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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the summer term, I hope you had a relaxing Easter break with your families.

This term we have many exciting events coming up. They can be found on the dates list at the end of this newsletter.

### YEAR 3 HOLY COMMUNION

**School Values: Make a Difference Be Passionate about Learning Be Kind Be Respectful**



This half term our Year 3 children are preparing to receive the Holy Eucharist. Please hold the children in your prayers as they prepare for this special moment.

#### Prayer for the Year 3 Children

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

When this day comes, may this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom  
as they grow into full discipleship.

Amen



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## SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

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Please see the April edition of the safeguarding newsletter. April is stress awareness month. There are lots of hints and tips to manage stress so please do take a look. If you would like to contact our pastoral team about any aspect of school life or wellbeing please contact Mrs Gee or Mrs E Sutton on [admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk) to arrange an appointment. Alternatively, please visit our website that has lots of information about safeguarding and wellbeing.

<http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/safeguarding/31699>

## WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN THIS TERM

School Values: **Be Passionate about Learning**



This half term the children will be learning lots of new knowledge and skills. Please click on the year group information tab on the school website for more information about the topics your children will be learning about. If you would like to know more about a subject, please follow the [curriculum link](#) to see how the curriculum allows children to know and remember more.

## YEAR GROUP CURRICULUM PLANNERS

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The curriculum planners for this half term for each year group are on our website. Please follow the link below to find out how you can support your child with their learning:



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- [Reception](#)
- [Year 1](#)
- [Year 2](#)
- [Year 3](#)
- [Year 4](#)
- [Year 5](#)
- [Year 6](#)

## CURRICULUM KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

School Values: [Be Passionate about Learning](#)

**Know More**  
**Remember More**

In order to keep you updated on what your child is learning in school, teachers have posted knowledge organisers for foundation subjects on their Google Classroom Pages. These organisers are used regularly by the children in class. They contain the essential knowledge and key vocabulary for the topics they will be studying this half term.

## CURRICULUM UPDATES

School Values: [Be Passionate about Learning](#)

This week we have added the French Curriculum update to the newsletter. You can also follow the link below for all other curriculum updates: <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/curriculum/63387>



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## French Curriculum Overview



**Be Respectful** - We develop respect and tolerance for others by learning about different places and cultures.



**Be Passionate about Learning** - We challenge ourselves to know and understand the world better.



**Be Kind** - We learn about our place in creation to be compassionate citizens of the world.



**Make a Difference** - We learn about our place in the world so that we can responsibly make differences and look after our planet.

### French at St Vincent's

At St Vincent's, as part of the KS2 Languages National Curriculum, we teach French. We aim to have the children speak with increasing confidence and with good intonation and pronunciation. In this, we are lucky: the children are taught by a native speaker.

We work hard to make sure the children have the tools to develop their fluency in reading using their phonetic knowledge and understanding of word patterns and that they have an ability to use the tools of grammar and vocabulary to begin to write independently. Their work is carefully graded to ensure progression. Through the use of role play, we ensure they have the ability to use languages spontaneously and to communicate for practical purposes.

It is important that they have a strong awareness of the culture of the countries where French is spoken and that they have a passion and enthusiasm to learn languages.

### French Café

We hold a French café each year for parents to attend. The children speak in French and all food is French themed.

The menus and posters are designed by the children and children speak in French throughout the morning. It is a great enrichment that the children really enjoy.



### Supporting French at Home

[BBC Bitesize](#)

[BBC Schools Radio](#)

[BBC Teach](#)

[Mama Lisa's Songbook](#)

[French Numbers](#)

[Read and say the date in French](#)

### Did you Know...?

Mardi Gras is the festive day celebrated in France on Shrove Tuesday (the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday), which marks the close of the pre-Lenten season. The French name Mardi Gras means Fat Tuesday, from the custom of using all the fats in the home before Lent in preparation for fasting.



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## HELP FOR UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES

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Our Prayer Leaders are asking for your help. We are linking with some schools in underdeveloped countries so that they can have the stationery supplies that they need for school.

Do you have some spare stationery at home? Someone could make very good use of the following items if you have some to donate:

- pencil case
- pens
- pencils
- rubbers
- rulers
- highlighters
- felt tips

In addition you are also welcome to include a prayer or note for the child who receives the stationery.

Please bring your donated items to school by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April so that the Prayer Leaders can put the pencil cases together and pack them to be shipped at the end of April.

## SUMMER UNIFORM



As we are in the summer term and the weather will be getting warmer, the children can now wear their summer uniform. However the weather can be changeable, therefore winter uniforms can still be worn until May. For details of the summer uniform, please see the website link <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/school-uniform/6184>



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## ATTENDANCE



Please note the term dates for 2023-24 and 2024-25:

- [2023-2024](#)
- [2024-2025](#)

If your child is absent, we require the specific reason for absence. We do not authorise holidays in term time.

Please ensure your child comes to school and is collected from school/afterschool club on time each day.

Please see below the attendance percentages for the **last week** of the Spring Term

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Rec-Mrs Dreniw	91.35%	Y2-Mrs Burke	96.65%	Y4-Mrs Gerrard /Mrs Leather	98.3%
Rec-Miss Turnbull	96.25%	Y2-Mrs Wormall/Mrs Robinson	97.5%	Y5-Mrs Luckham	96.25%
Rec-Miss Doherty	95%	Y3-Mrs McDuff	92.9%	Y5-Mrs Maguire	90%
Y1-Mr McCann	92.5%	Y3-Miss Hutton	92.3%	Y5-Miss Hobday	97.1%
Y1-Miss Hollins	97%	Y3-Mrs Needham/Mrs Jennings	98%	Y6-Mrs Sheldon	95%
Y1-Miss Reid	95.8%	Y4-Mrs Lawrence	94.6%	Y6-Mrs O'Keefe/Miss Kirk	94.2%
Y2-Miss Campbell	94.2%	Y4-Mr Kerigan	90%	Y6-Mrs Black	99.2%
<b>Overall percentage: 95%</b>					



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## DATES FOR SUMMER 1 HALF TERM

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	22 - 24 April	Y5 Robinwood Residential	Dobroyd Castle Activity Centre
Thursday	25 April	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am: led by Y4 Mr Kerigan's class	Junior hall
Friday	26 April	Parents 'Stay and Pray': 9:05 led by Year 2	Infant hall
Thursday	02 May	KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am: led by Reception Mrs Dreniw's class	Infant hall
Thursday	02 May	Polling Day	Junior Department Hall
Saturday	04 May	First Holy Communion: Mrs McDuff's class 10am (9:30am at Westleigh)	St Vincent's Church
Thursday	09 May	Whole School Ascension Mass: 9:05am	Field/playground
Saturday	11 May	Y3 First Holy Communion: Miss Hutton's class 10am (9:30am at Westleigh)	St Vincent's Church
Sunday	12 May	First Holy Communion for children of Holy Angels parish 10:30am	Holy Angels Church
Monday	13 May	KS2 SATS Week	-
Friday	17 May	Parents 'Stay and Share' : 8:30am: Y1-6	Y1-6 Classrooms
Saturday	18 May	Y3 First Holy Communion: Mrs Needham's/Mrs Jennings' class : 10am (9:30am at Westleigh)	St Vincent's Church
Monday	20 May	Infant Sports Day 9:30 – 11:30 am Year 1 and 2 Sports Day 1:30pm – 2:30pm Reception Sports Day	School Field



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Tuesday	21 May	Junior Sports Day 9:30 – 11:30 am Year 5 and 6 Sports Day 1:30pm – 3:15 pm Year 3 and 4 Sports Day	School Field
Thursday	23 May	Whole School International Mass 9:05am	Field/playground
Friday	24 May	School closes for half term	-
<b>HALF-TERM HOLIDAY</b>			

We offer an open door to parents. If you have any questions about school life, please liaise with your class teacher. Mrs Farrell (infant department deputy, Mrs Sutton (junior department deputy, and I are also available to work in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

