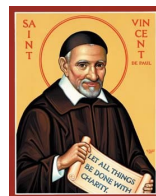




# St Vincent's Primary Newsletter



August 2025

## From the Head Teacher's desk:

It has been another lovely start to our new school year with the added bonus of beautiful weather. We have loved being together again and having the opportunity to hear all about everyone's summer. All of our children have settled back into school extremely well, including our new pupils in Primary 1 and across other stages within the school. Welcome back everyone!

I am delighted to see all of our children looking so smart in their uniforms; thank you for your support in making this a priority. Last year, we launched our Primary 7 tie which allows our senior pupils to be easily identified and to feel extra special in their final year at St. Vincent's. These can be ordered via ParentPay. If you would like any assistance with sourcing uniform, we have some spare items that we are happy to share with our families. If you require anything specific, please contact the school office and we will do our very best to assist you.

This term, some of our partners are providing specialised teaching input for various classes. Primary 7 have started their swimming block and this will continue throughout the year (3 blocks). Primary 4 and 5/4 are receiving weekly football coaching during their PE lessons. Primary 1a and 1b will also have fortnightly music lessons from Ms Stoddart. We are delighted to work alongside these specialists to further enhance our children's learning experiences.

As you are aware, we have two Depute Head Teachers in our school, Mrs Robertson (Primary 1-3) and Miss McCabe (Primary 4-7). They have lots of responsibilities for leadership in our school. If you have any concerns about your child/ren or their progress, please contact them via the school office. They will be happy to assist you in any way they can. Here's to a wonderful year ahead - it is going to be lots of fun!

*Catrina Wishart* Head Teacher

## School Photographs

John Wilson Photography were in school on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd August to take class, individual and family photographs. Your children were all looking so smart and I am sure that these photos will be absolutely beautiful. You should receive email communication from John Wilson shortly with your proofs and options for purchasing prints, if you wish.

Our new Primary 1 children will also be photographed for the Glasgow Times segment. We are still awaiting a date for this - more details to follow.

## Physical Education (P.E.)

Below are the confirmed days for each class for P.E. Please support us in ensuring that your child/ren are dressed in full school uniform every day. On P.E. days, they should bring their P.E. kit with them to change into. They will have access to the changing rooms in order to do so. Our P.E. kit is either a white polo shirt or one of our new P.E. tops that can be sourced from Logoxpress. These come in green or white. These should be paired with black shorts/joggies/leggings and trainers. Children should not wear football tops of any kind and/or character clothing. This is to ensure it is fair and equitable for everyone.

| Class       | P.E.                   |
|-------------|------------------------|
| Primary 1a  | Monday and Wednesday   |
| Primary 1b  | Tuesday and Friday     |
| Primary 2a  | Thursday and Friday    |
| Primary 2b  | Tuesday and Friday     |
| Primary 3a  | Wednesday and Friday   |
| Primary 3b  | Tuesday and Friday     |
| Primary 4   | Tuesday and Wednesday  |
| Primary 5/4 | Tuesday and Thursday   |
| Primary 5   | Monday and Tuesday     |
| Primary 6/5 | Wednesday and Friday   |
| Primary 6   | Tuesday and Thursday   |
| Primary 7a  | Monday and Wednesday   |
| Primary 7b  | Wednesday and Thursday |

**Please note that Primary 1 will not change for P.E. until after the September weekend - they do not require a change of clothes until then.**

## Staffing Update

This session we have welcomed some new members of staff to our school:

- Mrs Wood - Primary 3a class teacher
- Miss Calierno - Primary 4 class teacher
- Miss Martin - Primary 5 class teacher
- Miss Buik - Primary 6 class teacher
- Miss Naheem - EAL teacher
- Ms Doig - Support for Learning Worker
- Ms MacMillan - Clerical Assistant (Wednesday)

We are delighted to have them join our fantastic team!

Mr Coyle has decided to retire and has definitely earned the right to relax and put his feet up. His last day with us will be Wednesday 3rd September. We wish him all the best for a long and healthy retirement and thank him for his many years of service to our school.

## Diary Dates for September

|                     |                                                                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1st September       | Primary 7a/7b<br>Meet the Teacher at 2:30pm                               |
| 2nd September       | Primary 7a to Thornliebank Library                                        |
| 2nd September       | ESOL Class for Parents/Carers in School Library (course is now full)      |
| 2nd September       | Primary 6 and 6/5<br>Meet the Teacher at 2:30pm                           |
| 3rd September       | Primary 5<br>Meet the Teacher at 2:30pm                                   |
| 4th September       | Primary 4 and 5/4<br>Meet the Teacher at 2:30pm                           |
| 5th September       | Primary 6, 7a and 7b to First Friday Mass at St. Vincent's Church at 10am |
| 8th September       | Primary 5/4<br>Class Assembly at 2:00pm                                   |
| 8th September       | Primary 3a/3b<br>Meet the Teacher at 2:30pm                               |
| 9th September       | Primary 7b to Thornliebank Library                                        |
| 9th September       | Primary 2a<br>Meet the Teacher at 2:30pm                                  |
| 10th September      | Primary 2b<br>Meet the Teacher at 2:30pm                                  |
| 16th September      | Flu Immunisations                                                         |
| 16th September      | Primary 6 to Thornliebank Library                                         |
| 22nd September      | Primary 5<br>Class Assembly at 2:00pm                                     |
| 25th September      | Feast of St. Vincent de Paul Celebrations - more details to follow        |
| 26th/29th September | September Weekend - HOLIDAY                                               |
| 30th September      | Primary 6/5 to Thornliebank Library                                       |

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## Head Lice

Some parents/carers have made us aware that their children have recently had head lice. This is a very common condition in children and it is highly contagious if untreated. It is also incredibly uncomfortable for children due to how itchy their scalp becomes. Please be extra vigilant and check your child/ren regularly to minimise the spread of this. Further advice can be found on the NHS website:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/head-lice-and-nits/>

## Allergies

Please note that we have some children in school with severe nut allergies. Therefore, **we are a nut free school**. This means that no child or adult can bring nuts into the school building. Please ensure that your child's snack and packed lunch, where applicable, do not include any products that contain nuts. I appreciate your support with this to ensure that all of our children are safe and happy in school.



## Annual Data Checks

We have now moved over to an electronic system for updating your child's details on their file. This is part of our commitment to reducing our use of paper and to ensure your information is kept as secure as possible. You should have already received an email asking you to login and check/update your details. Thank you to those who have already done so. If you haven't as yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. Mrs Hayes, Ms MacMillan and Mrs Henderson in the school office are available to support you if you have any queries.

## A Big Thank You

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Milligan's husband, Mr Milligan, for his very generous donation to our school. At the start of this session, he donated 6 new footballs and a storage bag to us. These will be an excellent addition to our P.E. equipment and our children will benefit greatly from them over the course of this session and beyond. We are very lucky to have people who think of us and donate resources that our children can have access to. Thank you Mr Milligan!

## Free Bus Travel

All children and young people aged 5 - 21 years of age can now travel by bus, free of charge, by applying for a National Entitlement Card (NEC Card). Further information about the free bus pass scheme is available via the following websites <https://freebus.scot/> and <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/young-glasgow/young-scot>. Please apply to ensure you and your child/ren are not missing out on this opportunity.