

St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

Week 5

2nd October 2026

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We began the week with **Mass** in honour of our patron, **Saint Vincent**. The children who attended from years 1 to 6 were exceptionally well-behaved and took part very reverently (even if the majority of the prayers were in Latin!). A special mention to those pupils who read bidding prayers.

With the arrival of **October**, it's a good opportunity to remind you of the **interactive prayer resource** you can use at home. It can be found here: <https://www.svpcatholicprimary.org/Monthly-Prayer-Focus/>

We had a number of children arriving for school this week **incorrectly dressed for the annual photographs**, despite several prior reminders. **Please make sure you stay informed by reading communications sent from us and by letting us know if e.g. your email address has changed.** Thank you.

Next week we will be writing to you with **booking information** for the forthcoming **parent and teacher consultations**, scheduled for **13 and 15 October**.

The **safety and security of everyone** is our top priority and you may have noticed that there have been some issues recently with the **main gate**. The problem has been identified and we anticipate that it will be fixed by the middle of next week. Thank you for your patience with this. We politely request that you further support by ensuring that your **children do not touch the gate or sensors, nor that they press the green button - which is for adult use only**.

Enjoy the fine weather while it lasts this weekend. Mr N Scott Cree, Head Teacher

Week 4 ATTENDANCE	
Reception	100
Year 1	95.6
Year 2	98.3
Year 3	95.2
Year 4	96.6
Year 5	93.8
Year 6	95.0
Whole School	95.9
Well done, Reception!	

Week 5 GOLD AWARDS	
Nursery	Carlo
Reception	Alexandria
Year 1	Jaq
Year 2	Emile
Year 3	Liana
Year 4	Ophelia
Year 5	Valentim
Year 6	Sid
CONGRATULATIONS!	

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We are pleased to have recently been awarded the **Music Mark** of recognition for dedication and improvement in music education, showing the importance that we place on music in the curriculum and creative life of our school.

REDUCING THE SPREAD OF SEASONAL ILLNESS

Illness is the largest cause of school absence. Over 50 million days were lost in 2025/26 due to illness, almost half of all absence.

The start of the autumn term marks the beginning of the school-based seasonal influenza (flu) vaccination programme. Last autumn, more than 4.1 million children were vaccinated against flu, the highest uptake to date, but this is still only just over half of those eligible at 52.5%. Immunisations will take place on 18 November in school.

Further useful information for parents is included with this letter and also in the video link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_i5KxggkPTw

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue 13 Oct	Parent & Teacher Consultations
Thur 15 Oct	Parent & Teacher Consultations
Fri 16 Oct	Harvest Assembly at 9 a.m.
Mon 19 Oct	Year 6 journey to Sayers Croft
Fri 23 Oct	Year 6 return from Sayers Croft

Term 1 ends at 3:30 p.m.

26 – 30 Oct school CLOSED for half-term

Mon 2 Nov	Term 2 begins at 8:45 a.m.
Mon 9 Nov	Year 1 balance bike training begins
Wed 11 Nov	Parent Social event (details tbc)
Fri 13 Nov	Year 6 class assembly at 9 a.m.
Mon 16 Nov	Year 2 balance bike training begins
Weds 18 Nov	Flu immunisations
Fri 20 Nov	Year 5 class assembly at 9 a.m.
Mon 23 Nov	Year 3 Bikeability
Thur 10 Dec	Christmas Celebration at 2 p.m. in Westminster Cathedral
Thur 17 Dec	Autumn term ends at 1:30 p.m.
Fri 18 Dec	School closed for INSET

THE MARK 10 MISSION

Mark 10 is a video resource used every week in school to support children in meeting God through prayer, scripture and worship.

Pupils across the school really enjoy the interactive nature of the guided sessions, which they follow as part of their class-based worship.

They received a special surprise this week when they learned that they were '**School of the Week**'!

You can view the video (wait until the end!) here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MRiOwPZgjHc>

ENJOY!

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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

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