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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

LAUNCH OF THE YEAR OF THE JUBILEE

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



Today marks the start of a special journey as schools are invited to begin the Jubilee Year. This year, our school communities are coming together as pilgrims of hope, pledging to work for God's kingdom of justice, peace, and love. We have started this meaningful year by marking it as a memorable moment in our shared journey.

Throughout this year, we are all invited to walk together as pilgrims of hope, putting our faith into action to create a better world for everyone.

To launch the year, the children will be writing their own prayers for the Year of the Jubilee. We will also explore a variety of charities to support during our Lenten fundraising efforts.

As part of the launch, each child will receive a prayer bookmark from CAFOD, which includes a prayer of hope to guide us during this special year.



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A prayer of hope

God, our loving Father,
in this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love creation.
Help us to work together
to replant, repair, and renew.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Jesus, our light,
In this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love
our neighbours
and to set free those who suffer.
Help us to treat everyone with dignity;
to be fair, forgiving and kind.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Holy Spirit, our inspiration,
in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our
call to grow in faith and love.
Help us to hear you in scripture, to see
Jesus in others,
and to be united as God's global family.

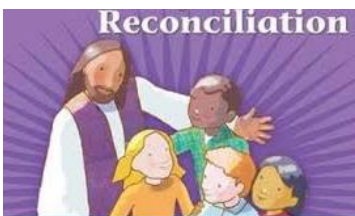
**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Amen

*Written in
collaboration with Missio.*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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Congratulations to the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was a beautiful occasion, held at Holy Angels Church, and a special moment for all involved.

Next week, more year 3 pupils will continue to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Angels Church. Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare for this special Sacrament.



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CARITAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT

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Last term, our prayer leaders kindly requested donations of pencil cases and pencils. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to collect dozens of pencil cases, which were sent to Africa. The photograph shows the children receiving the gifts. We are very pleased to support the important work of CARITAS, and it is wonderful to see the impact of our shared efforts. Please also see a heartfelt thank you message from Sister Josephine and a photograph of the children with their presents.



Thank you message from Sister Josephine:

'We have received your pencil cases and the other gifts for the children; all the children are very happy and say thank you to the children who gave the pencil cases. The support came at a time when I was very worried about how to help the children to have a smile on their faces at Christmas and the end of the year. When the donation arrived, I wrapped the gifts with my team for the children. The pencils and other gifts help me to have 55 gifts for the children aged to 1 to 15. Thank you so much for your support, which has enabled us to live in solidarity with the poorest of the poor, and in a very special way with the refugees and asylum seekers who are our main beneficiaries. We are delighted by the gesture you have made in support of Caritas PARI. Your humanitarian action was once again remarkable and much appreciated by our entire institution'.

Sister Josephine



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PUPIL GROUPS

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This week, we held assemblies which were led by our Pupil Group leaders, where the children shared updates on the work and achievements of each of the groups. It was inspiring to see how confident and passionate the children are about their projects. Their enthusiasm really shone through. Please click on the link to view the presentation they gave. [Pupil Voice](#)

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

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Please see below the attendance percentages for last week:

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RLDo	99.30	2AB	98.00	4CG/SK	96.13
RLT	98.25	2OW/CR	96.65	5ML	98.00
RKH	95.35	3DM	97.67	5LM	97.33
1AM	96.70	3LH	99.67	5JK	99.03
1MH	99.30	3CN/JJ	98.71	6NS	98.67
1CR	96.65	4LD	98.00	6MB	91.65
2ES	98.65	4CL/HB	99.67	6DH	94.00
Overall percentage: 97.50%					



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Term Dates

Please refer to our term dates for 2024-25 and 2025-26 when considering booking holidays. Please note that holidays cannot be authorised in term time.

[St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: Term Dates and Times of the School Day](#)

KEY SCHOOL DATES

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SPRING 1

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	30 January	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am: led by Y6 Miss Butler's class	Junior department hall
Thursday	30 January	Y3 Sacramental Programme Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Miss Hutton's class and half of Mrs McDuff's class	Holy Angels Church
Monday	3-9 February	Children's Mental Health Week	
Tuesday	4 February	Y3 Sponsor Liturgy and refreshments 10am	Junior department hall
Thursday	6 February	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05: led by Y6 Miss Hobday's class	Junior department hall
Friday	7 February	Parents 'Stay and Share': 8:30am: Y1 - 6	
Thursday	13 February	KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am: Led by Y1 Miss Reid's class	Infant department hall
Friday	14 February	Maths Enrichment Day	
Friday	14 February	School closes for half term 3:30pm	-
HALF TERM			

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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), Mrs Sutton (junior deputy), and I are also available to work in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Harrop

Headteacher

