

St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

Week 6

9th October 2026

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At the time of writing, **over 100 meetings** have been booked for next week's **parents' evenings**, taking place after school on **Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October**. Thank you for your very positive response to this. We believe strongly that when home and school work closely together, children achieve far greater outcomes.

This year for the first time, we have brought the autumn parent and teacher meetings forward so that they take place **before the half term break** – a much better opportunity to discuss progress so far and share concerns. I look forward to seeing you next week. **May I remind you that children should not attend – the meetings are for adults and there is no provision for children on the night.** Thank you.

Next Friday we will be having our annual **Harvest celebration**. You are always very generous with your donations, which are then gratefully received by **The Passage** centre for the homeless. If every child in the school could please bring **one non-perishable item** (e.g. packet of pasta or tin of fruit) **before Friday 16th**, Fr Chris will be blessing them at the assembly before they are donated to our neighbours and put to good use feeding the needy. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Our newly-selected **School Council** will make an important visit on Monday to **Parliament** to learn more about the home of British government and democracy, and it will soon be the turn of **Year 6** to travel to the Surrey countryside for their **residential visit to Sayers Croft**. I remind you that **Term 1 ends at the usual time of 3:15pm on Friday 23rd October** for half-term.

Mr N Scott Cree, Head Teacher

Week 5 ATTENDANCE	
Reception	94.9
Year 1	93.7
Year 2	97.7
Year 3	98.4
Year 4	98.6
Year 5	98.6
Year 6	91.0
Whole School	95.3
Well done Year 4&5!	

Week 6 GOLD AWARDS	
Nursery	Bonnie
Reception	Teddy
Year 1	Tommy Rebelle
Year 2	Emily
Year 3	Sarah
Year 4	Albert
Year 5	Josephine
Year 6	Hubert
CONGRATULATIONS!	

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 12 Oct	School Council visit to Parliament
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
Wed 21 Oct	BHM themed lunch
Fri 23 Oct	Year 6 return from Sayers Croft

Term 1 ends at 3:15 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



Please send in your non-perishable donations ready for our Harvest assembly next Friday, 16th October!

THANK YOU

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%.

Flu immunisations will take place on 18 November in school.

Further useful information for parents about **illness absence and staying healthy** is included with this letter and also in the **video link** below:

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

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



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**Special themed
lunch:**

**Wednesday
21st October
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