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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC LIFE AT OUR SCHOOL: LETTING OUR LIGHT SHINE

CATHOLIC LIFE
+ MISSION

We would like to celebrate the vibrant Catholic life at our school, where our values are deeply rooted in the Catholic mission that guides us. We are keen to share how our children continue to shine brightly, not only in their academic achievements but also in the way they live out their faith every day. Through acts of kindness, service, and compassion, they truly reflect the teachings of Christ.

To learn more about how our children are embracing and living out these values, please see the link to our new Catholic Life newsletter, which highlights their continued growth in faith, service, and community spirit. [St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: Catholic Life Newsletter](#)

Safer Internet Week

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

Safer
Internet
Day 2025 | Tuesday
11 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk



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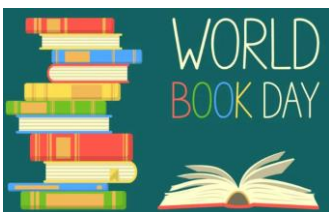
This week, we celebrated Safer Internet Day 2025 alongside many other schools and businesses across the country. The theme spanned the whole week and focused on scams. The children participated in engaging assemblies led by our digital leaders, as well as a BBC Live lesson. The children learned to identify common signs of scams, such as unusual email addresses or phone numbers, spelling errors, generic greetings (e.g. "Dear Customer"), unexpected contact, requests for personal details or money, and offers that seem "too good to be true."

A big thank you to the four parent volunteers who joined us to share their expertise in IT and discuss what they know about scams. The children had a great time testing their skills in spotting scams, learning about phishing, and practicing how to create strong, secure passwords. To end the week, children created an informative bookmark to remind themselves of these important digital safety tips.

It was a fantastic week of learning, and we are excited to continue building on these essential digital safety skills with our children.

WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 6 MARCH

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The most exciting day in our reading calendar is fast-approaching and we have lots of activities planned for the children. As always, the children can come to school in fancy dress, dressed as a character from their favourite book. If possible, the children are encouraged to bring the book into school to share and talk about. Most costumes should be able to be made from items you already have at home. We encourage recycling and borrowing of costumes or props to keep the cost down.

TRAVEL TRACKER

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Each day our children share how they have travelled to school using the class travel tracker. Below we can see the winning classes for children who have either walked to school or used park and stride. Congratulations to the winning classes below for being the most active when travelling to school this half term.

Winning Class	Active Percentage
Reception Miss Howkins	74%
Year 1 Miss Hollins	78%
Year 2 Mrs Burke	94%
Year 3 Mrs Needham/Jennings	89%
Year 4 Mrs Durkan	93%
Year 5 Mrs Lawrence	100%
Year 6 Miss Butler	91%

HALF TERM FUN

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Please see the latest edition of Raring2go! Altrincham & Sale in readiness for February half term. It contains useful information about what's on for families in the local area including days out, clubs and classes, holiday clubs and more: <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/altrinchamandsale/winter2024-25/>

The latest children's activity pack is now available to download from the Trans Pennine Trail website in time for the half term break. Once again, the pack contains lots of exciting holiday activities that will keep young minds entertained during the February half term break. The pack encourages children to embark on a sensory walk to record what they hear, see, and smell, or to join an exciting I-spy adventure. Little chefs will enjoy making delicious jam tarts, while creative minds can craft colourful animals out of salt dough. They will be able to challenge themselves with our February word search and test their knowledge with our quiz before diving into the first instalment of Mandy Mole's adventure along the Trans Pennine Trail. The pack is aimed at primary school children with help as necessary from their parents or carers, and older children may enjoy some of the activities too.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home.

Download it from our Children's page at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/>

PTA NEWSLETTER

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We are pleased to share the latest PTA newsletter.

Please read about all the exciting plans we have for the children.

[PTA newsletter Feb 2025 .pdf](#)



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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

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Please see below the attendance percentages for last week:

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RLDo	96.05	2AB	95.30	4CG/SK	96.15
RLT	97.01	2OW/CR	95.30	5ML	99.00
RKH	98.06	3DM	96.00	5LM	97.65
1AM	99.65	3LH	95.00	5JK	98.75
1MH	98.00	3CN/JJ	97.40	6NS	98.00
1CR	94.00	4LD	98.35	6MB	96.70
2ES	97.65	4CL/HB	98.70	6DH	95.90
Overall percentage: 97.10%					

TERM DATES

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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](#)

School closes today for half term. I hope you have a lovely holiday with your family. We will welcome the children back to school on Monday 24 February.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Harrop
Headteacher

