

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

ADVENT

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



This Sunday we will celebrate the start of the season of Advent, a time of waiting and prayer. During this time, we pause and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus to the world. We will be teaching the children that Advent is a time of preparation to celebrate the coming of Jesus.

The Wednesday Word focus this week is Advent. Please follow [this link](#) to share this with your children.

ADVENT PLANNER

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During Advent we have lots of activities planned. Please note the Advent Masses, Reception Nativity, Y4 Christmas performance and The Advent Service at St Vincent's. Please see the Key School Events and Dates page of the school website for the Advent planner [St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: Key School Events and Dates](#)



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We are very excited to be holding our Christmas fair **tomorrow**. It starts at **12noon and runs until 3pm**. Please join in the fun and support our school in raising funds. There are lots of exciting stalls to choose from and something for everyone. Please enter school via the Orchard and Osborne Rd entrances.

CHRISTMAS FUN RUN, BOLLINGTON

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Everyone is welcome to join CAFOD for the annual Christmas Fun Run in Bollington. Wear your festive fancy dress and take on this joyful run to support communities around the world to lift themselves out of poverty. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors with the family over the Christmas period, whilst also contributing to a good cause. Adult, child and family entrance fees are available. Whether you walk, run or jog, every step makes a difference. Please use the QR code to register or find out more info on our website: cafod.org.uk/Bollington



RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE AND DONATE TO FRANCIS HOUSE HOSPICE

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Will you be buying a real Christmas tree this year? 🌲

Registrations have opened for Francis House Children's Hospice Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme in partnership with Just Helping and St Ann's Hospice, Greater Manchester. If you live in Greater Manchester, you can book now to have your Christmas tree collected and recycled in between 9th – 12th January and we ask you



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to make a small donation of your choice. That's one less thing to worry about over the festive period! Register now at www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree

Your support ensures that we can make a real difference for local families facing unimaginable challenges. With your help, we can ensure no family need face their difficult journey alone and Francis House can remain a crucial lifeline for families navigating the toughest times ahead of them.

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 \(trafford.gov.uk\)](http://Primary school admissions (trafford.gov.uk))
- 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 \(stvincents.trafford.sch.uk\)](http://St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: Admissions (stvincents.trafford.sch.uk))
- 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.

SCHOOL DATES

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AUTUMN 2

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
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 department hall
Tuesday	10 December	Y4 Christmas Concert 1/2: 1:45pm	Junior department hall
Wednesday	11 December	Reception Nativity Play 2/2: 9:15am	Infant department hall
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



Please see below the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RLDo	93.8	2AB	96	4CG/SK	99.05
RLT	96.4	2OW/CR	90	5ML	97.3
RKH	97.85	3DM	100	5LM	98.65
1AM	96	3LH	97.3	5JK	99.05
1MH	99.65	3CN/JJ	100	6NS	96.65
1CR	95.65	4LD	98.7	6MB	97
2ES	99.65	4CL/HB	99.65	6DH	94
Overall percentage: 97.3%					

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

