



A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the Spring half-term, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Our whole school attendance has risen to 93% this term, and we are grateful to you for ensuring your children are in school, on time, and ready to learn each day. Good attendance makes a real difference, and we are pleased to see our steady improvement.

It has been a wonderfully busy and successful half-term. We were also delighted to receive a letter from Bridget Phillipson, Secretary of State for Education, commending our Summer 2025 SATs outcomes — particularly the strong achievement of vulnerable pupils in our school. This recognition is a testament to the hard work of our staff, the determination of our pupils, and the partnership we share with you as parents and carers. We are incredibly proud of what our children continue to achieve.

Alongside this academic success, our pupils have benefited from a wide range of enriching experiences. Year 3 represented the school brilliantly at a poetry slam; Years 5 and 6 deepened their understanding of Ancient Greece during their visit to the British Museum; Year 6 enjoyed ice skating at Canary Wharf; and pupils across Key Stage 2 competed in chess and football tournaments. We are very proud of the enthusiasm, confidence and sportsmanship shown throughout.

This half term has also seen exciting changes to our after-school provision. We are proud to now offer a wide range of clubs free of charge, as part of our commitment to widening enrichment opportunities for all pupils. These experiences help to develop confidence, teamwork, creativity and resilience, and it has been wonderful to see so many children take part. Clubs will remain the same next half term, with a further opportunity to sign up after Easter.

This year, Ash Wednesday falls during the half-term break, marking the beginning of Lent — a special time of reflection, preparation and renewal in the Church's year. When we return, we will reflect together on how we can grow in faith as we journey towards Easter. Earlier this week, I emailed home The Wednesday Word, which I warmly encourage you to explore as a family as we enter this Lenten season. Wishing you all a restful and happy half-term.

Miss Nottage

Prayer at Home

In our daily lives, we often rush from one task to the next — school, work, activities, homework. In the middle of all this busyness, God gently invites us to slow down and spend time with Him.

Prayer doesn't have to be long or complicated. It can be a quiet thank you before bed, a quick prayer for help before a challenge, or a moment of silence together as a family. When we pray, we are building a relationship with God. Just like any friendship, it grows stronger when we make time for it.

Jesus often stepped away from the crowds to pray. He showed us that speaking to God gives us peace, strength and guidance for whatever lies ahead.

"Be still, and know that I am God."

— Psalm 46:10

Reflect together as a family:

- When during the day could we pause for a short prayer together?
- What worries or hopes can we share with God this week?
- How does prayer help us feel calm and supported?

Prayer:

Lord,
Help us to find quiet moments to speak with You each day.
When life feels busy or overwhelming,
remind us to pause and be still in Your presence.
Fill our hearts with peace,
guide our thoughts,
and help our family grow closer to You.
Amen.



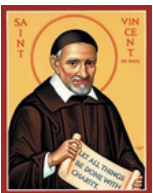
Attendance



Year 5/6 - St Edmund Campion Class = 91%



Year 5/6 - St Thomas Aquinas Class = 92%



Year 3/4 - St Vincent de Paul Class = 95%



Year 2/3 - St Peter & St Paul Class = 94%



Year 1 - St Francis Class = 93%



St John Class = 97%

Reception - St Anne Class = 96%

Nursery - St Anne Class = 85%

Attendance

We are delighted to share some very positive news about attendance this term. Since returning in January, every class has improved their attendance, and we couldn't be prouder of the effort shown by our pupils and families.

Strong attendance is one of the biggest factors in children making excellent progress. When children are in school consistently, they build confidence, strengthen friendships, and keep up with their learning without gaps. It has been wonderful to see classrooms full, focused and ready to learn each day.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your children arrive on time and attend school regularly. Your partnership makes a real difference.

A gentle reminder that while minor coughs and colds are common at this time of year, children are usually well enough to attend school. We do have basic medication available for minor ailments and will always contact you if your child becomes too unwell to remain in school.

Let's keep this positive momentum going as we move further into the term — together we can make attendance a real strength across our whole school community.

If you need any support or advice regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

School Target = 96%

100% attendance for the week?

You could win a £5  voucher!

Golden Ticket

WINNERS



Well done to our recent Golden Ticket Winners who have each won a £5 Amazon Voucher!

A reminder that all children with 100% attendance for the week (Thursday-Thursday) are entered into our prize draw each Friday morning.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



Eight Year 6 boys represented the school in a local football tournament against five other schools. The team emerged **victorious, winning the final** match on penalties, and will now progress to the final stages of the competition in the summer term.

POETRY SLAM



Year 3 proudly performed their poetry at the Tower Hamlets Poetry Slam today!

We enjoyed listening to inspiring poets and talented pupils from other local schools. Every child received a certificate to celebrate their hard work, and one of our pupils even won a trophy and a poetry book for the funniest line—what an achievement! We are super proud of them all!

MOMENTS OF THE WEEK!





Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate between the January & March:

Ayla Dogjani

Arthur Palmer Harrison

Sonny Goodchild

Leona Velli

Kyanna Woodroffe-Rozier

Zaire Mfumu

John Lee

Adonai Ashong

Harry Goodchild

Max Lee

Marta Tekle

Jack Chilvers Smith

Frankie Saunders

Cristina Ford

Mia-Robin Meggie

Emori Smith



Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 4th March

Y3/4 Bowling Competition

Friday 6th March

Y5/6 St Edmund Ragged Museum

Monday 9th March

Y6 Maths League

Friday 12th March

Y5/6 St Thomas Aquinas Ragged Museum

Tuesday 17th March

Y3/4 Football Competition

Friday 27th March

Easter Holidays Begin at 1pm

1st - 30th April

Autism Awareness Month

