

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

Lenten Activities 2024



Dear Parents,

Lent began on Wednesday 14th February. Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice, and good works in preparation for the celebration of Easter. To help our pupils and families prepare during this important time in the Church's Liturgical Calendar, we are organising a range of special events.

Mass and Liturgy Dates

Junior Lenten Mass	Thursday 29 th February 9.15am	Junior Hall
Infant Lenten Mass	Thursday 29 th February 9.15am	Infant Hall
Year 1 Easter Liturgy	Tuesday 19 th March 9.15am Wednesday 20 th March 9.15am	Junior Hall
Year 1 parents are invited to attend one of these services; more details will follow.		
Junior Lenten Service	Monday 25 th March 6.30pm	Holy Angels Church
This service will be led by Key Stage 2. Key Stage two parents are welcome to attend. Younger siblings may sit with their parents.		

Purple Wednesday

Following our St. Vincent's tradition, each Wednesday will be 'Purple Wednesday'. Pupils will be encouraged to wear an item of purple clothing. This could be an accessory such as a belt, bobble, hairband, loom band, socks or tights.

Purple is used for two reasons: firstly, because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and secondly because purple is the colour associated with royalty and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.

Lenten Promises

Children will be making their Lenten promises this week. We try to think of others and focus on our thoughts and actions. Some of the children have spoken about doing this with their families too as a family Lenten promise.

Lenten Stay and Pray

Lenten reflections for families will take place on **Friday 8th March led by Year 4 and Friday 15th March led by Year 3, both at 9.05 in the junior hall.** [All families across school are welcome to join us.](#)

Lenten Prayer Journey

Children in Year 3 will host children from St Margaret Ward and St Joseph's for Lenten Liturgies in March.

Prayer Trails and Stations of the Cross

In each department there will be a Lenten prayer trail where pupils will visit prayer stations and reflect on the journey that Jesus made and pray the Stations of the Cross. The stations will be displayed and children will be led in a reflection by the Prayer Leaders and their teachers where they can observe and pray.

Lenten Buddy

The children will all be given a secret 'Lenten Buddy' from their class. During Lent, the children will be extra nice to their buddy and try to guess who their buddy is.

Lenten Fundraising

Our first action towards achieving the Live Simply Award is to take part in CAFOD's 'Big Lent Walk'. This involves walking 200km during Lent to raise money towards CAFOD's fight against global poverty. Every child will walk with their class daily throughout Lent to meet this target collectively. The children will have the opportunity to wear Easter hats that they have made at home for the final walk on 28th March.

Please use and share the link to our just giving page below to sponsor your child in this event.

[St Vincent's Cafod Fundraising](#)

Mini Vinnies Activities:

Easter Chicks for Francis House

Mini Vinnies will be selling Easter chicks from Monday 26th February and throughout Lent, they are £2 each and should be paid for in cash only.

Friday 1st March:

SVP Parishioners Friday Club - Mini Vinnies and Y6 Choir will be visiting Westleigh and delivering Easter cards and singing Easter hymns.

Easter Cards for Cyril Flint Befrienders

The Prayer Leaders and Mini Vinnies will be making Easter cards to give to Cyril Flint Befrienders.

Friday 22nd March- Easter egg donations to the PTA: Own clothes day (more details to follow).

Thursday 28th March – Children will have the opportunity to wear Easter hats that they have made at home for the final walk.

We hope to see lots of parents and grandparents join us in our Lenten journey,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Harrop