

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

BECOMING A CERTIFIED KINDNESS SCHOOL

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



As part of our work on continuing to develop our values, we are working on becoming a certified Kindness School. One of our values is Be Kind. Kindness is embedded into each interaction pupils and adults have and the importance of showing kindness is reinforced each day.

We are excited to be on the journey of becoming a certified Kindness School, as this shows that we value all aspects of the whole child including showing kindness, compassion, respect, and forgiveness.

To become an officially certified kindness school, we are completing the following actions:

- Working through Kindness calendars and encouraging children to carry out the suggestions.
- Form a kindness pledge.
- Children to make bookmarks with kindness quotes on and put them in books in Altrincham library for members of the community to discover.
- Class kindness assemblies across school
- Promote all the above on school platforms
- Do secret good deeds and spread kindness

We will keep you updated on our progress and don't forget to look out for special kindness bookmarks in Altrincham library.



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RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2025 APPLICATIONS

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Have you applied for your St Vincent's Reception place? The application deadline is 15 January 2025. If you or friends or family are applying for a school place for September 2025, please let them know to complete the following:

- Apply to Trafford for a reception place and state your school preference via [Primary school admissions \(trafford.gov.uk\)](https://www.trafford.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions)
- Bring the completed supplementary form to the admin office along with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate (if applicable).
- Further information can also be found on our website under admissions: [St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: Admissions \(stvincents.trafford.sch.uk\)](https://stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/st-vincent-catholic-primary-school-trafford-admissions)
- Please contact our admin team if you have any questions about the admission process on 0161 911 8040 or email admissions@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk.

Are you and your friends aware of the low birthrate? There has been a national decline in birthrate that is set to continue. For this reason, unusually, we have a few places in our Reception classes.

Perhaps you or your friends have thought that they may not secure a Reception place at St Vincent's?

Please ask them to take a look at our school. Prospective parents are welcome to come along to our next school tour on Tuesday 3rd December at 9:15am.

DISABILITY SPORT – JOSEPH'S CHALLENGE

Today we welcomed Joseph Adams an ex St Vincent's pupil, and Tom from Altrincham Football club to give an inspirational talk to the children. Joseph, who has Down's syndrome decided to take on a challenge to run 100k to try to raise £500k for a Disability Sports and Youth Club programme. Joseph ran 10 x 10k in 10 European countries across 5 days. With the help of his family and lots of determination, Joseph finished on 1st September 2024 in the Altrincham 10k race. With the mindset of no limits, Joseph told us how he trained every day to fulfil his goal so that he could raise the profile of disability sport.

Donations for the Disability Sports and youth programme are still being accepted. If you would like to donate to this important charity, please follow this link. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/josephs-challenge-no-limits> to go to the Just giving page for Joseph Adams.



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PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Thank you for all of the donations for the Christmas fair. Next Friday we are asking for cake and bottle donations. Please see further donation information on the Christmas fair planner below.

We are asking for volunteers to help prepare the day before the Christmas fair. Does your company promote community days? Community days are a good way of getting involved in school life and give back to the community. We are looking for parents to use their community days to help prepare for the Christmas fair on Friday 29th November. If your workplace support community days, you would be very welcome to help of this day so that we can ensure the Christmas fair is a great success. Please email admin if you are able to help at admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk

ST VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNER

The PTA Committee would appreciate support from Parents during this festive period. Please can you all add your support with donations to enable a wonderful Christmas Fair for our Children.

Please take note of our specific Year Group donations below. There are also some donations pertinent for all year groups.

Toys - Please can we ask that these are new or nearly new. No old or broken toys please that you wouldn't want your own child to receive.

Online Raffle prizes - We will be setting up an online raffle to be drawn before term finishes. This is an appeal for donations from any local businesses, or any personal donations anyone would like to make. St Vincent's PTA is a registered charity so if you need our details for business donation purposes let us know. Please email through details by the end of November to: stvincentspta@gmail.com

Own clothes days: 22th and 29th November

Donations List				
Class	From Friday 15th - 29th November	Friday 22nd November Own clothes day	Friday 29th of November Own clothes day	30th November (Day of the Fair) 11am-12
Reception		Sweets (for tombola and prizes)		
Year 1		Sweets (for tombola and prizes)		ALL YEAR GROUPS
Year 2	ALL YEAR GROUPS TEDDIES (NEW/CLEAN/GOOD CONDITION)	Chocolate (for tombola and prizes)	Bottles (Eg. Wine, Fizz, Gin Etc for Bottle Tombola)	International Food - Any dish, can be served hot (no nuts and with ingredients list please)
Year 3	TOYS (NEW, COMPLETE, CLEAN) Please leave at school office for the attention of the PTA.	Food Hamper Gifts (i.e. wine, mince pies, chutneys, biscuits etc - no nuts)	Final day for TEDDIES & TOYS - (NEW/CLEAN/GOOD CONDITION)	Please let us know in advance what dish you're bringing.
Year 4		Chocolate (for tombola and prizes)	Cakes - either homemade (no nuts and with ingredients list please) or shop bought.	Cakes - either homemade (no nuts and with ingredients list please) or shop bought.
Year 5		Chocolate (for tombola and prizes)		
Year 6		Chocolate (for tombola and prizes)		

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AUTUMN 2

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	28 November	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05 led by Y3 Mrs McDuff's class	Junior department hall
Saturday	30 November	PTA Christmas Fair	Both departments
Wednesday	04 December	KS1 Advent Mass 9:15am	Infant hall
Thursday	05 December	KS2 Advent Mass 9:15am	Junior hall
Monday	09 December	Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal	Infant department hall
Monday	09 December	Y4 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal	Junior department hall
Tuesday	10 December	Reception Nativity Play 1/2: 9:15am	Infant hall department
Tuesday	10 December	Y4 Christmas Concert 1/2: 1:45pm	Junior department hall
Wednesday	11 December	Reception Nativity Play 2/2: 9:15am	Infant hall department
Wednesday	11 December	Y4 Christmas Concert 2/2: 6:30pm	Junior department hall
Friday	13 December	Parents 'Stay and Share': 8.40am: Y1-6	Y1-Y6 classrooms
Monday	16 December	Christmas Service 6:30pm	St Vincent's Church
Tuesday	17 December	KS1 Christmas Theatre Trip Raymond Briggs 'The Bear' 10:30am – 11:25am	Sale Waterside Theatre
Wednesday	18 December	UKS2 Christmas Theatre Trip Raymond Briggs 'The Bear' 10:30am – 11:25am	Sale Waterside Theatre
Wednesday	18 December	Christmas Lunch/ Parties/ Father Christmas Visit	Department halls
Thursday	19 December	LKS2 Christmas Theatre Trip Raymond Briggs 'The Bear' 10:30am – 11:25am	Sale Waterside Theatre
Friday	20 December	School Closes	-
CHRISTMAS BREAK			



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ATTENDANCE



Every student. Every day.

Please see below the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RLDo	99.3%	2AB	98.7%	4CG/SK	99.4%
RLT	94.65%	2OW/CR	96%	5ML	92.35%
RKH	96.4%	3DM	99.65%	5LM	96%
1AM	95%	3LH	98.35%	5JK	98.05%
1MH	98%	3CN/JJ	99.7%	6NS	98.35%
1CR	98%	4LD	100%	6MB	93%
2ES	98%	4CL/HB	95.65%	6DH	99.3%
Overall percentage: 97.35%					

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Harrop

Headteacher

