



"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,

As we come to the end of this half term, I would like to start by thanking all the children and staff for their hard work and dedication. We have had several visitors in school recently, including school advisors, DOWAT Directors and visiting prospective parents for September 2026. I have received so many positive comments around the calm, fun and purposeful learning environment here at our school. 2 different advisors noted that our children are happy, polite, and well-behaved, which is something we can all be proud of. Well done everyone!

Year 6 Residential Trip

Our Year 6 children returned yesterday from their two-night residential trip, where they had a wonderful (if slightly wet!) few days. Their behaviour, enthusiasm and support for one another was fantastic throughout.

A huge thank you to Mr Crump, Miss Freitas, Miss Mossop, Mrs Mooney and Mrs Glover (who kindly came out of retirement for the trip) for giving up their own time and leaving their own families so the children could have this amazing experience. A lot of fun was had by all. They were all great representatives of our school. Thank you!

DoWAT Trust

As you are aware, we are now part of DoWAT (Diocese of Westminster Academy Trust). This half term, we have been working closely with other schools in the Trust, sharing our good practice and learning from others.

You will soon receive an email requesting new consent for your child's image to be used for joint school and Trust publicity or media. Please note that these images are always kept anonymous and are a wonderful way to celebrate the amazing learning taking place across our schools. This is an additional consent and does not replace or affect any previous permissions you have already given, so please keep an eye out for the email from Arbor.



Looking Ahead – Advent and Christmas

I am delighted to announce that the children's favourite time of year is fast approaching! Next half term will be full of excitement as we prepare for Advent and Christmas. Please can we remind families that all holidays, trips, and visits should be scheduled during school holidays. Term-time absences can have a significant negative impact on children's learning and, in many cases, their friendships. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Parent Information Sessions

Thank you to all the parents who attended our recent Phonics Information Session. It was fantastic to see so many of you take the time to learn more about how to support your child's learning. There will be further curriculum events throughout the year, and I strongly encourage you to come along, these sessions are full of useful information and make a real difference to your child's education. As you know, I am a huge advocate of working together for the benefit of every child.

Open Morning

The children are always very excited to share their work with you at our Open Morning on Thursday **6th November**. Doors will open slightly earlier at **8:30am and close at 9:10am**. (children will have access to their books in Breakfast Club)

This will give you time to visit your child's classroom and celebrate their learning. Please remember you DO NOT need to stay for the full amount of time. Children must remain in their own class and not accompany parents to visit siblings' classrooms. Thank you for your understanding.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place on:

- Tuesday 11th November from 3:30pm – 5:30pm
- Wednesday 12th November from 2:00pm – 6:00pm

Please look out for communication from the school office to book your appointment. Only Year 6 children should accompany parents to these meetings. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dates

Poppies on sale	3 rd November	All week
Open Morning	6 th November	8:30am -9:10am
Y5 Mass	7 th November	9:30am
Reception PE workshop	10 th November	
Y6 Money workshop	10 th November	
Remembrance Day	11 th November	10:50am



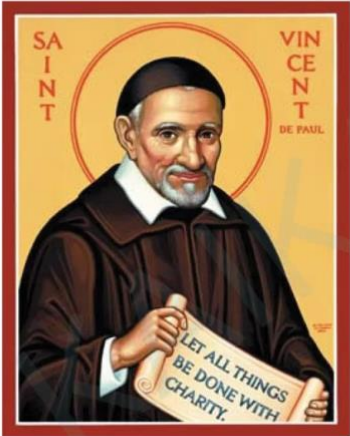
Y4 Mass	14 th November	9.30am
Y6 Class Assembly	21 st November	
Y3 Mass	21 st November	9:30am
Y3 & 4 Cinema Trip	26 th November	
INSET Day – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL	28th November	
Reconciliation Y4,5,6	4 th December	
Y5 Advent Assembly	5 th December	2:30pm
Rec Carol Concert	8 th December	2:30pm
Nursery Nativity	9 th December	10:45am
Christmas Dinner Day	10 th December	
Christmas Jumper Day	10 th December	
Y5 Panto at Nobel School	11 th December	
Y1 & Y2 Nativity	12 th December	9:30am & 2pm
Advent Reflection (Pupils only)	17 th December	
End of term	19 th December	2:00pm

I really do appreciate all your continued support. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back next half term.



Mrs A Whitty
Headteacher

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL PRAYER



Tender God, refuge of the poor,
You filled Vincent de Paul with the
strength of the apostles to work for
the salvation of the poor and the
instruction of the clergy. May we
who follow the example of his life
be driven by unceasing charity to
continue the mission of Your Son
in the world. We ask this through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.

Amen



