St Vincent's Catholic Primary School
Newsletter
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Autumn 2026 issue 11 *Friday 20th November 2026*

Dates for your Diary

November	
Monday 23rd November	- Snowflake Donations due to class teachers (PTA to collect)
Wednesday 25th November	- Heights and Weights – Year 6 and Reception - Flu Immunisations – Rainbow, Years 1 & 2 and pupils missed previously - Christmas Fair Donations due - Toys, Teddies, Books, Blankets, Year 6 Stall
Friday 27th November	- **Mufti Day** (own clothes in exchange for bottle for tombola) and EYFS Sweets donations
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 - Year 1 Christmas Carols Concert at Torkington House 1.30pm
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 - Spanish lessons restart
Monday 11th January	- Piano lessons restart
Friday 15th January	- Deadline for Nursery and Reception Applications for September 2027
Friday 29th January	- PTA Coffee Morning - Offsite

Celebration Station!



Week of 20th November 2026

Awards:

Rainbow

Vision – Nalia
Values – Ziad
Mission – Bowie

Sunshine

Vision –Cillian
Values – Scarlett
Mission – Pia

Year 1R

Vision – Layla
Values – Lehe
Mission – Whole Class

Year 1W

Vision – Lana
Values – Rafe
Mission –Whole Class

Year 2M

Vision – Heidi
Values – Dina
Mission – Ali

Year 2O

Vision – Nicolas
Values – Keyanna
Mission –Mark

Year 3Sa

Vision – Kornelia
Values – Emilia
Mission – Gabriele

Year 3So

Vision – Jan
Values – Bokku
Mission – Max

Year 4C

Vision – Nathan
Values – Kieara
Mission – Marieta

Year 4T

Vision – Harry
Values – Isla
Mission – Daisy

Year 5K

Vision – Michael
Values – Ruby
Mission – Yohanna

Year 5M

Vision – Sonia
Values – Sanshiro
Mission – Kotaro

Year 6D

Vision – Mariya
Values – Isra
Mission – Nikky

Year 6O

Vision – Ivi
Values – Andrew
Mission – Scarlett

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful, uplifting week we have had in school as we marked **Anti-Bullying Week**. Throughout the week, our classrooms have been filled with thoughtful discussions, prayers, and activities centred on how we treat one another with dignity, empathy, and respect—living out our Gospel values in all that we do.

Today, it was a joy to see so many families chatting and enjoying each other's company for our **Walk to School** event. Walking together side by side was a lovely reminder of the strength and warmth of our school community, and it certainly put a spring in everyone's step to start the day! Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the morning such a success.





I would also like to say a huge well done to our Year 1 children for their outstanding assembly this morning. They sang and spoke with such clarity, confidence, and joy, reminding us all of the power of working together in the beautiful world God has created for us. They really did themselves, their teachers, and their families proud.

As we reflect on the messages of this week, I wanted to share a short story:

The Tale of the Ripple

One morning, a young boy stood beside a still pond and tossed a single, small pebble into the water. Immediately, a tiny circle formed where the pebble landed. Seconds later, that small circle pushed outward, creating another ring, and then another, until the ripples reached all the way to the far edges of the pond.

A wise teacher watching nearby smiled and said, *"Our words and actions are just like that pebble. A single unkind word can send out ripples that hurt far more people than we realise. Yet, a single act of kindness—inviting someone to play, offering a smile, or standing up for a friend—sends out ripples of warmth and peace that travel just as far."*

At St Vincent's, we are called to love our neighbour and to ensure that every child feels safe, valued, and heard. Thank you, as always, for working in partnership with us to nurture a culture where kindness is the norm and every child can flourish.

Wishing you and your families a peaceful and restful weekend.

God bless,

Mrs McCarthy
Executive Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

Please see the table below for the class with the highest attendance for the week of 20th November 2026.

Congratulations to 2M for having the highest attendance (98%) this week

Group	% Attendance
2M	98.0%
2O	97.3%
1R	96.7%
3Sa	96.7%
1W	96.0%
5M	96.0%
4T	95.0%
6D	94.7%
6O	94.7%
3So	94.0%
5K	92.7%
4C	90.7%

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 .

Flu Immunisations

A new date of Wednesday 25th November has been allocated for flu immunisation for those pupils in Rainbow, Year 1 and Year 2 as well as pupils missed on the previous date. Your child will only receive the nasal immunisation if you have registered them via the NHS link that has previously been sent to parents.

Any questions regarding registering or the immunisation itself, please contact the Nursing Team on Ealing@vaccinationuk.co.uk

Christmas Fair – Saturday 28th November

We now have just **one week to go until the Fair next Saturday 28th Nov - 1- 4PM!** We are very excited and hope to see you all there! If you have yet to book your Entrance or Grotto tickets please do! **The Grotto is almost sold out with only a few spaces left!**

Grotto & Entrance Tickets HERE

Raffle

85 amazing prizes from some really cool local and global businesses up for grabs - a lot of lovely prizes for adults to win plus a **star prize of a 3 Night Stay in the New Forest up for grabs!** You'd be crazy not to snap up some tickets! **Grab tickets now** - **RAFFLE TICKETS**

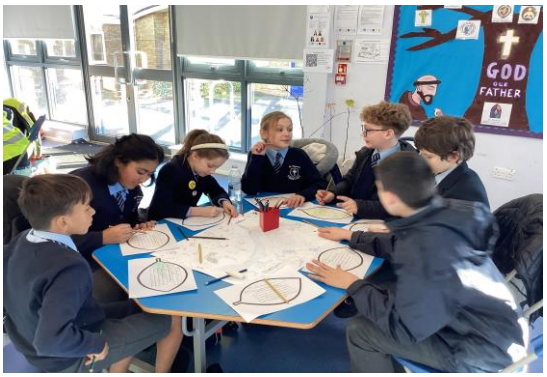
Donations Schedule: first donations due on Weds 25th Nov - drop off to the KS2 Gate (Snowflakes are due on Mon 23rd Nov to class teachers)



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

Volunteers - We still require Volunteers for the Fair - Crafts, **Toys & Inflatable are in desperate need of Volunteers** - please help us, we cannot do it without you! One hour of your time is invaluable! These areas will have to be closed now if we do not get more helpers. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER HERE**





News flash from our Eco and School Ambassadors

Read all about our inspiring Eco Day trip to St Raphael's School. After opening with prayers for St Carlo Acutis and St Francis of Assisi, we started the day with an icebreaker activity to meet new friends. As **Erwin** put it, *"It was very fun getting to play with other people and learn some stuff about them,"* adding that the trip was *"extremely worth going."* **Safa** agreed, sharing, *"I learned about many things, and I made so many friends."*

We then attended a workshop about endangered wildlife; **Vivienne** called the experience *"amazing,"* saying, *"We learnt so much about plants and animals... and what St Francis of Assisi would do."* **Esme** reflected on how the day connected faith to action, reminding everyone *"how our everyday choices and modern lives can be used to protect the planet and serve others."*

Working together on giant posters, we drew wildlife, including **Mikolaj's** memorable *"squirrel (which looked like a U)*and we wrote green pledges for our own school, from stopping littering to showcasing our forest school and school pets, Winnie and the fish. **Zaki** summed up their mission: *"We made pledges about how we can help nature in our local area to try and help influence the wider world."*

To top off the day, St Raphael's gifted us four saplings, including an oak and a birch, which we will plant in Forest School. As **Oliver** concluded, *"Everyone took part in the activity... I think it will be remembered!"* Watch this space for our next project!

Mikolaj, Erwin, Oliver , Andrew (Eco)
Esme, Zaki, Vivienne Safa (School)



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

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)
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.rockstaedymusicschool.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.rockstaedymusicschool.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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Absence A polite reminder that children need to stay at home for 48 hours after vomiting or diarrhoea. Children are still coming back to school too soon. Please find below the NHS link on vomiting.
https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/

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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/