St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



To love, serve and learn as Jesus shows us

Friday 21st July2023

Happy Holidays!



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great thanks and appreciation that we end another busy and brilliant school year packed with lots of highlight moments, including: our Golden Jubilee Celebration Mass, Christmas and Easter celebrations shared with the Parish at Church, achieving the LiveSimply Award, First Holy Communion, singing in the choir at the Cathedral, St V-Fest, Year 4 and 6 residentials, lots of trips and visits, Annie and "I'm a Celebrity Year 6 get me out of here!"

Year 6 enjoyed their final moment to shine today and definitely did that in their wonderfully funny and emotional leavers' assembly. During their time at St Vincent's our Year 6 children have worked so hard and achieved so much – not only in terms of progress and results, but also in terms of their personal development. They leave St Vincent's as amazing young people, ready to embark on the next phase of their learning and we wish them the very best of luck.

Congratulations to the winners of our 2 school awards:

Faith in Action



Generosity of Spirit



We continue to be so proud of all the children and look forward to another great year ahead when we return in September, when we will welcome our new Reception and Nursery children into the St Vincent's family.

A huge thank you to all our staff, who once again have worked incredibly hard, with commitment and determination to ensure the best opportunities for all of the children in our school. It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Hemmings and Miss Gibbons, but we wish them every success as they move onto new roles, responsibilities or adventures!

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer break.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 6th September!

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A big thank you to each and every one of the local businesses in Penketh and beyond who generously donated raffle prizes for our

St V Festival. The event was a great success (despite the rain!). Thank you to all of our families for attending and supporting our school. Every penny you have donated will go directly to benefit the children at

St. Vincent's.

Thank you ta

Anmol	Oupcakes by Ncola G	
Molly Blooms	Clivers	
Bodyshop	Fit Nest	
Jelly Beans	HollysFarm	
The Jungle	Matt Fides	
Bella You	Crème de la Crème	
McClean Team Cleaning	Hamlet Homes	
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Urban Beauty	Sarah Royale School of	
	Dance	
Nosy Parker Sweet Shop	Poppies	
Sweet Love		

Thank you to Mr Horn for his support in supplying all of our drinks. And thank you to all those who donated to our Tombola. A final thank you to everyone who helped out on the day, without your help, we wouldn't be able to run these events.





Well done to Harris' team, Eagle Milan football team, who won the Eagle Tournament on Sunday.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE Week ending: 14th July 2023

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	100%
Year 1/2	96%
Year 3/4	97%
Year 4/5	96%
Year 6	100%

Congratulations to our Reception & Year 6 classes for having the highest attendance!

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	87%
Year 1/2	96%
Year 3/4	97%
Year 4/5	87%
Year 6	98%

Week ending: 21st July 2023

Congratulations to our Year 6 class for having the highest attendance!

SCHOOL DAY CHANGES

Thank you for the feedback that we received during the consultation period.

Following a review of this feedback, and in consideration of the recent further announcement that the timeline for implementing these changes has been extended by the Government, Governors have decided to introduce the changes as proposed but in a "softer" form to begin with, as outlined below:

School gates open: 8.20am

(This is to remove the current congestion caused on the footpath by people waiting for the gates to open)

Children arriving before 8.30am must be accompanied by an adult whilst waiting on the playground.

Doors open and the school day starts: 8.30am

Register opens immediately and will remain open until 8.45am

Gates close and register closes: 8.45am

After 8.45am, children will be marked late and must be brought to the front door to enter school at the main office. Formal lessons begin.

3pm: School ends (apart from after school clubs)

Extending the day beyond 3pm was considered prior to consultation, and was raised as a suggestion during consultation, however due to the timings of Penketh South's day, this was not a practical option.





School Uniform

All children are expected to wear school uniform. We will be monitoring uniform closely in the new year to make sure that children are smartly dressed for school and will be contacting parents/carers if uniform is not appropriate. Therefore, please refer to the uniform list below if updating uniform in readiness for the new school year.

A reminder that we also have some good condition uniform in school, available at no cost (or a small donation) - please enquire at the office.

Please ensure all items are labelled.

Winter Uniform:	Pale blue shirt or blouse & tie with
	Grey trousers and plain grey socks or Navy pinafore or skirt and plain navy socks or tights
	Navy v-neck sweatshirt or cardigan <i>(School logo optional)</i>
	Sensible school shoes (Plain black - <i>Not trainers or boots</i>)
Summer Uniform:	Pale blue polo t-shirt <i>(School logo optional)</i> with Grey trousers or shorts and plain grey or white socks or Pale blue gingham dress and white socks
	Navy v-neck sweatshirt or cardigan (School logo optional)
	Plain navy cap <i>(School logo optional)</i>
	Sensible school shoes (Plain black - <i>Not trainers or boots</i>)
<u>P E Kit</u>	Pale blue polo t-shirt (School logo optional) as for uniform above Navy v-neck sweatshirt or cardigan (School logo optional)
	as for uniform above
	Plain navy shorts or joggers / leggings
	Trainers

Hair bobbles: navy / black / grey / white / blue gingham in summer

No jewellery is to be worn, except for a simple watch. We advise that earrings are not worn for health and safety reasons, however should you allow your child to wear earrings, only small studs will be acceptable, which must be removed for PE.

Hair styles must not be extreme, and should be appropriate and safe for school activities (long hair must be tied up).

Whilst book bags are preferred, a small rucksack can be brought to school. Rucksacks must be *small, plain and appropriate for school with minimal branding or slogans.*

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

A reminder that children should not be taken out of school during term time for holidays.

Below are term dates for the next 2 years: 2023/2024 and 2024/2025. Please use this information to make sure that family holidays are not booked when the children should be in school. Thank you.

TERM DATES

<u>2023-2024</u> AUTUMN TERM 2023

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 6	Friday 27	Monday 6	Wednesday 20
September 2023	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023

SPRING TERM 2024

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 3	Friday 9	Monday 19	Thursday 28
January 2024	February 2024	February 2024	March 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 10	Friday 24	Monday 10	Friday 19
April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024

INSET DATES

4 September 2023 / 5 September 2023 / 21 December 2023 / 9 April 2024 / 7 June 2024

<u>2024-2025</u> AUTUMN TERM 2024

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 4	Friday 18	Monday 28	Thursday 19
September 2024	October 2024	October 2024	December 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Monday 6	Friday 14	Monday 24	Tuesday 8
January 2025	February 2025	February 2025	April 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Tuesday 22	Friday 23	Monday 9	Wednesday 23
April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025

INSET DATES

2 September 2024 / 3 September 2024 / 20 December 2024 / 9 April 2025 / 6 June 2025