



St. Mary's and St. Vincent's Catholic Primary Newsletter

*Growing in faith: loving and learning together with
Jesus*



Message from Mrs Dowling

I trust this message finds you well as we embark on a new term. I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and I wish you and your families a very happy new year.

As we reflect on the festive season, I am delighted to share that our pupils thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas Panto - "The Incredible Christmas Story". Our heartfelt thanks go to the PTA in both schools for funding this wonderful experience.

We have much to celebrate as we begin this New Year. St Vincent's is marking its 50th anniversary, a significant milestone in our school's history. To commemorate this occasion, Bishop David Oakley will be celebrating mass with the children on Monday 20th January. Furthermore, on 24th January, we will participate in the National launch of the Year of Jubilee. CAFOD will be delivering assemblies and workshops around this theme, providing our pupils with valuable insights and learning opportunities.

Half Term Virtue - Respect

This half term, our focus virtue is Respect. I encourage you to take the time to discuss with your children the importance of treating everyone with respect, reinforcing this crucial value both at home and in school.

Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers. - 1 Peter 2:17

Polite reminders

For safety reasons, could we remind you that children are to wheel bikes and scooters through the school grounds. Please also park scooters and bikes in the bike racks as thoughtfully as possible so we can get them all in.

Please refrain from using your mobile phones, for any reason, whilst on the school sites. This is to safeguard our children.

We continue to receive complaints from residents and other road users about parking. I remind you that the parking situations have arisen in response to the need to keep your children and others safe. Please park respectfully, considering others.

In order for your child to continue benefitting from OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning Programme), please ensure that they have a warm, waterproof coat and either, spare shoes or wellingtons to use in school. Mrs Ball is requesting donations of unwanted wellington boots, waterproofs and any toys suitable for outdoor use (small world play).

Lastly, we have noticed a decline in uniform standards. Please ensure children come to school in correct uniform - no leggings or jewellery. If children wear trainers, they must be plain black. We encourage children to take pride in their appearance and appreciate your support in maintaining these standards.

School Calendar 2024-25

(All dates are subject to change)

ST MARY'S

Wednesday 29 th January	PTA AGM 2.15
Thursday 30 th January	Reception Vision Screening
w/c 3 rd February	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 5 th February	Year 5 attending Manshead's Production
Friday 7 th February	Shine Bright Wear Bright
Friday 7 th February	Year 3 and 4 Police Assembly
Mon/Tues 10 th & 11 th February	School Photos
17 th – 23 rd February	HALF TERM
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday
Friday 21 st March	PTA Easter Golden Ticket
Monday 24 th March	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
Wednesday 26 th March	Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30
Friday 28 th March	PTA Mother's Day Table
Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 3 & 4 Easter Production 2.15
Thursday 3 rd April	Year 3 & 4 Easter Production 6.00
Friday 4 th April	Non-uniform day £1.00 for CAFOD
Friday 4 th April	Finish at 2.00
7 th – 21 st April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Tuesday 22 ^{ns} April	INSET DAY
Wednesday 23 rd April	Back to school

ST VINCENT'S

Monday 20 th January	50 th Anniversary Mass
Tuesday 28 th January	Reception & Year 6 Height & Weight
Wednesday 29 th January	Reception Hearing Screening
Friday 7 th February	Shine Bright Wear Bright
Friday 7 th February	Year 3 and 4 Police Assembly
w/c 10 th February	Year 5 Bikeability
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