

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	8.50am: Celebration Assembly Presto music performance	Science Dance
Tues 23rd		Board Games Musical Theatre
Wed 24th		Netball
Thurs 25th		Football (Y1-3) Mini-Vinnies
Fri 26th	Year 6 visit to BGEN	Football (Y4-6)

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Week ending: 19th January 2024

Year Group	Attendance
Nursery	98.7%
Reception	97.06%
Year 1/2	94.71%
Year 3/4	98.62%
Year 4/5	99.26%
Year 6	96.4%

Congratulations to Year 4/5 for having the highest attendance!

HOUSE POINTS RUNNING TOTALS

St George	St Patrick	St Andrew	St David
208	203	90	160

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.

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.



YEAR 3 AND 4 REJOICE CELEBRATION

It was lovely to welcome parents, carers and family members to join us in prayer today, as Year 3 and 4 led the first of our rejoice collective worship celebrations to share and celebrate their Come and See learning all about "Journeys".



LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Early Years	Emilia
Year 1/2	Roman
Year 3/4	Renae
Year 4/5	Mia
Year 6	Sabrina

POT OF GOLD

Early Years	Summer
Year 1/2	Megan
Year 3/4	Sienna
Year 4/5	Matthew
Year 6	Lohas

Well done to all our award winners!

MINI-VINNIES AND SCHOOL COUNCIL

Well done to the children for a really successful book sale on Thursday after school. Those who were not able to buy anything asked whether the sale could be extended. Therefore books will continue to be on sale at lunchtime from Tuesday 30th January until Friday 2nd February next week. All books 50p.

Some of our mini-Vinnies also visited Penketh Library last night to drop off bookmarks and puppet packs that they have made to let the wider community know all about National Storytelling Week.



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

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

Future dates for your diary...

- **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 CLOSSES 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 CLOSSES FOR EASTER**

B-GEN PARTNERSHIP

Following the upgrade to our lighting in school, and the great assembly for Energy Saving Week, St Vincent's is featured in the press, celebrating our focus on reducing our carbon footprint in partnership with B-GEN. Take a look at one of the articles:

<https://electricalcontractingnews.com/news/bgen-on-how-to-save-energy-and-money-at-a-school-assembly/>

Our School Council continue to monitor these energy-saving actions in school. Please support us by making an extra effort to walk, park-and-stride, cycle or scooter to school.

Year 6 are visiting the B-GEN site here in Penketh next week to see the engineers in action and to create some artwork that they have designed in school using specialist equipment that we would not ordinarily have access to.

We can't wait to see the final product.

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.

Mental Health Top Tip

from our School Council Mental Health Champions:

Go for Gratitude

In My Happy Mind's "appreciate" module, you have been learning to have "an attitude for gratitude"!

Start the day by noting down 3 things that you are looking forward to. Be positive and you will feel better.

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...

Elise

Megan

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 DATES2023-2024SPRING 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

2024-2025AUTUMN 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

FIRE SAFETY

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a visit from the Fire Service this week. They were reminded about how to stay safe in an emergency, and preventative measures to take. They loved the smoke tent!

A huge thank you to Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service at Penketh Fire Station for taking the time to come and talk to the children.



FAMILY FIRST

Follow the link to access a free copy of the Family First magazine:

https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_winter2024_digital160124



Brick Festival

You are invited to join us at
St Elphin's Parish Church, Warrington, WA1 2TL
Saturday 10th February 2024 from 10am-4pm
and Sunday 11th 12-4pm. Keep up-to-date via our FB page.

Free-build area	Competitions	Design a mini-fig
Bible Stories in Bricks	Craft Stalls	Refreshments available

Computer Xplorers

Leading the way in providing tech-based activities that are both inspirational and educational!

FEBRUARY HALF TERM TECH CLUBS

WARRINGTON

Culcheth High School
Warrington Road, WA3 5HH
12th & 13th Feb 2024
9am-3pm
half days available

Providing fun, educational activities-
Monday - Lego Robotics & Minecraft Education
Tuesday - Digital Animation & Minecraft Education
Both paid and funded places are available to book for kids aged 5-15.

Supported by **torus foundation**

*FREE places available to eligible Warrington borough resident children who are in receipt of benefit related free school meals

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