

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary

## School Newsletter



*To love, serve and learn as Jesus shows us*

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

|   | Events   | Clubs   |
|---|--|---|
| Mon 4th Dec   | 8.50am: Celebration assembly<br><b>Non-uniform day—donations of chocolate / bottles for the Christmas Fair tombola</b> | Dodgeball (KS2)<br>Lego / construction (Rec-Y2) |
| Tues 5th  | 12pm: Year 6 invite a loved one to lunch   | Girls' football (KS2)                           |
| Wed 6th   | 3pm: Reception and Year 1 phonics session for parents  |   |
| Thurs 7th   | Christmas Jumper Day (non-uniform)<br>Sponsored Elf Run  | Mini-Vinnies (Rec-Y6)<br>Football (Y1-3)        |
| Fri 8th   | 3-6pm Christmas Fair   | Football (Y4-6)                                 |
| Mon 11th  | 8.50am: Celebration assembly   | Dodgeball (KS2)<br>Lego / construction (Rec-Y2) |
| Tues 12th   | 6pm: Parish Christingle Service (Christingle making kits available from the school office)                             | Girls' football (KS2)                           |
| Wed 13th  | 1.30pm: EYFS Nativity and Christmas craft  |   |
| Thurs 14th  |  | Mini-Vinnies (Rec-Y6)                           |
| Fri 15th  |  | Football (Y4-6)                                 |
| Mon 18th  | Christmas Lunch (children can wear Christmas jumpers with normal school trousers/skirts/shoes)                         |   |
| Tues 19th   | Christmas parties (non-uniform day)  |   |
| Wed 20th  | 9.30am: Nativity Carol Service at Church (all children to wear full school uniform, not PE kits)                       |   |
| Wednesday 3rd January 2024: School re-opens after Christmas |  |   |

**Friday 1st December 2023**

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

**Week ending: 24th November 2023**

| Year Group | Attendance |
|------------|------------|
| Nursery    | 100%       |
| Reception  | 97.1%      |
| Year 1/2   | 93.1%      |
| Year 3/4   | 94%        |
| Year 4/5   | 96.8%      |
| Year 6     | 92.4%      |

Congratulations to Reception for having the highest attendance!

### HOUSE POINTS RUNNING TOTALS

| St George | St Patrick | St Andrew | St David |
|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|
| 407       | 388        | 345       | 345      |

### LEARNER OF THE WEEK

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| EYFS     | Stanley  |
| Year 1/2 | Connie H |
| Year 3/4 | Sam      |
| Year 4/5 | Zach     |
| Year 6   | Carter   |

### POT OF GOLD

|          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| EYFS     | Theo      |
| Year 1/2 | Alyssa    |
| Year 3/4 | Thomas C  |
| Year 4/5 | Yuen Ling |
| Year 6   | Noah      |

Well done to all our award winners!

## EARLY YEARS SEPTEMBER 2024

### St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

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If your child will be starting Nursery or Reception in September, we would like to extend an invitation to you to come and visit our school.

All are welcome at St Vincent's - we look forward to welcoming you!

Contact our school office on 01925 726544 to arrange your personal tour

If you know of someone else with a child due to start school, please pass this information on or direct them to Twitter, Facebook or our school website.

#### Reception Class Applications

All applications for Reception class must now be made online. The web address for those families living in

Warrington is: [Primary school admissions | warrington.gov.uk](https://www.warrington.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions/) For those living outside of Warrington, please contact the Local Authority Admissions team where you live to find out how to apply. Please also return the Supplementary Faith Form to school.

*A reminder for those parents / carers of children in our Nursery—unfortunately, even though your child is already attending St Vincent's, you must still apply through the Local Authority to secure a place in Reception for September 2024.*

#### Nursery Applications

Application forms can be found on the school website: [St Vincent's Catholic Primary School - Admission into Nursery \(stvincentsprimary.org\)](https://stvincentsprimary.org/) Please return completed application forms to school.

## WARRINGTON WEEKEND WONDERLAND

A huge thank you and well done to all the children who gave up their time on Sunday afternoon to join us for carol singing as part of Warrington's Weekend Wonderland. They children performed brilliantly and we received this lovely email from staff at Golden Square:

"I would just like to send a huge heartfelt thank you to the St Vincent's Choir and staff for performing for our customers in our Warrington Weekend Wonderland.

The standard was incredible and we could tell how much effort had gone into making this possible. We have had an overwhelming response from passers by saying how lovely it was to hear the beautiful singing in the Square."



## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Calling all Angels, Kings and Shepherds living in the Penketh and Great Sankey area to come to our annual Christingle Service on Tuesday, 12 December at 6.00 pm in St Joseph's Church. Donkeys, sheep and any other animals are also welcome. Christingle Kits are available from the school office at £1 each. All proceeds from the sale of these kits will be sent to St Joseph's Family Centre.

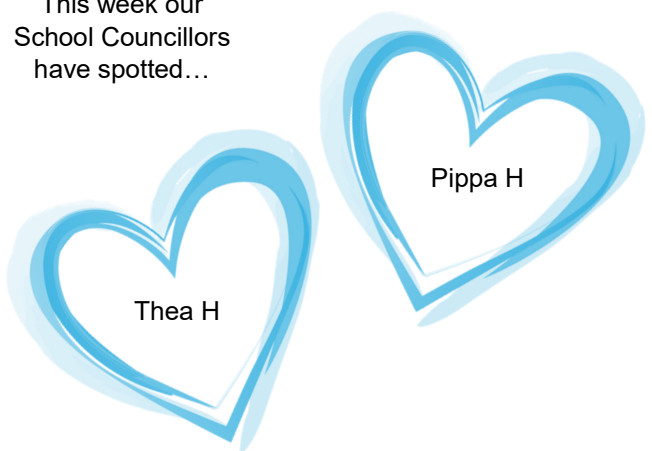
## Uniform

A reminder that we have second hand uniform available in school if you would like to have a look before buying new.

As the weather is becoming much colder, please make sure that children have warm coats, hats, gloves and scarves in school ready to brave the cold at breaktime and lunchtime!

## CAUGHT YOU BEING KIND...

This week our School Councillors have spotted...





### OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Charmaine was awarded a gold medal at Penketh Gymnastics Competition last weekend! Well done!



AJ completed the Blackfoot Hike of 30km with his scout group and achieved 2nd place in a chariot race at another scout event at Bipsham Hall. Great news!



Congratulations to Thomas who won the boys' Irish dancing competition for his age group. Well done!

### INVITE A LOVED ONE TO LUNCH

It was great to welcome so many family members to enjoy lunch with our Year 3/4 children this week. We hope you enjoyed your dining experience with us!

This week, on **Tuesday 5th December**, it is the turn of our **Year 6** children to invite a loved one to lunch—please return slips to school if you have not already done so.

If you can make it, please come to the main office to be collected by your child at midday who will take you into the hall to order your lunch. Up to 2 people per child can join us, but unfortunately due to space and number of lunches to be served, we are unable to accommodate any more people than this.

Please make sure that sufficient funds are available on ParentPay to cover the cost of any lunches ordered, as we cannot accept cash payment. We look forward to you joining us!

### MARKETING AND ADVERTISING

If you have any experience in marketing or advertising, or know someone who does, we would love your help to look at new and different, inexpensive ways to advertise our school and nursery, to raise our profile in the community, and reach out to new families.

We would also like to produce a school promotional video so any help with this would also be appreciated!

### CAFOD SERVICE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

We were delighted to join parishioners and children from St Joseph's to be part of the parish CAFOD service this week, where some of our Year 6 children read, and shared donations for St Joseph's Family Centre.



# Christmas LUNCH

## Christmas Menu 2023

**Traditional Christmas Lunch**

**Roast Turkey**

or

**Quorn fillet**

served with sage and onion stuffing,  
creamed and roast potatoes,  
seasonal vegetables and gravy

Shortbread biscuit

or

Satsuma

Fresh milk or Water

\* Vegetarian alternative available

## Mental Health Top Tip

from our School Council Mental Health Champions:

### Get active!

Did you know exercise is good for your mental health. Do 45 jumping jacks, 15 crunches and a 25 seconds plank. Repeat as many times as you like. See how energised you feel afterwards! You could even try it with a friend at break time.

*This week's School Council  
Eco-award goes to...*

*Year 6  
(Mrs Williams' Class)*

### RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 PHONICS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS/CARERS

On Wednesday 6th December at 3pm, Parents and Carers of children in Reception and Year 1 are invited to stay with your child for a 30 minute phonics session with Mr Parle or Miss Flynn. They will show you how phonics is taught in school, explain the language we use with the children, show you how this links to the Rhino Readers e-books and share others ways that you can help at home to develop your child's phonics skills.

We hope that lots of you will be able to stay for this session with your child and their teacher so that we can work together to help your child to develop this important fundamental skill which will support their reading and writing development.

### 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.



# Join St Vincent's Catholic Primary School for our Christmas Fair

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 3pm-6pm

Homemade Crafts  
Christmas Stalls  
Gifts  
Raffle  
Games  
Refreshments

**If you are a local business interested in holding a stall (£20 donation) or donating a raffle prize, please call 01925 726544**

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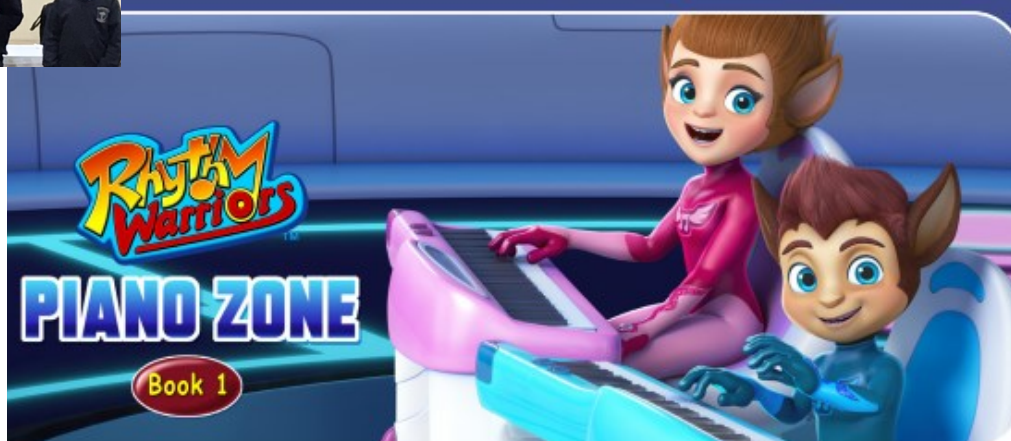
ADVENT MASS

Yesterday, Fr Raymond celebrated our Advent Mass with us and it was great to welcome parents and grandparents who were able to join us too. Fr Raymond reminded us that during Advent, we must not be idle whilst waiting to celebrate the coming of Jesus at Christmas, but keep busy by doing things which bring hope, peace, joy and love into our lives and the lives of others. Thank you to the children for leading the Mass so beautifully and to our oldest Year 6 child and youngest Reception child who lit the first Advent candle.



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Dear Parents, Carers, and Guardians,

**An Amazing Musical Christmas Treat!**

Half Price Lessons on the course that the Rockschoool Exam Board has called "Groundbreaking!" PLUS...An amazing Keyboard offer with our partners CASIO!

To celebrate the release of our much-anticipated Piano / Keyboard Course and animated series "Rhythm Warriors - Piano Zone", Presto Music has two very special offers for you!

This groundbreaking and exciting spin on traditional Piano and Keyboard lessons is already being championed globally by music industry experts, but was created right here in Warrington by Presto Music specifically for little rockstars aged 4-7 years.

The Rhythm Warriors are a band of musical magical heroes who help teach young children the very foundations of music via fun and interactive materials.



**Offer 1 Half Price Lessons**

Join us for a no-obligation FREE TRIAL LESSON at Presto Music School in Warrington and if you would like to continue for more musical fun then you can enrol for further lessons and get up to three months at Half Price!

Lessons are 30 minutes per week and focus on REAL music making right from the very beginning, but done in the most fun way possible. All lessons subject to availability.

Half Price Lessons = £27.95 per month (Normally £55.90 per month) - Full colour course book (required) £16. Terms and Conditions apply.

[Email Presto Music Here to Enquire About Half Price Lessons](#)



**Offer 2 Casio Keyboard Offer**

Don't have a keyboard yet? Buy a beginners Casio Keyboard this year, and you will get our 'Rhythm Warriors - Piano Zone' ONLINE ANIMATED LESSONS AND PRACTICE SYSTEM included!

Terms and Conditions apply.

[Click Here To View Casio Keyboard Offer](#)

Come and join us and start your musical adventure today!

In addition to the offers above, any child aged 8+ that wants to try learning Drums, Guitar, Piano or Vocals with us will receive Half Price lessons for one month!

"GROUND BREAKING! Taking Music Education to a whole new level!" - Rockschoool Exam Board - RSL Awards on Rhythm Warriors Piano Zone. With thanks to all who made this revolutionary way to learn music possible: Emofront Pte and Presto Music Production in association with Sparky Animation Studios, RSL Awards, and Casio UK.

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