

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary

## School Newsletter



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

### OFFICIAL OPENING OF OUR PRAYER GARDEN

On Tuesday, our Year 5 children led our school community in a time of prayer, reflection and joyous song as we opened our Prayer Garden.

We were joined by Helen and Ian James, daughter and son of Marion James who worked at St Vincent's school for 25 years before sadly passing away. Naeem Biviji, the grandfather to two St Vincent's pupils, also attended the opening to see the new location of the wooden statue of Mary that he hand carved in honour of Marion.

Many hands have worked together to create this wonderful space: our school council, our Mini Vinnies 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 and wind chimes, 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.

Our children have already begun to use this space for quiet reflection and prayer.

**Friday 2nd May 2025**

## Future dates for your diary...

- **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 Condoover 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>
<b>Sat 3rd May</b>	<b>9:30</b> Year 4 First Holy Communion at Church	
<b>Sun 4th May</b>		
<b>Mon 5th May</b>	Bank Holiday	
<b>Tues 6th May</b>		Acro, Choir, KS2 Multisports, Netball
<b>Wed 7th May</b>	<b>7th May—9th May:</b> Year 3/4 Residential	KS1 Multisports, Girls Football
<b>Thurs 8th May</b>		Mini Vinnies
<b>Fri 9th May</b>	VE Day Celebrations (see page 3 for more info)	

**POPL OF THE WEEK**

Nursery/Reception	Daisy
Year 1/2	Hattie
Year 3/4	Jude and Koa
Year 5	Renae
Year 6	Macy

**Gospel Value Award winners**

These children have shown 'Gentleness' in their words and actions. Children were awarded their certificates for treating others with kindness and speaking to others with love and understanding.

Nursery/Reception	River
Year 1/2	Georgia
Year 3/4	Erin
Year 5	Jude
Year 6	Lily

**CAUGHT YOU BEING KIND...**

This week our School Councillors have spotted...



Charmaine won 2 gold medals at a taekwondo competition, 1 for sparring and 1 for patterns. What an achievement!

Well done Charmaine!

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**  
Week ending: 2nd May 2025

Year Group	Attendance
Nursery	90.63%
Reception	97.33%
Year 1/2	96.43%
Year 3/4	98%
Year 5	94.62%
Year 6	95.79%

Congratulations to Year 5 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!

**ONLINE SAFETY PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING**

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

### VE Day Celebration—Friday 9th May

On Friday 9th May, we will be celebrating VE day with our very own St Vincent's street party (playground party!)

The children will be making hats and flags across the week to use during our celebrations.

You child may bring to school a party plate to enjoy in the afternoon. Food suggestions: cake/biscuit, sweet treats, sandwich or sausage roll if they wish (although they will have already eaten their lunch) and they may bring an additional drink if they wish. The children could bring a WW2 inspired party plate complete with SPAM or carrot tart!

On this day, your child is invited to wear red, white and/or blue.

We will enjoy traditional 1940's music and play some traditional children's games.

If your child has any family stories or photographs to share of WW2, they are welcome to share in their classrooms throughout the week.



### PE DAYS - SUMMER TERM

Below are the PE days for each class. Children should wear their PE kit to school on these days:

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

### SUN CREAM AND HATS

We recommend that a high factor sun cream is applied before school, and children can bring a sunhat to wear when they are outside.

If you feel it is necessary for sun cream to be reapplied during school time, please send your child into school with a roll-on sun cream labelled with their name, WHICH THEY WILL APPLY THEMSELVES, **supervised by an adult.**

### 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.

### 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 last week 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.

