



St Veronica's Weekly Newsletter

Not just a school; a family.

Welcome to our weekly newsletter!

5th
JAN
2026

Welcome back to school and a very Happy New Year to all our wonderful pupils, families, and staff! I hope you have all had a peaceful and joyful festive season, filled with love and blessings.

As we begin this new half term, I am reminded of how truly special it is to be part of God's family here at St Veronica's. Just as each of us is unique and cherished by God, so too are we all an important part of our school family. Together, we support, care for, and celebrate one another, living out our mission to be kind, respectful, and inclusive every day.

I am really looking forward to the exciting term ahead. It promises to be a busy and vibrant time, especially with the arrival of our pop-up pool very soon! This wonderful addition will offer fantastic opportunities for learning, fun, and growing in confidence.

Thank you all for being part of this caring, friendly community.

With every blessing for a happy, healthy, and successful term,

Mrs Cawtherley

Sunday 4th January

Gospel: John 1: 1-18

This Sunday is the Second Sunday after Christmas.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about how Jesus was made man and came to live among us. One of the beautiful truths of Christ is how He allows us to be part of God's family. We are adopted as children of the most holy Heavenly king, which is reason to rejoice and be glad!

Regardless of blood relations or appearances, we can know we are brothers and sisters in Jesus.

We also celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany on Tuesday 6th, where we remember when the Three Kings, having followed the star, arrived at the stable in Bethlehem to visit Jesus.



Each week, we celebrate some of our shining stars in our Praise Assembly!

We have added a new award each Friday - a Mission Award for those children whom staff have witnessed embodying our Mission Statement.

Golden Book

Mission Award

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Y1

Y2

Y3

Y4

Y5

Y6

*No Praise and Mission Assembly
this week*

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

MON 15	TUE 16	WED 17	THUR 18	FRI 19
- Gospel Assembly - Gift Team to St Mary's Church - Year 5 and Year 3 Forest School	- Feast of the Epiphany - Year of Reading Launch Bring your favourite book to school - Guitar lessons - Year 6 booster session	- Intervention forest school - Reception Class Local Walk	- Reception Stay & Pray @9am - Year 4 and Year 2 Forest School - Ukulele lessons - Rock Steady	Praise Assembly
LUNCHES				
- Big Brunch - Tomato Pasta - Jacket potato	- Beef Nachos - Butter Pie - Jacket potato	- Roast Chicken Dinner - Tomato Pasta - Jacket Potato	- Beef Burger - Mac n Cheese - Jacket potato	- Fish fingers & chips - Pizza - Sandwiches

The National Year of Reading 2026

The National Year of Reading 2026 is a UK-wide campaign dedicated to making reading a part of daily life for people of all ages. Its main goal is to encourage reading for pleasure, strengthen literacy skills, and inspire communities to connect through books and stories. Building on the first National Year of Reading in 2008, the 2026 initiative aims to tackle modern literacy challenges—like the influence of technology and the literacy gap among disadvantaged groups. Throughout the year, there may be events such as author visits, storytelling sessions, book fairs, and online reading groups.

Epiphany with a twist

On Tuesday 6th January, in place of the usual Toy Day, we are inviting every child to bring in a favourite book to school to share with other children, we are hoping to capitalise on each child's enthusiasm to encourage others to read more books for pleasure.

Pop-up Pool

Starting on Wednesday 28th January every child will take part in swimming lessons in our pop-up pool. The pool will be located in the car park.

More details will follow.

Reception children have been sent an electronic form to complete (via email) regarding their child's swimming ability, please complete this as soon as possible.

Bikeability

Year 5 and Year 6 will take part in Bikeability next week - children must be registered for this as soon as possible. Please contact Mrs Cawtherley or the school office if you have not registered your child or if your child needs to borrow a bike and/or helmet.

Children's Liturgy at St Mary's Church

On the first Sunday of every month, at St Mary's Church, at 10am Mass, there is a children's liturgy group where young children are invited to work with a leader on a Gospel theme. Children's Liturgy is during Mass, adults may accompany their children or the children can go independently.

It would be lovely to see St Veronica's children at Mass and enjoying Children's Liturgy. There is also a Coffee Morning after Mass on the first Sunday of every month.

Future Children Liturgy dates are:

Sunday 1st February 2026

Sunday 1st March 2026

Sunday 5th April 2026

Sunday 3rd May 2026

Attendance
5 - 9 Jan

Reception ✨
100%

Year 1
98.9%

Year 2
97.7%

Year 3
93.5%

Year 4
100%

Year 5
96.5%

Year 6
98.1%

If you need any help, feel free to contact school.

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After School Club

Early Bird Club

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Future dates for your diary

January and February 2026

Mon 5th Jan

School re-opens



Tue 6th Jan

The Feast of the Epiphany.
National Year of Reading Launch.



Wed 7th Jan

Reception Local Walk



**Mon 12th & Tue
13th Jan**

Year 5 Bikeability Course



**Wed 14th & Thu
15th Jan**

Year 6 Bikeability Course



Thu 15th Jan

Year 4 Stay and Pray @ 9am



Thu 22nd Jan

Year 5 Stay and Pray @ 9am



Thu 29th Jan

Year 6 Stay and Pray @ 9am



Thu 5th Feb

Year 3 Stay and Pray @ 9am



**Wed 28th Jan -
Tue 10th Feb**

School swimming lessons in our Pop-up-Pool



Sun 1st Feb

Children's Liturgy & Coffee Morning at 10am Mass - St Mary's



Thu 12th Feb

Year 2 Stay and Pray @ 9am



**Mon 16th - Fri
20th Feb**

Half Term Break