



"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,

My goal this year is to keep you more up to date on the life and goings on in school, so here is Newsletter No 2!

Catholic Social Teaching

This half term, our Catholic Social Teaching focus is *Care of Creation*. We have challenged the children to put their faith into action. Each class has made their own pledge and will share them with the school during assembly, why not ask your child about their pledge and see if you can support them to carry this out at home too.

Monitoring

Last week the Senior Leadership Team carried out a *children's book look* across the school. We were so impressed with the quality of work in the children's books, the progress they are making and the pride they are taking in their learning. Well done everyone such a great start to the year!

Internet Fame

Mrs Peters has become an internet success by putting together a helpful recording of the week's phonics lessons, known as *Phonics Friday*. If you are a parent of a reception child or just want to brush up on your phonic knowledge, then we encourage you to watch this and support your child at home. These recordings are a great reminder for all parents, whatever the age of your child. They are only a few minutes long but will get trickier as the weeks go on. They can be found on 'X' (formerly Twitter) [@stvincentdepaul \(@svdp_school\) /X](https://twitter.com/stvincentdepaul) and will be sent out to Reception parents.

PE Update

Last week, I had the privilege of taking 10 children to *Sports Leader Training*. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school and the best behaved of all the schools there! The children learnt how to be great leaders, took part in activities and then discovered how to adapt these games to make them easier or harder. I challenged them to bring these new skills back to school. Well they certainly did just that! They are now leading lunchtime sporting activities on Fridays for different groups of children. Well done to our *Sports Leaders*!

We would also like to warmly welcome **Mr Miah**, our new sports coach, who will be working with us on Monday afternoons, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Please do say hello if you see him around school.



St Vincent de Paul Feast Day

Across the school, children have been practising their singing in preparation for our whole school Mass on Friday, when Years 2–6 will come together to celebrate the *Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul*. This will be a very special occasion, with celebrations and activities taking place across all classes throughout the day. We will end the day with our International Celebration, where our whole school community is invited to come together and celebrate our many nationalities and cultures that make our school so special. Please do come along after school to support us and of course it's not too late to take part! Just contact mcurry@stvincent.herts.sch.uk

You might like to set up a table, share a traditional costume, dance, or sing. Last years event was a roaring success, let's see if we can go one better! Please pray for dry weather, as we are hoping to make use of our outdoor areas! If the weather is not on our side, we will be setting up in the main hall, library and corridor area.

Friends of St Vincent de Paul School

Finally, a huge thank you to the *Friends of St Vincent de Paul*, Mrs Mooney and my Year 6 helpers who organised and ran the second-hand uniform sale on Friday. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing **£239.68**, which will go towards updating the Early Years outdoor learning area.

Updates

Please continue to check the weekly *Pupil Posts* for updates on what's happening in school. If you have friends or family with children due to start Nursery or Reception in **September 2026**, our school applications are now open, please spread the word, everyone is welcome.

As always, a huge thank you for all your continued support.



Alexandra Whitty
Headteacher

**God of hope,
Bless all people and embrace us with your abundant grace for working
together in the journey to heal the earth.
We pray for your wisdom, sympathy and creativity to take meaningful actions with
a shared vision for the common good of all creation.
In the precious name of Jesus Christ,
Amen.**

By Naw Ohnmar Shwe, Gaia Organization, Myanmar



Key Dates

Dates	Class	Event	Time
23 rd September	Whole school	Photographs	Siblings after school
24 th September	Y5 /Y6	Cross Country Team – Competition	12:30pm -2:30pm
26 th September	Y2 – Y6	Whole School Mass (pupils only)	am
		SVdP celebration	After school
1 st October	Whole School	Friends of SVdP 'Bags for Schools'	Drop off - am
2 nd October	Y5 Miss Price	Science workshop	During school day
3 rd October	Y6	Cake Sale	After school
10 th October	Y3	Mass at St Joseph's	9:30am Parents welcome
20 th October	Y6	PGL Residential Trip	
22 nd October	Y5 Miss Price	Science Trip – Link to industry	
24 th October	Y6	Mass at St Joseph's	9:30am Parents welcome
27th October until 31st October	Whole school	Half Term	
3rd November	Whole school	Back to School	
6 th November	Whole school	Open Morning Parents to come in and share children's work with their child. Books available in Breakfast club for those attending Breakfast Club	8:30am -9:10am

