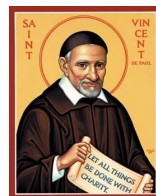




St Vincent's Primary Newsletter



September 2025

From the Head Teacher's desk:

As we approach the end of September and the end of Term 1, I have lots to share with you. We have been very busy in St. Vincent's!

Over the last couple of weeks, we welcomed many parents/carers into our classrooms for our "Meet the Teacher" events. Thank you to all of you who managed to come along. The children are always so excited to have you in the building and to get the opportunity to share their learning with you. I hope you found this experience useful and that any questions you had about the year ahead were answered.

Primary 6, 7a and 7b attended First Friday Mass at St. Vincent's Church on 12th September. The whole school also attended Mass on 25th September to celebrate our Patron, St. Vincent de Paul's Feast Day. On both occasions, our children were a credit to our school, demonstrating respect and reverence at all times. Primary 6/5, 5 and 5/4 will be attending First Friday Mass this Friday, 3rd October.

Two Primary 7 pupils attended the Schools Forum and another two Primary 7 pupils attended the Anti-Racism Conversations event this month. Both of these events were held in the City Chambers. The children involved will attend these themed events throughout this school session. They represented our school extremely well, having a say in the future of education in Glasgow.

Mr McLennan has now completed football trials for Primary 5-7. There was an incredible amount of interest in joining our school team which is fabulous. Our first tournament at Nethercraigs was a great success. Mr McLennan accompanied the team who won 2/6 games and drew 2/6. I'm sure the team will continue to build on this success as the year progresses. Weekly training will continue to run on Thursdays, 3-4pm.

This session we are continuing our partnership with Thornliebank Library and our weekly visits are already up and running. Primary 7a, 7b and 6/5 have enjoyed their trips this month and all classes will get the opportunity to visit before Christmas. Please see dates for your child's class overleaf.

We have had a very successful first term and we are looking forward to term 2!

Catrina Wishart Head Teacher

Class Assemblies

This month, Primary 5/4 and 5 started our Class Assemblies. These are an opportunity for classes to share their learning with their family and friends. Primary 5/4 provided a very informative input around Internet Safety and Primary 5 shared their learning around Forces, during their Science topic. The effort they put in was excellent and they set the bar very high for our other 11 classes who will also get the opportunity to share their learning throughout the year.

Please take note of the relevant date for your child/ren's class; all assemblies will start at 2pm.

Class	Date
Primary 1a	18th May
Primary 1b	1st June
Primary 2a	16th March
Primary 2b	2nd March
Primary 3a	27th October
Primary 3b	23rd February
Primary 4	19th January
Primary 6/5	10th November
Primary 6	2nd February
Primary 7a	24th November
Primary 7b	27th April



Class Assembly

Sacraments

Some of our children will be preparing this session to make one of their Sacraments. Please take note of the dates and times below.

- ◆ Reconciliation (P3) - Thursday 19th March at 6pm
- ◆ Confirmation (P7) - Tuesday 28th April at 7pm
- ◆ First Communion (P4) - Saturday 16th May at 11am

We have a number of beautiful First Communion dresses and some accessories that have kindly been donated to our school and are in excellent condition. These will be available to look at on Parents' Night. Equally, if you would like to look at them before then, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Diary Dates for October

3rd October	Primary 6/5, 5 and 5/4 to First Friday Mass at St. Vincent's Church at 10am
6th October	2 x Primary 7 pupils to Schools Forum at City Chambers
6th October	Term 1 House Points Winners Announced
6th October	Nethercraigs Football Tournament at 3:30pm
7th October	Primary 5 to Thornliebank Library
8th October	Parents' Evening - appointments will be issued 1st October
9th October	Primary 1 Photographs for Glasgow Times Feature (full uniform)
10th October	In-Service Day (School closed to pupils)
13th-17th October	October Week (Holidays)
20th October	School re-opens for Term 2
21st October	Primary 5 to Thornliebank Library
27th October	Primary 3a Class Assembly
28th October	Primary 4 to Thornliebank Library



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Book Week Scotland - 17th-21st November

We will be organising a number of events during Book Week Scotland this year. We would be delighted if some of our parents/carers would be willing to come and read to our children in their mother tongue. If this is something that you would be willing to do, please complete the glow form at the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/SfQx8vgHnF>



Welcome Father Byrne!

As you will be aware, Fr Hill retired as Parish Priest of St. Vincent's Church on Friday 19th September. Fr Byrne has now taken up the post of Parish Priest and we are delighted to welcome him as our new School Chaplain. Fr Byrne visited our school on Monday 22nd September and got the chance to meet our children whilst touring the school and going into our classes. We also had the opportunity to attend Mass with him on Thursday 25th September. We are looking forward to working with him lots as he settles into his new role.

St. Vincent's Church - Mass Times

Please note the following changes to Mass times at St. Vincent's Church:

Vigil (Saturday) – 6:00pm
Sunday – 9:15am, 10:45am
Latin (Sunday) – 12:00 noon



Attendance

Attendance is a priority for Glasgow City Council and for St. Paul's Learning Community. Please see the infographic attached to the email with this newsletter which has been produced to encourage attendance at school everyday.

We understand that there are occasions where your child will be too unwell to attend school but it is important that absences are reported using the Pupil Absence Line (details in opposite column).

The council's target for attendance is 95% and our school attendance rate is currently 90.2% with 107 of our children having an absence rate of over 10% already this session. Let's work together to improve these statistics and give our children every opportunity to thrive and learn at school!