATES FOR THE DIARY

	<u>Events</u>	<u>Clubs</u>
Mon 22nd Jan	8.50am: Celebration Assembly	Science
	3pm: Year 6 SATs meeting for parents	Dance
Tues 23rd	Year 5 Fire Safety talk	Board Games
		Musical Theatre
Wed 24th		Netball
Thurs 25th		Football (Y1-3)
		Mini-Vinnies
Fri 26th	2.30pm: Year 3 and Year 4 (all) Rejoice Celebration	Football (Y4-6)

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Week ending: 24th November 2023

Year Group	Attendance
Nursery	94.37%
Reception	96.47%
Year 1/2	98.82%
Year 3/4	95.17%
Year 4/5	97.04%
Year 6	93.6%

Congratulations to Year 1/2 for having the highest attendance!

HOUSE POINTS RUNNING TOTALS

St George	St Patrick	St Andrew	St David
140	134	53	108

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Advanced notice of the date for First Holy Communion for Year 4 children:



Saturday 11th May, 11am at St Joseph's Church.

Further details to follow once the programme has been agreed by Fr Raymond.

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Amber was awarded Coaches Player this week at netball and also star of the week at gymnastics for 'super cartwheels on the beam'.

Well done Amber!



NUT FREE ZONE

A reminder to all parents that children should not bring nuts, or foods containing nuts into school as there are children in our school who have a nut allergy.



LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Early Years	Emma
Year 1/2	Alex
Year 3/4	Thomas E
Year 4/5	Lottie C
Year 6	Markus

POT OF GOLD

Early Years	Grace
Year 1/2	Elizabeth
Year 3/4	James F
Year 4/5	Charmaine
Year 6	Georgia

Well done to all our award winners!

ENERGY SAVING WEEK

To mark Energy Saving Week, we are thankful to BGEN staff, who led an assembly to talk about energy saving, and why it is important for our planet and our purses! Top tips, which continue to be monitored in school by our School Council, but can also make a difference at home too are:



- Turn off lights
- Turn of taps
- Turn electronic devices off at the wall—do not leave them on standby
- Walk or cycle to school



MINI-VINNIES AND SCHOOL COUNCIL



Mini Vinnies will be busy over the coming weeks in readiness for a number of activities that they, along with School Council, will be running linked to focus days/weeks and celebrations coming up, to get all children and the wider community involved:

25th January: Book sale on the playground after school / bookmark in Penketh Library to mark National Story Telling Week

1st February: messages will be hidden around the local community to share information about Mental Health Week. Take a walk and see if you can find them and share what you find on social media!

22nd March: Easter cake sale



TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

A reminder that children should not be taken out of school during term time for holidays. Term dates for this year, and next year are published online and in your child's planner for you to refer to when booking holidays to ensure that family holidays are not booked when the children should be in school. This is especially important for children who will be completing statutory assessments during the summer term.

LIP BALM

A reminder that children should only have lip balm in school when absolutely necessary. If your child does need lip balm during the day, please inform your child's class teacher that they have it in school and make sure that it is labelled. We have had occasions recently where children are using lip gloss, claiming that it is lip balm, which is not acceptable for school.

Future dates for your diary...

- **Monday 29th January:** Presto music performance
- **Friday 2nd February:** Year 6 visit to BGEN
- **w/b 5th February:** Children's Mental Health Week
- **Tuesday 6th February:** Safer Internet Day
- **Tuesday 6th—Thursday 8th February:** Year 5 Bike Right sessions
- **Wednesday 7th February:** morning Mass (8am in the school hall) - all welcome
- **Friday 9th February:** Nursery and Reception Rejoice Celebration (you are welcome to join us at 2.30pm)
- **Friday 9th February:** **SCHOOL CLOSERS FOR HALF TERM**
- **Monday 19th February:** **SCHOOL RE-OPENS AFTER HALF TERM**
- **Tuesday 27th February:** Reception and Year 6 height and weight
- **Wednesday 28th February:** Parents' Evening
- **Friday 1st March:** Class photographs
- **Friday 1st March:** Year 6 Rejoice Celebration (you are welcome to join us at 2.30pm)
- **Wednesday 6th March:** morning Mass (8am in the school hall) - all welcome
- **Thursday 7th March:** World Book Day
- **Friday 8th March:** Mother's Day Assembly led by Year 1 and 2
- **Week beginning 11th March:** Science Week
- **Tuesday 12th March:** Year 4/5 (Mrs Morgan's Class) invite a loved one to lunch (12pm)
- **Thursday 28th March:** Easter celebration led by Year 3/4/5
- **Thursday 28th March:** **SCHOOL CLOSERS FOR EASTER**

Mental Health Top Tip

from our School Council Mental Health Champions:

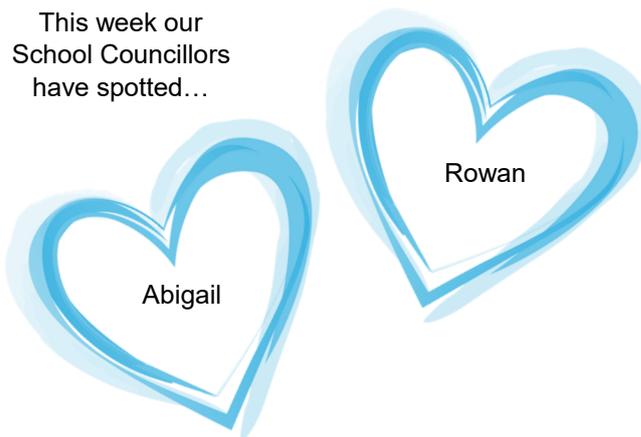
Challenge Yourself

Leave your comfort zone! Set yourself a challenge today that makes you feel just a little nervous. Every challenge you complete allows you to grow in confidence. It is okay to make mistakes, it is ok to feel nervous and you can always try again.

*This week's School Council...
...Eco-award goes to Year 4/5
...Walk to school award goes to
Year 4/5*

CAUGHT YOU BEING KIND...

This week our School Councillors have spotted...



PARENT PAY

Another reminder to check that you ParentPay account is in credit as the number of accounts in debt is increasing once again. Thank you

TERM DATES

2023-2024

SPRING TERM 2024

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 3 January 2024	Friday 9 February 2024	Monday 19 February 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 10 April 2024	Friday 24 May 2024	Monday 10 June 2024	Friday 19 July 2024

INSET DATES

9 April 2024 / 7 June 2024

2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 4 September 2024	Friday 18 October 2024	Monday 28 October 2024	Thursday 19 December 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Monday 6 January 2025	Friday 14 February 2025	Monday 24 February 2025	Tuesday 8 April 2025

SUMMER TERM 2024

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025	Monday 9 June 2025	Wednesday 23 July 2025

INSET DATES

2 September 2024 / 3 September 2024 / 20 December 2024 / 9 April 2025 / 6 June 2025