

St Vincent's Catholic Primary

School Newsletter



To love, serve and learn as Jesus shows us

EASTER MESSAGE FROM MRS NORRIS

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of our school community a blessed and joyous Easter season.

As we return to school, we do so with hearts renewed by the message of hope and new life that Easter brings. It is a special time to reflect on the values of love, compassion, and faith—values that continue to guide our school community in all we do.

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school, and we are looking forward to a busy and exciting summer term ahead. Thank you, as always, for your continued support—your partnership plays a vital role in all that we do.

It is with a profound sadness that we begin our term with the news of the death of Pope Francis. He has been a remarkable shepherd and example to us all.

We give thanks for his wonderful service to our Church and to the poor and marginalised in society. We remembered Pope Francis in our Whole School Celebration of the Word on Tuesday morning, where we looked at the impact of his missionary work on our own lives.

Friday 25th April 2025

Future dates for your diary...

- **Saturday 3rd May: 9:30** Year 4 First Holy Communion at Church
- **Wednesday 7th May—Friday 9th May:** Year 3/4 High Adventure Residential
- **Monday 12th May:** Year 6 Assessment Week
- **Wednesday 14th May: 2:00** Nursery and Reception Class Mass with Father Raymond. Parents invited to attend
- **Monday 19th May—Wednesday 21st May:** Year 6 Condoval Hall Residential
- **Friday 23rd May: 9:00** Sports Day. Parents invited
- **Friday 23rd May—**Children finish for the half term
- **Monday 9th June—**Children return to school
- **W/C Monday 9th June—**Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- **Monday 9th June—**Year 4 Multiplication Check
- **Wednesday 11th June—2:00.** Year 1/2 Class Mass. Parents invited to attend.
- **Friday 13th June: 2:30.** Year 5 Father's Day Assembly. Parents invited to attend.
- **Friday 27th June: 9:00.** St Peter and St Paul Mass. Year 4 children to wear Communion clothes. Parents and Parish are invited to attend.
- **Wednesday 9th July: 2:00** Year 3/4 Class Mass. Parents are invited to attend.
- **Friday 11th July: 4:00 till late.** V-Fest (More info to follow)
- **Tuesday 15th July: 2:15** Choir performance in school hall. Parents invited.
- **Wednesday 16th July:** Year 6 play (More info to follow)
- **Friday 18th July: 11:00** Thanksgiving Mass at school Year 6 to lead.
- **Wednesday 23rd July: 9:00** Leavers Assembly. All welcome
- **Wednesday 23rd July: SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR SUMMER**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

	<u>Events</u>	<u>Clubs</u>
Mon 28th April	8:45am Celebration Assembly—All Welcome	Mad Science Y6 Booster
Tues 29th April	2:00 Opening of St Vincent's Prayer Garden. Year 5 children leading a reflection—All Welcome	Acro Choir KS2 Multisports Netball
Wed 30th April		KS1 Multisports Girls Football
Thurs 1st May		Mini Vinnies
Fri 2nd May	Year 3/4 Swimming	

PE DAYS - SUMMER TERM

Below are the PE days for each class. Children should wear their PE kit to school on these days (see the next page):

Early Years: Wednesday
 Year 1/2: Wednesday and Thursday
 Year 3/4: Tuesday
 Year 5: Tuesday and Thursday
 Year 6: Wednesday and Friday

*Year 3/4 swimming is a Friday, children should wear their school uniform and bring their swimming kit in a bag to change into.

ONLINE SAFETY

Mrs Lawton, the Headteacher from Penketh South Primary, has invited the parents of St Vincent's children to join them at an online safety event.

Parents are invited to listen to Emma Mills, the Head from Birchwood High school, about the challenges our young people face online and what we can do to safeguard and support them. Emma will share her knowledge of online safety and the work she has been carrying out.

Thursday 22nd May at 5.30pm in the hall at Penketh South Primary School

PARKING

Please do not park in the disabled bays at the front of school, unless you have shown the office your disabled badge and you need to use the space. It is vital that they are kept available for our parents with SEN children to use so that we can meet their needs.

Please do not park on St Vincent or Penketh South staff car parks as a staff car was hit this morning by a rushing parent. (Although, we are glad it was a car and not a child!!) Please do not park on the grass.

Please do not pull into the car park and block the road while your child gets out and runs from the road to the gates. You are blocking the road and putting children in danger.

Please use the Coop car park or the Olive Tree car park and walk.

Thank you to the vast majority of our parents who do park and stride or walk from home. Mrs Lawton from Penketh South is also communicating with her parents.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Week ending: 25th April 2025

Year Group	Attendance	
Nursery	100%	Green
Reception	95.8%	Yellow
Year 1/2	83.04%	Red
Year 3/4	85%	Red
Year 5	95.67%	Yellow
Year 6	97.37%	Green

Congratulations to Nursery for having the highest attendance!

Weekly House Points

St George	St Patrick	St Andrew	St David
80	77	72	77

Well done to St George's team who are currently in the lead!

PRAYER GARDEN OFFICIAL OPENING

On Tuesday 29th April at 2:00, our Year 5 children will be leading our school community in reflection, singing and prayer to mark the opening our Prayer Garden.

Many hands have worked together to create this wonderful space: our school council, our Minnie Vinnie's group, White Moss Garden Centre, Mrs Winn and the group of volunteers from BT, BGEN and Year 1/2 who planted bulbs, our EYFS children who have added bird feeders, Mrs Croughan with her paint brush, Mr Norris who turned his hand to flagging, and all our children who painted pebbles during our Mission Day.

The statue of Mary has been moved to the prayer garden. This was made by Rageh's grandfather in honour and memory of Mrs James—a well loved, respected and truly missed member of the St Vincent's School family.

All are welcome to this event. It will be a blessing to witness its future use by our children.

**OUT OF SCHOOL
ACHIEVEMENTS**



Saul's football team competed in two tournaments, getting into the finals on both days and winning one of them! Fantastic news Saul!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHRISTINE HOPE

Sadly, we received the news over the Easter holidays that Christine Hope has passed away. Christine was the long-serving parish administrator for St Joseph's Church—always helping and supporting everyone with her warm smile and caring heart. Her daughters attended St Vincent's and Christine played a very active role in the life of the school and parish.

There is a mass of thanksgiving in honour of Christine at St Joseph's Church tonight (Friday 25th May) at 6:30pm and everyone is invited to attend.

Christine's funeral will take place on Thursday 8th May at 9:15am at St Joseph's Church.



ST PETER AND ST PAUL MASS

Friday 27th June 9:00 at St Vincent's School

All are welcome to celebrate Mass on the feast of St Peter and St Paul.

This is a day marked by all schools across Liverpool Archdiocese as a day to celebrate our Year 4 children having made their First Holy Communion. Year 4 children are invited to wear their Communion clothes. We will follow the Mass with a Communion breakfast to celebrate this important step in our children's faith journey.

Year 4 parents and family members are welcome to stay after Mass and help school staff set up the breakfast (drinks, cakes etc); they are welcome to stay for the breakfast and enjoy tea/coffee and a cake.

Year 3 children will also be included into the celebration as we know they will want to enjoy a treat alongside their class mates.

BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AT FIDDLERS FERRY

It has been brought to our attention that there has been a pre-planning application made for a battery energy storage system to be built on land near to Fiddler's Ferry Power Station.

Please follow this link for more information:

<https://www.fiddlersferrybess.com/>



There is a public consultation event being held on Tuesday 29th April 2pm-7pm at Penketh Community Centre, Meeting Lane, Penketh, Warrington, WA5 2BG . All are welcome and encouraged to attend.