ST VINCENT'S PTA NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2025

Termly Figures

- **EYFS Uniform Sales: £161.44**
- **Fun Run & Welcome BBQ: £8,832.47**
- **Tesco Growth Grant: £5,000**
- **Autumn Bake & Uniform Sale: £577.66**
- **Christmas Fair: £7,369.82**
- **Gift shop: £2,123.40**

AUTUMN PROFITS TOTAL £24,071.31

In April we applied for the Tesco Stronger Starts Growth Grant for up to £1,500. In September we were stunned to discover we had been chosen in the Ealing Broadway Tesco store by a member of the public for a bonus **Golden Ticket Grant - meaning we won £5,000!!!!** This money must be spent on storage so will be used for the OPAL storage.

Match Funding
Can your employer support us through matching our numbers? Find out how - **CLICK HERE**

Coaches & School Trips Initiative Fund

Running until Jan 26! Read more & please give if you can! **DONATE HERE**

Snappy Snaps!









A Warm Welcome

If you are new to St Vincent's welcome to our termly newsletter and welcome back to all our Parents! It has been a whirlwind of a term, Autumn is the biggest term for us and we hope you've loved everything we have put on for the School Community. Here is a round up of what we've been up to...

Events Round Up

Fun Run & Welcome BBQ

Kicking Autumn off was our returning Fun Run, again, the weather was beautiful and the children smashed their efforts during the run, pulling together to really work as a team. It was a beautiful thing to witness, so many groups of friends running together and really representing the community spirit that is so strong at St Vincent's. We had music blasting, everyone really enjoyed the afternoon. The event was filmed on the PTA funded cameras purchased last year, catch the highlights here.

Our Welcome BBQ - Fun Run celebrations followed the run a week later and we joined together to also celebrate St Vincent's 60th Anniversary. The afternoon was really relaxed and a sell out event! This event will become a staple to the PTA calendar as it's a great way for everyone to get together at the start of the new academic year after a long break or for the first time!

AGM

It has been a time of change and continued growth for the PTA this Autumn. We had a structural shift around within the Committee during our AGM, we moved forward with a new Chair, Treasurer & Secretary as well as new assistants to supports these roles. Additionally, we had two new Committee members come on board during our AGM taking us from 10 to 12 Committee members.

We must say what an absolute delight it was to welcome 30 people along to the meeting this year. The AGM is open to all parents & we implore you to please join us next time. You will find out what we have been working to fund the previous academic year & what our goals are plus have an opportunity to voice your opinions/join our team! This year we were joined by the Black & Black Mixed Heritage Committee who presented on what they achieved last year and it was enlightening & exciting to have them alongside us as other Parents who are working hard to help our School.

Bake & Uniform Sales

After opening sales exclusively to Nursery & Reception Parents at their Induction & Coffee, Tears & Cheers we have seen these are lucrative for us but also much needed by new parents. We will continue to grow this offering.

The Autumn Uniform & Bake Sale was another crush and we mean a literal crush. The Pagoda, although a dry spot will not be used again to sell cakes as it was extremely cramped & unfortunately overwhelming for us, it's extremely stressful when we are crowded and shouted at. It's very exciting for the children to have access to lots of delicious treats but if we can all be calm it will be a positive experience for everyone! We are thinking out a new system for Bake Sales, maybe opening up early to let little ones access from 3:15, watch this space for hopefully a calmer format!

Coffee Morning

In November we had a cute little Coffee Morning over at Kafedaki in Acton, a lovely catch up with some new and old faces before our Christmas Fair. Our next one is at the end of January & we hope to see you there, this time at the Coffee House, Acton.

Respect & Safety Notice

We must remind parents that during our events, we are still at School and must respect our surroundings. There have been times during recent events where school space has not be respected. If we cordon an area, it is because we cannot use it, it may be unsafe or just an area we cannot use. Please watch your children on School grounds, the PTA & Volunteers cannot watch them at events.

Overall, the vibe at events is super positive and long may it continue but it would be remiss of us not to mention something now before there are real issues.

Money Back to School

On top of our Committed Spends so far we have additionally delivered:

- ***30 Chromebooks***
- ***Hall Laptop***
- ***60th Anniversary Decorations***
- ***Keepsake Keyrings for kids***
- ***Nativity Costumes for EYFS/KS1***
- ***Festive Headgear for School Choirs'***

See our **Fundraising** page to see what we are Funding in 25/26 for St Vincent's!

Raffle Sponsors

We had some show stopping prizes & feel blessed to be supported by such generous Businesses! Check them all out here on our **website**! Thank you!





Christmas Fair

Rounding off November was the Christmas Fair and what a Fair it was! It was a new format for the Grotto we wanted to spend out a little more than usual this year to provide a special experience for our School Community. The Reindeer were so cute and well behaved plus the children absolutely loved them! The Grotto looked beautiful too.

The rest of the Fair was a wonderful success, crafts, the kitchen, sweets and teddies sold out! Our Braiding room was so busy that we have decided to introduce a pre booking system in the Summer to see if this can help negate lengthy queues and wait times.

The return of simple old school games was very popular and as always our inflatables area had a constant stream of Jumpers! Our new stalls Matcha & Ethiopian Coffee added some Community culture and freshness to our staple Christmas refreshment options.

A special thanks to **Offbeat Choir** for their wonderful set, it was enchanting. We are so grateful to have their support. The singers who serenaded you, led by *Marta Mathea*, were: *Christiane Thibaut, Daisy Körtvélyessy, Deborah Wadham, Eugenie Prouvost, Helen Kent,Malika Moussa, Marta Ferfet, Michael Fairbairn, Philippe Mandin, Vicky Lambert, Zsuzsanna Simon, Teeny Xue & Jane Corry.*

Gift shop

A sell out Gift Shop this year, the team worked really hard on selections & we hope that the Children's recipient's will be pleased on Christmas Day!

Sustainability

We are now supporting St Vincent's Sustainability Team going forward. We have started with a few things, using recycled decorations for the Fair, hosting a Christmas Jumper sale & decorating the School with your handmade snowflakes. You will see more initiatives like this from us throughout the year!

Find our Spring Calendar HERE on our website and keep an eye out on our Instagram for updates & everything PTA!

Thank You

We must express huge thanks to Volunteers who support us by giving their time before, during & after our events. To our usual dedicated Volunteer group, which is slowly growing, you are all superstars, even people who may only be able to give 30 minutes here and there, this time is invaluable to us!

Staff, who give their time out of hours, thank you so much, without you sometimes things simply wouldn't be possible!

To those who gave hours of their time for the Christmas Fair from the Kitchen volunteers to the stall holders, everyone, no matter what role was instrumental in the success of the event. We are so grateful to you all and the way we all pulled together to host a successful event!

Please join our whatsapp Volunteers chat if you think you would be able to join us and be part of the magic!! **Volunteer Group**.

Final Note

This was my first term as Chair and it has been a very busy but rewarding one. I am so proud of everything we as a Community are doing together. 2026 will be a an exciting year - I am sure!

Happy Christmas to you & your Families. I wish you a restful but magical Christmas.

Gemma Moussoulides
PTA Chair *on behalf of* St Vincent's PTA