

St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School

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A stormy start to the week's weather has brought us somewhat breezily to the end of the first half of the spring term. I can't think of a better way to finish off the term than with a **LOVEly assembly** given by the **Reception** children this morning!

We offer our congratulations to **Jasmine** in **Year 5** who has been named **Junior Police Cadet for the Borough**. She will attend a special ceremony during the half-term break. Well done, Jasmine! It's really pleasing to hear about our pupil's successes in the wider community. If you have reason to celebrate an achievement, be sure to let us know so that it can be included here.

In staffing news, we congratulate **Mrs Jackson**, our Year 1 teacher, who is expecting a **baby** in July.

This week, we marked the annual **Safer Internet Day** in school. Please reinforce these important safety messages with your child by being aware of their internet use, particularly when using their own smart devices.

When we return after half-term, the season of **Lent** will begin. Parents are warmly invited to join us for the distribution of ash-
es on **Wednesday 26th February at 9:30am**. Have a wonderful half-term break, Mr Scott Cree



February Prayer Focus:

Mary Immaculate

<https://www.svpcatholicprimary.org/parents>

Mon 24 Feb	Term 4 begins at 8:55am
Mon 24 Feb	Year 4 visiting Tate Britain
Wed 26 Feb	Ash Wednesday service, 9.30am, Hall
Thur 27 Feb	PTFA meeting, 9am, Chapel
Thur 27 Feb	Swimming Gala
Fri 28 Feb	Year 4 assembly, 9.05am, Hall

Attendance (*96% is the minimum expected)

Year	%
Year 3	99.0
Year 2	97.5
Year 1	97.0
Year 4	96.1
Year 6	94.8
Reception	94.7
Year 5	94.6
Well done Year 3!	

This Week's **GOLD** Awards

Year	Pupil
Nursery	Justina
Reception	Hector
Year 1	Zoe
Year 2	Oliver
Year 3	Luca
Year 4	Gabriel
Year 5	Jasmine
Year 6	Kai
Playground	Millie (KS1) Abigail (KS2)

CONGRATULATIONS!



YEAR 5 PRESENT THEIR WORK AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE



Following their recent special visit to the M.O.D., Year 5 pupils explain what it was all about:

"I wrote a poem in class about war and conflict. I read it to an audience of very important people at the Ministry of Defence. I was nervous, but when I went up I felt confident." (Jake)

"We wrote our poems with Clive, an ex-soldier. He showed us some examples of children and people affected by war and conflict and this inspired us with our writing. We met the Admiral of the Royal Navy and I even spoke to the Queen's secretary on the telephone!" (Honorina)

"I already knew about Never Such Innocence and that's why they asked our school to come. I wrote a song and also a poem which I performed. Never Such Innocence is a charity for people who are in danger caused by war. It was an amazing experience to visit the Ministry of Defence, but the security was very high!"

"Your students were a credit to your school and a pleasure to work with. We were so pleased they could take part...I look forward to working with you again in the future." (Will, *Never Such Innocence*) <https://www.neversuchinnocence.com/>



'Together for a better internet'

Safer Internet Day 2020 was celebrated around the world on Tuesday 11th February 2020. At St Vincent de Paul we continue to promote safe and responsible use of the internet. The global theme this year was **'together for a better internet'** and **this year in the UK the focus was on how young people explore and express their identity online. Everyone** has their part to play in making the internet a better place, including **you!**

Have a look at the tips and links below with some suggestions on how to get you started and help you to stay safe and positive online: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer> All children are invited to create a poster/powerpoint about their online identity and what they have learnt this week. The plan is to create a display about how the school is working together for a better internet, where we can have fun but be safe. Copies of Internet Matters, a magazine for parents/carers, is available in the reception foyer.

School Meal cost for the Spring term (7th January—3rd April) is:

£129.80

Please arrange payment via Parent Pay. Thank you.

