St Vincent's Catholic Primary School
Newsletter
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Autumn 2026 issue 10 **Friday 13th November 2026**

Dates for your Diary

November	
w/c Monday 16th November	*Anti-bullying week "Break the Silence"* *Road Safety Week "Safe People on the Move"*
Monday 16th November	- **Odd Socks Day** and "Be Bright Be Seen!" - Street Dance cancelled
Tuesday 17th November	- Open Day for prospective parents 9.30-11am
Wednesday 18th November	- Deadline for Road Safety Poster Competition
Thursday 19th November	- Year 4 Parents' Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Information Meeting 3.30pm
Friday 20th November	- Year 1 Assembly 9am - Giant Walk to School
Wednesday 25th November	- Heights and Weights – Year 6 and Reception
Saturday 28th November	- PTA Christmas Fair 1-4pm (with KS2 Choir Performance)
Monday 30th November	- Year 5 Trip to RAF Hendon
December	
Tuesday 1st December	- Sacrament of Reconciliation Years 4-6
Wednesday 2nd December	- Forgiveness Assembly Years 1-3
Thursday 3rd December	- KS2 Choir Competition at Westfield 1pm
Friday 4th December	- Reception Nativity 9am - Advent Mass – whole school 2pm
w/c Monday 7th December	- *PTA Gift Shop* - *Final week of autumn term school run activity clubs and music tuition*
Tuesday 8th December	- Year 2 Nativity 9am
Wednesday 9th December	- Year 5 visit to Japanese School - KS2 Choir singing for the Michael Flanders Christmas Party 1pm
Thursday 10th December	- Rocksteady Concert 9am – Thursday groups - Drama Club Autumn Term Show 4pm - Carol Concert at OLOL 7pm
Friday 11th December	- Rocksteady Concert 9am – Friday groups - Last Day of Clubs - PTA Parent Social - Offsite
Tuesday 15th December	- Year 4 Nativity 9am
Wednesday 16th December	- Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
Thursday 17th December	- Christmas Pantomime – whole school 9.50am - Last Day of Term – **School closes at 1.10pm / No After School Club**
Christmas Holidays – Monday 21st December to Monday 4th January 2027	
January	
Tuesday 5th January	Children return to school
Friday 15th January	- Deadline for Nursery and Reception Applications for September 2027

Celebration Station!



Week of 13th November 2026

Awards:

Rainbow

Vision – Nehir
Values – Fabian
Mission –Nolan

Sunshine

Vision – Ollie
Values – Leanora
Mission –Tallulah

Year 1R

Vision – Leone
Values – Eliza
Mission – Jasmine

Year 1W

Vision – Sylvia
Values – India
Mission –Leon

Year 2M

Vision – Florence
Values – Colette
Mission – Seren

Year 2O

Vision – Esrom
Values – Benjamin
Mission –Soliana

Year 3Sa

Vision – Olivia
Values – Ibsa
Mission – Zachary

Year 3So

Vision – Tiernan
Values – Vadsan
Mission – Rebecca

Year 4C

Vision – Sandra
Values – Luke
Mission – Cassidy-Sunshine

Year 4T

Vision – Hazel
Values – Nathan
Mission – Ava

Year 5K

Vision – Michael
Values – Yousif
Mission – Ruby

Year 5M

Vision – Adam
Values – Clara
Mission – Alicja

Year 6D

Vision – Noor
Values – Eito
Mission – Mike

Year 6O

Vision – Masato
Values – Oliver
Mission – Haset

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the dark mornings and early dark nights are now fully upon us, we must always look on the positive side and embrace the warmth inside our school! It has been another bright, busy and uplifting week.

We were delighted to host two open days for prospective parents last Saturday and Tuesday morning, welcoming around 200 people across both sessions. These are fantastic numbers and we received so many wonderful comments from parents about our school. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils were outstanding ambassadors. They showed our visitors every last bit of the school with so much pride and enthusiasm.

On Wednesday, our entire school came together to pause and reflect for Remembrance. With so much going on in all of our busy lives, it is rare and so important that we take stock and think of others, honouring the brave people who have fought in wars and conflicts. A special well done goes to our Year 3 pupils, who led us in a wonderfully thoughtful Remembrance Assembly today. It was inspiring to see the reflection and maturity the children portrayed. They are growing up so quickly in Key Stage 2. Thank you to the Year 3 team for preparing the children.





Alongside these moments of reflection, it has been a whirlwind week. Years 1, 2, and 3 took part in drama workshops, while Years 1, 2, and 6 ventured out on exciting school trips. Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils completed their bike safety training and our Year 3 and 4 athletics team represented us brilliantly at the Sportshall competition. Our Eco Council also travelled to another trust school for a collaborative meeting and we welcomed school governors for visits across the week. Just a normal week in the life of our school!

This Sunday's Gospel from Matthew shares the Parable of the Talents, reminding us to recognise and use the unique gifts God has given us. Even in the busyness of school and home life, taking time to encourage one another, try our best and share our kindness gives real meaning to everything we do.

It's hard to believe we are already almost halfway through November! Christmas will not be far away now, with lots of happy festive events to look forward to very soon.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Buyers
Head of School

ATTENDANCE

Please see the table below for the class with the highest attendance for the week of 13th November 2026.

Congratulations to 2H for having the highest attendance (99.3%) this week

Group	% Attendance
2H	99.3%
1R	98.9%
4T	98.5%
5K	98.0%
2M	97.4%
3So	97.3%
6D	96.3%
1W	95.9%
3Sa	95.0%
4C	94.0%
5M	91.3%
6O	91.0%

School Notices

Heights and Weights - Year 6 and Reception

Heights and Weights for Year 6 and Reception will be taking place on Wednesday 25th November.

As this is an optional provision, if you wish to withdraw your child please email Mrs Brady in the school office admin@stvps.co.uk .

Anti-Bullying Week and Road Safety Week – Monday 16th to Friday 20th November 2026

Next week are looking forward to taking part in Anti-Bullying Week and Road Safety Week, which will both take place during the week beginning Monday 16th November.

This year's themes are:

- **Anti-Bullying Week:** *Break the Silence*
- **Road Safety Week:** *Safe People on the Move*

Throughout the week, the children will take part in activities to promote kindness, respect, standing up against bullying and keeping themselves safe on the roads.

Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day and Be Bright, Be Seen!

We will be celebrating Odd Socks Day to recognise and celebrate what makes each of us unique.

Children are invited to:

- Wear odd socks to school.
- Wear something bright and colourful to help raise awareness of the importance of being visible and safe when walking near roads. Children can swap one item of their usual uniform for something bright.

Friday 20th November – Giant Walk to School

To celebrate Road Safety Week, we will be encouraging our whole school community to take part in our Giant Walk to School.

We would love as many families as possible to join us by walking, cycling or scooting to school as part of the St Vincent's Community. Further details about meeting points and arrangements will be announced next week.

Other activities during the week

The children will also have opportunities to:

- Create road safety posters to promote safe travel. These are due on **18/11/2026**. Prizes will be awarded to the best poster & displayed around the school.
- Design posters or write poems linked to this year's Anti-Bullying Week theme, *Break the Silence*.
- Take part in activities that encourage everyone to speak up about bullying, show kindness and celebrate differences.

We hope the children will enjoy these activities and, most importantly, take away some important messages about looking after themselves and others.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote a safe, kind and inclusive school community.

Sports Round-up

Year 3/4 Kurling Competition

Well done to the Year 3/4 Kurling team, who represented St Vincent's Kurling team at the recent Yr 3/4 Kurling Competition at Alec Reed Academy. Coach Brown, Ms Ryan and Eve and Alex our (Year 6 Sports Ambassadors) are so proud of the whole team who came 3rd out of 12 schools.



Kurling Competition Report
written by Alex (Y6) & Eve (Y6)

On Friday 6th of November 2026, the Year 3/4 Kurling team of St Vincent's Catholic Primary School went to the Alec Reed Academy to compete in a Year 3/4 Kurling Competition. We won a bronze medal! We are so very proud of ourselves. The team were Oscar, Matilda, Evie and Bokku. Our sport leaders were Alex & Evangela in Year 6. The sports leaders are very happy for them and they are very happy with all of the team members work – especially when they were working together to win a bronze medal!



Thank you to everyone that was helping out with the team and they hope that they come again next year. And a big thank you to Coach Brown for choosing these amazing children and Miss Ryan for helping accompany the team.

Yr 3/4 Sportshall Athletics Team

Congratulations to the Year 3/4 Athletics Team who represented St Vincent's at the Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics Competition yesterday. Coach Brown is proud of the whole team for all the hard work you have put into your Athletics training. Coming 1st out of 8 Schools for the second year in a row is a big achievement.



PTA NOTICES



For the third year we will be running the **Coaches & School Trips Initiative** - last year, your generosity managed to raise an additional **£3,370.00** which meant we could help fund School trips and workshops for every class. We think this proves that parents want their children to go on more trips so let's make it happen! School trips are essential for enhanced subject learning & improving their overall school experience! **Annually, the PTA spends around £10,000 on the initiative.**

This year on top of all the other trips the Teachers are planning the PTA are looking to fund a **Theatre & Musical based trip for at least one year group!!!** We are hoping we could make this an annual tradition - possibly for one year group every year - more details will follow when we have worked out the financials but the *money this fund raises will be essential to making this happen!!*

TARGET TO RAISE - £5,000 - Click here to DONATE!

Thank you in advance for your generosity,

St Vincent's PTA



Please vote for St Vincent's to win up to £1500! - Voting is still OPEN!

Tesco Fruit and Veg Grants Programme – please vote by grabbing a blue coin and pop it in the St Vincent's box at the following stores.

- Hoover Superstore UB6 8DW
- Greenford Oldfield Express Express UB6 8PX
- Northolt Express UB5 5AU
- Greenford Lady Margaret Road Express UB1 2QQ
- Southall King St Express UB2 4DB



Voting closes end of November. Please click here to read all about what we could win!. Thank you for your help!

Mrs Hatfield & St V's PTA



ITEM	YEAR GROUP	DUE DATE
TEDDIES	ALL YEAR GROUPS	WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
TOYS & BOOKS	ALL YEAR GROUPS	WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
BLANKETS	ALL YEAR GROUPS	WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
PRIZES & STALL WARE	YEAR 6	WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
BOTTLES FOR TOMBOLA ALCOHOL & SOFT DRINKS ONLY (2L BOTTLES OF SOFTS)	ALL YEAR GROUPS MUFTI DAY ON FRI 27TH NOV IN EXCHANGE FOR BOTTLES	FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
SWEETS	NURSERY & RECEPTION	FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER





Other Notices

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Every mental health trust in London has put in place a 24/7 crisis line for people of all ages - children, young people and adults.

The below lines, which are free to call, can provide advice to those in a crisis. These crisis lines are supported by trained mental health advisors 365 days a year.





Absence Reporting:

A polite reminder that if your child is unwell or absent due to any other reason, please communicate this clearly to the school office before 9am on each morning of the absence remembering to state your child's name and class. **If an absence is not reported, it will be marked as unauthorised. P**lease be specific when reporting your child's absence. Do not use the phrase "unwell" as it makes it difficult to monitor illness trends.

Vomiting or diarrhoea - children need to stay at home for 48 hours. Please see link below
https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/

PE Days

Please ensure your child arrives in full PE Kit on their PE Days Please see details of uniform here.

PE Days:

Tuesday:	Reception & Year 2
Wednesday:	Year 4 and Year 1
Thursday :	Year 5 and Year 3
Friday:	Year 6 and Year 5 Swimming (5M)

MUSIC TUITION

Guitar and Keyboard Lessons

Spaces Available please contact guitar@stvps.co.uk



Guitar Spaces available for small group guitar lessons for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

www.RyanMarshGuitarTuition.co.uk

Please book directly with **Mr Marsh, RAM Music**, via his email address:- guitar@stvps.co.uk

Sing Education have spaces for small group **keyboard** lessons at St Vincent's.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO RE-REGISTER IF YOUR CHILD IS ALREADY TAKING LESSONS.

If you would like to sign your child up to start learning the keyboard in a small group, please visit Music Lessons for Schools in Ealing | Engaging Music Education to register.

Group Lesson Duration:
30 minutes each, scheduled during the school day



Rock Steady Music School Lessons



Please note that your child may only learn one instrument during school time.

Whole School Masses
Autumn term
Academic year 2026/ 2027

Date	Mass	Location	Time	Year group
Thursday 3rd Dec	Reconciliation	School Hall/ Breakfast Club/ Chapel	1:00pm	Years 4-6
Wednesday 2nd Dec	Forgiveness Assembly	Hall	1:30pm	Years 1-3
Monday 7th Dec	Advent Mass	School Hall	2.00pm	Whole School

Date (Week Beginning)	Year Group OLOL Friday (AM)
16th November 2026	Year 2
23rd November 2026	Year 6
30th November 2026	None this week due to Advent Mass
7th December 2026	Year 3
14th December 2026	No Mass this week.

Extracurricular Clubs: A polite request to parents to ensure children arrive on time and dress appropriately for extracurricular clubs. Late arrivals will be refused.

Breakfast, Lunchtime and Afterschool Activity Clubs

Autumn term clubs will commence w/c Monday 14th September 2026. Last day of activity clubs will be Friday 11th December.

	Time	Contact/Booking
Monday		
Street Dance ages 5-11 years	8.00am	Website: Elevate Arts NOT 16th November
Science Club- Mother Nature	3.30-4.30pm	Website: mother nature science
Football Yrs 3/4	3.30-4.30pm	Email:info@creative-sports.co.uk
Chess Yrs 1-6	Lunchtime	Email- colinlee@live.co.uk
Piano Tuition Years 1-6	All day 30 min lesson	Website: Sing Education
Spanish Years 1-3	3.30-4.30pm	Website: Kidslingo
Tuesday		
Sportshall Athletics Yrs 3-6	8am	Via Arbor Parent App
BEST Yrs 1-3 (Bespoke Emotional Social Teaching)	3:30-4:30pm	https://best4learning.co.uk/stvincentsyr-y3/
Wednesday		
Guitar Tuition Yrs 1-6	All day 30 min lesson	Email: guitar@stvps.co.uk No lesson 4th Nov
Kirin R–Yr 2 **Younger Gymnastics**	7.45-8.45am	Website: https://bookthatin.com/link/StVincentsClubs
KS2 Choir Yr 4/5/6	8-8.45am	Via Arbor Parent App
Kirin Football Yrs 5-6	3.30-4.30pm	Website: https://bookthatin.com/link/StVincentsClubs
The Inventors Yrs 3-6	3.30-4.30pm	Website: The Inventors
Friendship Bracelet Making Yrs 3-6	3.30-4.30pm	Via Arbor Parent App **NO club 23rd September**
Debating Club Years 4-6	3.30-4.30pm	Via Arbor Parent App **NO club 23rd September**
Thursday		
Kirin Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Yrs 1-6	7.45-8.45am	Website: https://bookthatin.com/link/StVincentsClubs
Running Yrs 3,4,5,6	8am	Via Arbor Parent App
Rock Steady Music School Years 1-6	8.30-11.30am 30 min lesson	Website: https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/
BEST Yr 2-6 (Creating an Assertive & Empathetic Mindset)	3:20-4:30pm	Website: https://best4learning.co.uk/stvincentsy2-y6/
Football Year 3-4	3.30-4.30pm	Email: info@creative-sports.co.uk
Drama Yr 3-6`	3.30-4.30pm	Via Arbor Parent App
Friday		
Tennis Yrs 1/2/3/4	8am	Website: Teqnic Tennis
Girls Yrs 3 - 6 **Football**	8am	Via Arbor Parent App
Rock Steady Music School Years 1-6	**8.30-11.30am 30 min lesson**	Website: https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/
The Inventors Yrs 3-6	3.30-4.30pm	Website: The Inventors

BREAKFAST/AFTERSCHOOL Club runs all year-round during term time. Please see Website Portal for further info and dates. Bookings made by Arbor Parent App. If you have any difficulties booking please check your balance.

NB, Afterschool Club does **not** run on the last day of terms ie Christmas, Easter and Summer when we close at 1.10pm.







SCHOOL REMINDERS

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Catholic Education Website: Dear parents, if you have not yet done so, you are invited to take a look at our Catholic Education Website where you can find out about the different activities going on in school that relate to our Catholic Education.
This site is regularly updated so please do keep in touch:
https://stvps.link/CatholicEducation

Punctuality: We urge all parents to ensure your child is present in class by 8.30am for Nursery, 8.45am for Reception classes and 8:50am for years 1/2/3/4/5/6. Reception and KS2 gates will open for children from 8.30am and will close at 8:50am. It is MOST important that the children are able to begin their day calmly and on time. Registration takes place immediately when pupils have entered the classroom. This is often the time when teachers give out notices and information. We thank all those parents whose children are on time. We understand, that on occasion, lateness is unavoidable, but please be aware that children's lateness is monitored by the school and persistent lateness is being tracked by the local authority and may require a meeting with Ealing's attendance officer.

Are you leaving school? If your circumstances have changed and you are not returning to school, please kindly come in to the school office to complete a Local Authority "Leavers Form". If this happens over the school holidays, please notify school by emailing admissions@stvps.co.uk

Is your information up to date?

Emergency Contacts: If you have changed your mobile, home or work telephone number, please ensure you report this change to the school office as soon as possible via the Arbor App or email admin@stvps.co.uk. In addition, schools are now required to have two sets of contact details per child.

Please let us know if you have additional contacts that we may add to your child's records. Similarly, if you have moved house, please update us with your new address. It is of utmost importance that our contact details for you are accurate should we need to contact you in case of an emergency.

Your Child's Medical Information: It is of utmost importance that the medical information you have supplied us with, is current and up to date. Please inform the school of any new diagnoses or changes in medical conditions, as soon as they happen, so that we can update our health records.

Special Food Requirements: Please can we ask all parents whose children have known food allergies or require special dietary requirements for medical reasons to email the school office to ensure that we have up to date and accurate details for your child. Similarly, please ensure that you update the school office with any new diagnoses or changes in health conditions as soon as they happen.

No Nuts in School: We are a nut-free school and we would like to remind all parents/carers and childminders that nuts or food products containing nuts e.g. Peanuts / M&M's/ snickers/peanut butter/Nutella sandwiches are not allowed to be consumed on school premises. We have several children with severe nut allergies, for whom, exposure to nuts is serious enough to cause anaphylaxis.

Absence due to appointments/medical

Please ensure that all absence appointment information is sent to the school office **admin@stvps.co.uk** prior to the appointment date.

Early Collection on Fridays Due to Awards Assembly, please inform the school office before 1.00pm if you need to collect your child early.

Smartwatches are not allowed in school. Please ensure that if your child wears a watch, it is just a basic watch with time telling functions and no camera.

New Smartphone Policy (Effective September 2026).
Please clink on this link to letter- Important Updates Regarding Technology and Safeguarding

Term Dates

2026/2027

– please see school website:

https://www.st-vincents.ealing.sch.uk/term-dates/

Arbor Parent App

All communications and payments for clubs are now managed on Arbor (with the exception of 2025 Sayers Croft and PGL deposit). You should have received a Welcome email explaining the process of how to sign up for the free Parent Arbor App. Please now contact the Office to request a new link to this App.

School Uniform Please see the link below for the school's website page giving details of the school uniform.
https://www.st-vincents.ealing.sch.uk/uniform/

Contacting the School:

In order to direct your query or concern to the correct staff member, please see the following information:

For General day-to-day information or enquiries:
admin@stvps.co.uk 0208 992 6625

For Medical and Welfare:
Mrs P Brady - pbrady@stvps.co.uk

For Admissions:
Email: admissions@stvps.co.uk

For Finance:
Email idy@stvps.co.uk

For Safeguarding or child protection matters:
safe@stvps.co.uk

Our Designated Safeguarding Team
safe@stvps.co.uk

Mr S Buyers -	Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs M McCarthy –	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs C Hatfield –	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs P Brady - –	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

For a pastoral or academic concern regarding your child:

We have a team structure, which encourages any pastoral or academic concerns to go through the correct staffing channels:

1. **Contact your child's class teacher**
   - if no resolution
2. **Contact the Key Stage leader for your child's phase**
   - if no resolution
3. **Contact an Assistant Headteacher**
   - if no resolution
4. **Contact Head of School**
   - if no resolution
5. **Contact the Executive Headteacher**

Key Stage Leaders:
Early Years (Nursery and Reception)
Mrs K Hoogwerf - khoogwerf@stvps.co.uk
KS1 - Year 1 and 2
Mrs L Wilding lwilding@stvps.co.uk
Mr Buyers sbuyers@stvps.co.uk
KS2 - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Mr G McLelland - gmclelland@stvps.co.uk

Assistant Headteachers:
Mrs C Hatfield (Special Education Needs / SENCO)- chatfield@stvps.co.uk
Mrs S O'Malley – Teaching and Learning - somalley@stvps.co.uk

Head of School
Mr S Buyers - sbuyers@stvps.co.uk

Executive Headteacher
Mrs Monica McCarthy admin@stvps.co.uk

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Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/ptastvincents?igsh=dXl3dm8yNHJhcmN2
Address –
St Vincent's PTA, 1 Pierrepoint Road, London, W3 9JR
PTA Fundraising Link: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stvincents/