

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT – THE WEEK OF PEACE

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



During the second week of Advent, we will reflect on becoming the best versions of ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming. We will also remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." (Luke 2:4-7) (Isaiah 9:2)

As we light our Advent wreath for the second week of Advent, the following prayer will be read out:

Dear Jesus,

You entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace.

This Advent, as we strive to become the best version of ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace.

Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most.

Amen.

ADVENT MASS

It was lovely to welcome Father Mathew to St Vincent's this week. Our prayer leaders welcomed him to school and gave him a tour. They also told him about the Catholic life of our school. It was also good to welcome Father



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Mathew back to celebrate Mass with the junior children. Thank you also to Canon Jonathan who celebrated an Advent Mass with the infant children.

RECEPTION NATIVITY AND YEAR 4 BETHLEHEM PERFORMANCE

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We are looking forward to the Reception Nativity plays and the Year 4 production of 'Bethlehem the Musical' next week. The children have been rehearsing their parts and look and sound fantastic. The Nativity and the Year 4 production will be recorded and will be available to purchase as a download.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE YEAR 3 TO 6 MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER

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Children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 have been practising for the Christmas Service. Year 6 will be leading the prayer and Years 3-5 will be supporting the singing.

The service will take place on **Monday 16th December** at St Vincent's Church. The service starts at **6:30pm** and the children are asked to arrive at **6pm** in their school uniform.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

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Thank you to our PTA who organised a fantastic Christmas Fair. It was wonderful to see everyone getting in the Christmas spirit and having a great time. We raised over £5,500 and we still have the proceeds from our online raffle to count. This year we are focusing the PTA funds on developing a prayer garden on our grounds. This will be a lovely addition for the children and classes to use.

RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2025 APPLICATIONS

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Have you applied for your St Vincent's Reception place? The application deadline is 15th 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 in the Infant School 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-s-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 the 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?

SCHOOL DATES

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DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
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	KS2 (Year 5/6) 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	KS2 (Year 3/4) Christmas Theatre Trip Raymond Briggs 'The Bear' 10:30am – 11:25am	Sale Waterside Theatre
Friday	20 December	School Closes at normal school closing time	-
CHRISTMAS BREAK			

ATTENDANCE

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Please see below the attendance percentages for last week:



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Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RLDo	95.71	2AB	97.33	4CG/SK	98.39
RLT	91.07	2OW/CR	98.67	5ML	93.33
RKH	92.5	3DM	98.00	5LM	96.33
1AM	95.33	3LH	99.33	5JK	95.81
1MH	99.00	3CN/JJ	97.10	6NS	92.00
1CR	95.67	4LD	99.33	6MB	96.00
2ES	94.33	4CL/HB	96.00	6DH	98.00
Overall percentage: 96.19%					

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

