

St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

Week 4

25th September 2026

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This weekend marks the feast of our great patron; **Saint Vincent de Paul**, and on Monday all of the children in Years 1 to 6 will attend Mass in the Cathedral in honour of this occasion. Traditionally, this is also the opportunity to offer the term and academic year ahead to God, to ask His blessing on everyone in our school community, in all that we do. I hope you will consider joining us from **10:30 a.m.** on **Monday 28th**.

I remind you that next Thursday (1 Oct) is our annual **school photographs day**. Children must be smart and presentable and wear their **full school uniform** (including jumper/cardigan with badge and tie), regardless of whether they usually have PE that day. Thank you for your support with this. We also have a **themed lunch** (overleaf).

As the seasons change, we begin to experience the usual **coughs and colds** which can spread easily and lead to absence. The poster in this letter from the **UK Health Security Agency** gives very clear guidance for parents about when your child should/should not attend school. In the absence of a high fever, children with colds and coughs are generally well enough to attend school. Thank you for your continued support and efforts with ensuring good attendance.

Next week after school there will be a **Book Fair** taking place in the hall – a good opportunity to buy quality reading material, with every purchase benefitting the school.

Wishing you a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Mr N Scott Cree

Head Teacher

Week 3 ATTENDANCE	
Reception	91.4
Year 1	92.7
Year 2	100
Year 3	88.5
Year 4	97.5
Year 5	95.8
Year 6	95.2
Whole School	94.2
Well done Year 2!	

Week 4 GOLD AWARDS	
Nursery	Louise
Reception	Tallulah
Year 1	Lupe
Year 2	Basile
Year 3	Noah
Year 4	Cyro
Year 5	Jade
Year 6	Justina
CONGRATULATIONS!	

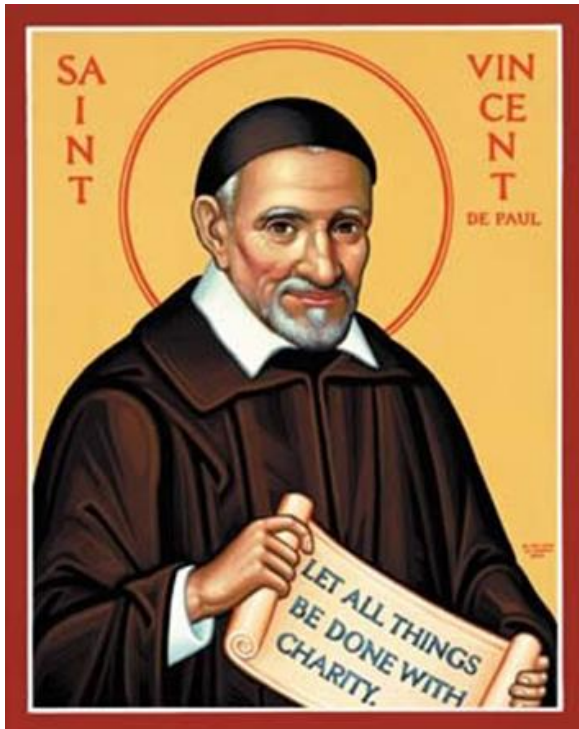
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*'We must love our neighbour as
being made in the image of God and
as an object of His love.'*

Saint Vincent de Paul

PRAY FOR US

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 28 Sep	Feast Day Mass at 10:30 a.m.
Mon 28 Sep	Book Fair this week
Thurs 1 Oct	School Photographs
Tue 13 Oct	Parent & Teacher Consultations
Thur 15 Oct	Parent & Teacher Consultations
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
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.

COMMUNICATION REMINDERS

- To report an absence, telephone or email the office before the start of the school day
- To share any issue or concern, please contact the school office in writing or use Tapestry (EYFS) or Class Dojo (Y1-6) to communicate directly with teachers.
- To share/discuss any issue or concern in detail (e.g. confidential or sensitive matters), please contact us in writing to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

We will respond as soon as possible.

Thank you

The single biggest
problem with
communication is
the illusion that
it has taken place.

— George Bernard Shaw

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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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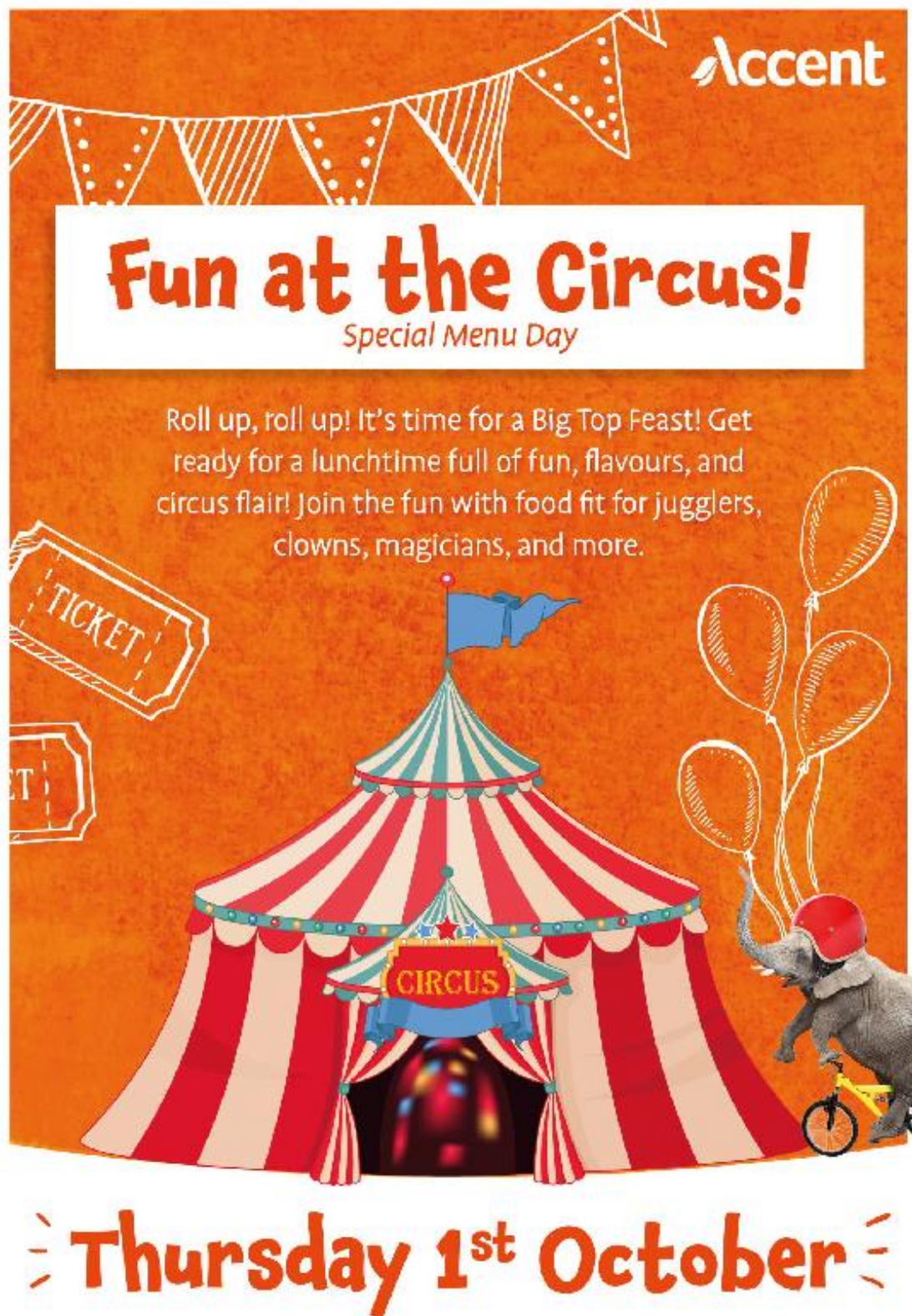
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