

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary

## School Newsletter



*To love, serve and learn as Jesus shows us*

Friday 19th July 2024

# Happy Holidays!



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great thanks and appreciation that we end another busy and brilliant school year packed with lots of highlight moments, including: opening our nursery, our school Mission Day, Christmas and Easter celebrations shared with the Parish at Church, Year 6 Archdiocesan Faith in Action Awards, a Warrington Local Authority special commendation award for Inclusion, the Great Big Battery Hunt (read on for the results!), First Holy Communion, St V-Fest, Year 4 and 6 residentials, lots of trips and visits, Wizard of Oz and "Deal or no deal!"

Year 6 enjoyed their final moment to shine today and definitely did that in their wonderfully funny and emotional leavers' assembly (I'm glad nobody won my chair!). During their time at St Vincent's our Year 6 children have worked so hard and achieved so much – not only in terms of progress and results, but also in terms of their personal development. As I said, and we saw this morning, they leave St Vincent's as amazing young people, ready to embark on the next phase of their learning and we wish them the very best of luck. We are so proud of you all.

Congratulations to the winners of our 2 school awards:



Faith in Action



Generosity of Spirit

A huge thank you to all our staff, who once again have worked incredibly hard, with commitment and determination to ensure the best opportunities for all of the children in our school. It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Williams, but we wish her every success as she moves onto her new role!

We continue to be so proud of all the children and look forward to another great year ahead, welcoming new children into Nursery, Reception and other year groups, and welcoming new staff: Mrs Norris (Head of School), Miss Crozier (Year 5 class teacher) and Miss Sutton (Teaching Assistant).

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer break.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Wednesday 4th September** at 8.30am.

*Dominic Vernon*

# Thank you everyone for your amazing efforts! We did it!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S WINNERS!

### 1st Place

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, Warrington – winning £3,500 of outdoor equipment and a Nintendo Switch for their Star Recycler, Joe (age 11)!



*"We are extremely happy and very grateful that our efforts in recycling batteries at St Vincent's have helped us to win this amazing prize which will benefit all of our children.*

*The Duracell Big Battery Hunt not only encouraged our school community and the wider local community to recycle batteries, it also educates people as to why this is important. Thank you so much for giving us this opportunity."*

**Dominic Vernon, Headteacher, St Vincent's Primary School.**

### WHAT A PERFORMANCE!

What a performance Year 6 gave in their end of year production of "Wizard of Oz"! They wowed the audience with the singing, dancing and acting skills, and

had the audience laughing and crying! We are so proud of every single member of Year 6 who gave their all to the show. A huge thank you to the children for showing great HEART, COURAGE AND BRAINS! A huge thank you also to all of the staff who made such a fantastic performance possible.

### WE GAVE THANKS

On Wednesday, Fr Raymond joined us to celebrate our end of year Mass of Thanksgiving. We have so much to celebrate this year and it was wonderful to give thanks to God in prayer and song, for another successful year.







A big thank you to the local businesses in Penketh and beyond who generously donated raffle prizes for our St V Festival. The event was a great success (despite the rain!). Thank you to all of our families for attending and supporting our school—we hope you had a great time and enjoyed the children's performances!

Every penny you have donated will go directly to benefit the children at St. Vincent's

Thank you to:

ASDA Westbrook	Domino's Pizza
Popcat's	M Jay's
CJ's Coffee House	Gill's Gems
Border Beauty	Molly Blooms
The Goodie Box cakes	

Thank you also to the Scouts who helped to run our BBQ and provided the shelter for our bar and BBQ.

A final thank you to everyone who helped out on the day, without your help, we wouldn't be able to run these events.

### TEAM POINTS

Congratulations to everyone in St Andrew's Team who earned the most Team Points this half term! Well done everyone!

St George	St Patrick	St Andrew	St David
192	180	248	179

### OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Well done to Bella and her netball team who made it to the semi-finals of another tournament and came third overall! Congratulations!

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Week ending: 12th July 2024

Year Group	Attendance	
Nursery	98%	
Reception	97.22%	
Year 1/2	97.02%	
Year 3/4	97.59%	
Year 4/5	99.26%	
Year 6	99.23%	

Congratulations to our Year 4/5 for having the highest attendance!

Week ending: 19th July 2024

Year Group	Attendance	
Nursery	86.73%	
Reception	93.89%	
Year 1/2	92.94%	
Year 3/4	95.17%	
Year 4/5	93.33%	
Year 6	98.85%	

Congratulations to our Year 6 class for having the highest attendance!

**TERM TIME HOLIDAYS**

A reminder that children should not be taken out of school during term time for holidays.

Below are term dates for the next 2 years: 2024/2025 and 2025/2026. Please use this information to make sure that family holidays are not booked when the children should be in school.

Thank you.

**FUTURE TERM DATES****2024-2025****AUTUMN TERM 2024**

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 4 September 2024	Friday 18 October 2024	Monday 28 October 2024	Thursday 19 December 2024

**SPRING TERM 2025**

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Monday 6 January 2025	Friday 14 February 2025	Monday 24 February 2025	Tuesday 8 April 2025

**SUMMER TERM 2024**

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025	Monday 9 June 2025	Wednesday 23 July 2025

**INSET DATES:** 2 September 2024 / 3 September 2024 / 20 December 2024 / 9 April 2025 / 6 June 2025

**2025-2026****AUTUMN TERM 2025**

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 3 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025

**SPRING TERM 2025**

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Tuesday 6 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026	Monday 23 February 2026	Thursday 2 April 2026

**SUMMER TERM 2024**

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Monday 20 April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026	Monday 8 June 2026	Friday 24 July 2026

**INSET DATES:** 1 September 2025 / 2 September 2025 / 5 January 2026 / 5 June 2026 / 27 July 2026

**School Uniform**

All children are expected to wear school uniform. We will be monitoring uniform closely in the new year to make sure that children are smartly dressed for school and will be contacting parents/carers if uniform is not appropriate. Therefore, please refer to the uniform list below if updating uniform in readiness for the new school year.

A reminder that we also have some good condition uniform in school, available at no cost (or a small donation) - please enquire at the office.

Please ensure all items are labelled.

<u><b>Winter Uniform:</b></u>	<p>Pale blue shirt or blouse &amp; tie with</p> <p>Grey trousers and plain grey socks or Navy pinafore or skirt and plain navy socks or tights</p> <p>Navy v-neck sweatshirt or cardigan (<i>School logo optional</i>)</p> <p>Sensible school shoes (Plain black - <b>Not trainers or boots</b>)</p>
<u><b>Summer Uniform:</b></u>	<p>Pale blue polo t-shirt (<i>School logo optional</i>) with Grey trousers or shorts and plain grey or white socks or Pale blue gingham dress and white socks</p> <p>Navy v-neck sweatshirt or cardigan (<i>School logo optional</i>)</p> <p>Plain navy cap (<i>School logo optional</i>)</p> <p>Sensible school shoes (Plain black - <b>Not trainers or boots</b>)</p>
<u><b>P E Kit</b></u>	<p>Pale blue polo t-shirt (<i>School logo optional</i>) as for uniform above</p> <p>Navy v-neck sweatshirt or cardigan (<i>School logo optional</i>) as for uniform above</p> <p><b>Plain</b> navy shorts or joggers / leggings</p> <p>Trainers</p>

Hair bobbles: navy / black / grey / white / blue gingham in summer

No jewellery is to be worn, except for a simple watch. We advise that earrings are not worn for health and safety reasons, however should you allow your child to wear earrings, only small studs will be acceptable, which must be removed for PE.

Hair styles must not be extreme, and should be appropriate and safe for school activities (long hair must be tied up).

Whilst book bags are preferred, a small rucksack can be brought to school. Rucksacks must be *small, plain and appropriate for school with minimal branding or slogans*.