



"We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you to the whole of the school community for the incredible support you have given the school throughout this year. Parent participation in events such as curriculum meetings, volunteers and parent consultations have increased significantly, which has been wonderful to see. Your involvement truly enriches our school community. Thank you!

This year, our school successfully transitioned into DOWAT (Diocese of Westminster Academy Trust) Staff have begun collaborating with colleagues across other schools within the Trust, creating exciting new opportunities to enhance the learning experiences for all our children.

One of our key aims this year was to continue developing enrichment opportunities for our pupils, and I am pleased to report that we have achieved this in abundance. This is something I feel passionately about, and I will continue to ensure that the personal development of every child remains a priority. I would like to thank all the staff who have given up their own time to be able to provide extra curricular activities and support activities out of school hours. They are an amazing team who continuously go over and above for our children and families.

We have celebrated many successes this year including sporting events, choir performances, workshops, trips, and visits. Many of our children have excelled out of school in competitions across dance, music, and sports – a testament to their hard work and talent. We thank them for sharing these in Assemblies and we look forward to finding out and celebrating Summer holiday Achievements too.

Polite Reminder

Please ensure everyone remains polite and respectful when entering and leaving the school, especially in congested areas such as the slope and area around the back of Year 6. Please give way to those who have been waiting.



Dates

Due to joining the Academy Trust, please note two additional dates for your diary: DoWAT insets **5th January 2026** and **13th April 2026 (no pupils in school)**.

We endeavour to keep our school calendar as closely aligned with St John Henry Newman Catholic School as possible.

Car Parking

Due to an increased number of staff vehicles, the school car park is now reserved for staff only. Breakfast club drop-offs will continue as usual, but parking is limited to staff only. Thank you for your understanding. Further parking details are included in the attached Parent Handbook.

Uniform

Ahead of buying new uniform for September please do check the uniform requirements, in the Parent Handbook attached.

Friend of St Vincent de Paul

I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Friends of St Vincent de Paul (formerly PSA) for all their hard work and boundless energy. Their incredible dedication has helped raise a staggering £10,000, which is truly inspiring. The events they have organised have provided fun for the whole community and a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come together. With a little more fund raising we are hoping to raise enough to put towards an exciting project to revamp our Early Years Outdoor Learning Area, creating a vibrant and engaging space for our young learners. Thank you once again for your unwavering support and commitment! Please do get involved next year.

Retirements

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr John Sloan, our Chair of Governors, who has retired after many years of service at both St Margaret Clitherow and here at St Vincent de Paul school. We wish him a restful retirement and thank him for his invaluable contributions.

I also extend our heartfelt appreciation to Mrs Glover, Mr Jennings and Miss Worthington who are all retiring this year. They have shown great dedication, hard work and ongoing support to so many children over the years. They will certainly be missed and I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best in their retirement and look forward to hearing about their adventures.

Welcome:

Finally, please join me in welcoming Ms Lyttle and Miss Price to our teaching team, and Mrs Abina to our support staff team. We are excited to have them join our school community.



Staff

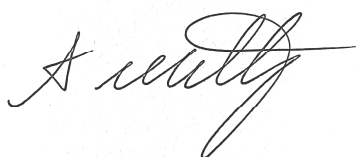
I want to take a moment to say a sincere thank you to all of our incredible staff. Their dedication, support for one another and shared commitment to our vision makes this school a truly special place. They consistently go above and beyond, not only for our children and families but also for each other - and that's what makes them such a strong and united team. I'm so proud to work with such an amazing group of people.

At our end-of-year Tea Party last week we celebrated Long Service Awards for 9 staff members, all have been working at St Vincents for 25 years or more, some as much as 35 years. The cumulative years between them is a staggering 255! Congratulations to Mrs Bailey, Mrs Farrelly, Mrs Fasina, Miss Foley, Mrs Hargrave, Mr Jennings, Mrs Lorimer, Mrs Mooney and Mrs Unwin.

Thank you to each and every parent and carer, once again for your continued support.

Wishing and your families a wonderful peaceful summer break.

With best wishes,



Mrs A Whitty
Headteacher

Please find attached the Wednesday Word Link for the Summer Booklet
[Summer Holiday Special - Magazine - Page 1](#)

A Prayer for the Summer Holidays *For Children and Their Families*

Dear Jesus,
Thank You for the school year that has ended—
for all we've learned,
the friends we've made,
and the ways we've grown.

Now that summer is here,
we thank You for the sunshine, the playtime, and the rest.
Please bless our families with joy and peace.
Keep us safe in our travels,



kind in our words,
and grateful for every new day.

Help us remember to talk to You in prayer,
to notice Your beauty in nature,
and to share Your love with others—
at home, at the park, or anywhere we go.

May we come back to school in the autumn
refreshed, happy, and ready to learn again.
Until then, walk with us each day, Lord Jesus.
We love You and trust You always.

Amen. 🌻

Mary, Mother of Jesus, pray for us.
St. Joseph, protector of families, pray for us.
All our Guardian Angels, watch over us

