

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

Lenten Activities 2025



Dear Parents,

Lent begins on Wednesday 5th March. Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice, and good works in preparation for the celebration of Easter. To help our pupils and families prepare during this important time in the Church's Liturgical Calendar, we are organising a range of special events.

Mass and Liturgy Dates

Ash Wednesday Mass	Wednesday 5th March 9:15 am	Junior Hall (parents welcome to attend)
Ash Wednesday Liturgy	Wednesday 5th March 10:30 am	Infant Hall (children and staff only)
Infant Lenten Liturgy	Wednesday 19th March 9.15 am	Infant Hall
Junior Lenten Mass	Thursday 20th March 9.15 am	Junior Hall
Year 1 Easter Liturgy	Tuesday 25th March 9.15 am Wednesday 26th March 9.15 am	Infant Hall
Year 1 parents are invited to attend one of these services; more details will follow.		
Junior Lenten Service	Tuesday 1st April 6.30 pm	Holy Angels Church
This service will be led by children from the junior department. Junior parents are welcome to attend. Younger siblings may sit with their parents.		

Purple Wednesday

Following our St. Vincent's tradition, each Wednesday will be 'Purple Wednesday'. Pupils will be encouraged to wear an item of purple clothing. This could be an accessory such as a belt, bobble, hairband, loom band, socks or tights.

Purple is used for two reasons: firstly, because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and secondly because purple is the colour associated with royalty and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.

Lenten Promises

Children will be making their Lenten promises over the next week. We try to think of others and focus on our thoughts and actions. Some of the children have spoken about doing this with their families too as a family Lenten promise.

Lenten Stay and Pray

A Lenten reflection for families will take place on **Friday 7th March led by Year 4 at 9.05 am in the junior hall.**

Lenten Prayer Journey

Children in Year 3 will host children from Our Lady of Lourdes and will visit All Saints Primary Schools for Lenten Liturgies in March.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 14th March

On Friday 14th children will be asked to sacrifice their morning snack in return for a £1 donation to CAFOD through ParentPay.

Lent Love in Action Day Friday 21st March

On Lent Love in Action Day, every class will take on a charitable challenge to raise funds for their chosen charity. In preparation, over February half term, each child researched a charity of their choice as part of their homework. They then shared their findings with their class, and together, the class voted for the charity they will be supporting with their sponsored challenge.

This day is an opportunity for our children to live out our values of kindness and make a difference to the lives of others.

Prayer Trails and Stations of the Cross

In each department there will be a Lenten prayer trail where pupils will visit prayer stations and reflect on the journey that Jesus made and pray the Stations of the Cross. The stations will be displayed, and children will be led in a reflection by the Prayer Leaders and their teachers where they can observe and pray.

Lenten Buddy

The children will all be given a secret 'Lenten Buddy' from their class. During Lent, the children will be extra nice to their buddy and try to guess who their buddy is.

Lenten Fundraising

This Lent we will be taking part in the 'Big Lent Walk'. This year, we are fundraising for St Ann's Hospice in loving memory of Natasha Gee, honouring her and the incredible work of St Ann's. This will involve children and staff walking 200km during Lent using our daily mile track. Every child will walk with their class daily throughout Lent to meet this target collectively. The children will have the opportunity to wear Easter hats that they have made at home for the final walk on 4th April. Please donate to our just giving page through the link below. Please share with family and friends so we can make a difference to this special charity and memory.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/stvincentsbiglentwalk?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Mini Vinnies Activities:

Easter Chicks for Francis House

Mini Vinnies will be selling Easter chicks from Monday 10th March and throughout Lent, they are £2 each and should be paid for in cash only.

Easter Cards for Cyril Flint Befrienders & SVP Parishioners Friday Club

The Mini Vinnies will be organising the making of Easter cards to give to Cyril Flint Befrienders, Woodend Nursing Home & SVP Parishioners Friday Club.

Friday 28th March- Easter egg donations to the PTA: Own clothes day.

Friday 4th April – Easter Bonnet Parade - Children will have the opportunity to wear Easter hats that they have made at home for the final walk of Lent.

This year we will also be entering Hobbycraft's Easter Bonnet Competition. Three hats will be chosen from the whole school, and they will be displayed at the **Altrincham Hobbycraft store** for public voting from **Saturday 5th April**. We encourage parents, family, and friends to visit and support our school by voting!

Voting closes on **Saturday 19th April**, and the **winners will be announced by Tuesday 22nd April**.

The prizes are:

- 1st Prize £50 Hobbycraft Classroom Hamper
- 2nd Prize £ 25 Hobbycraft Classroom Hamper

Friday 4th April – PTA Easter Extravaganza – This event will now take place throughout the school day while children are in school with their classes, rather than after school. Various Easter activities and events will be held during the day, providing a fun and 'exciting' experience for all!

We kindly ask for a £2 donation per child, which can be made through ParentPay. All children will go home with a chocolate egg.

We hope to see lots of parents, carers and grandparents join us in our Lenten journey,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Harrop

Headteacher