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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

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



The third Sunday of Advent in 2024 will be on Sunday 15th December. The children will learn that the third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday, the Latin word for rejoice. As we dwell on the words of St John the Baptist, we are reminded of the joy that is offered to us in living out the gospel, in the concrete actions of sharing and loving that bring new life to the world.

RECEPTION NATIVITY

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This week we enjoyed a magical Reception Nativity. The children told the Christmas story beautifully and sang so well. Thank you to the staff for all of the work that went into making them so very special and to you as parents for all of your support. The download of the recording is now available to purchase at [Online Store | Hartshead Productions Ltd.](#)



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YEAR 4 BETHLEHEM PERFORMANCE

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Well done to the Year 4 children who performed their Bethlehem show this week. It was wonderful to be reminded of the Christmas story. The singing, acting and dancing were fantastic and a joy to see. Thank you to all of the staff too for their hard work and the support given from parents. The download of the recording is now available to purchase at [Online Store | Hartshead Productions Ltd.](#)

CAFOD LIVE SIMPLY AWARD

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We are pleased to announce that we have recently achieved the LiveSimply award to confirm that we are living simply, sustainably and in solidarity with communities around the world experiencing poverty.

The award, championed by the international aid charity CAFOD, was presented to us after we evidenced faith inspired actions that highlighted the importance of caring for people and the planet. Pupils from all year groups, including pupil prayer leaders, eco-warriors and Mini-Vinnies helped to lead whole school actions throughout the year. These actions included raising money for numerous charities, sending stationery to children in underdeveloped countries, creating a prayer garden and organising litter picking and second-hand uniform events.

YEAR 3-6 CHRISTMAS SERVICE 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 prayers and all the year groups will be singing. The service will take place at **6:30pm on Monday 16th December** at St Vincent's Church. The children are asked to arrive at church at **6pm** in their school uniform.

ST VINCENT'S PARISH VINEYARD MAGAZINE

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We are pleased to share the Christmas edition of the Vineyard Parish magazine. It features parish life and also includes two school articles. It is a great read and shows how vibrant St Vincent's parish is: [Christmas 2024 The Vineyard \(1\).pdf](#)

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 \(trafford.gov.uk\)](#)
- Bring the completed supplementary form to the admin office in the Infant department along with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate (if applicable).



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- 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 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? If so, please ask them to contact our school.

SEND LINK NEWSLETTER

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The December Edition of The Link newsletter includes lots of news, tips and advice seen below. Please follow the link below to find out more.

[Trafford Directory | The Link Newsletter](#)

Tips to help you manage the festive season

- SEN Christmas craft and activity pack
- Trafford's SEND Week of Action
- Welcome back Sarah Bradley!
- Meet Carmen Gornall, SENAS EY consultant
- Weekend Short Breaks with I AM AUTISM
- Neurodiverse activities with Starling
- Have your say on a new SEND Gymnastics Hub
- Go to this Sway



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SANTA DASH!

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Yesterday all of our children took part in a fabulous Santa Dash. Well done to the children for running laps around the field to Christmas music!

PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

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This weekend is your final opportunity to get a ticket for our PTA Christmas raffle, which closes on Monday 16th December at 4pm. With over 30 fantastic prizes—including a £150 Victor's meal voucher, a £100 Bank Medi Spa voucher, and a £50 Amazon voucher—it's not to be missed! Every ticket sold helps support exciting projects and resources for our children.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER/ACCESSORY DAY WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER AND WHOLE SCHOOL THEATRE TRIP

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As we head into our final week before Christmas, we have an array of festive activities planned for the children. From Tuesday to Thursday, the children will have the exciting opportunity to visit Sale Waterside Theatre to enjoy a magical production of Raymond Briggs' classic story, *The Bear*. On Wednesday, children can wear a Christmas jumper and/or festive accessories alongside their uniform. That same day, they will enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner, and the infant children will be treated to a special visit from Father Christmas. We are looking forward to a week full of joy and celebration!

SCHOOL DATES

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DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	16 December	Christmas Service 6:30pm Y3,4,5 and 6	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' 10:30 – 11:25am	Sale Waterside Theatre
Wednesday	18 December	Christmas Lunch and Father Christmas Visit	Department halls
Thursday	19 December	KS2 (Year 3/4) Christmas Theatre Trip Raymond Briggs 'The Bear' 10:30 – 11:25am	Sale Waterside Theatre
Friday	20 December	School Closes 3:30pm	-
Christmas Break School re-opens on Monday 6 January 2025			

ATTENDANCE



Please see below the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RLDo	95.00	2AB	96.33	4CG/SK	98.71
RLT	93.57	2OW/CR	94.00	5ML	97.33
RKH	98.57	3DM	100.00	5LM	99.00
1AM	93.33	3LH	98.00	5JK	96.45
1MH	98.67	3CN/JJ	95.48	6NS	96.33
1CR	98.00	4LD	99.33	6MB	87.33
2ES	94.33	4CL/HB	99.00	6DH	86.67
Overall percentage: 95.97 %					



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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

