



St Veronica's Weekly Newsletter

Not just a school; a family.

Welcome to our weekly newsletter!

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2026

A warm welcome to the second newsletter of 2026! We want to begin by sincerely thanking all our parents and carers for your incredible cooperation and understanding during what has been a challenging start to the term due to the recent flooding at our school.

There were two areas of the school that were affected by the flood. Thanks to the swift and dedicated efforts of our staff, contractors and cleaning teams, the clean-up has been very successful. The dehumidifiers are working hard to restore the environment and we are hopeful that within the next few weeks, we will be able to begin the much-anticipated renovations and refurbishment of the affected areas to ensure they are safe and welcoming once again.

Despite these challenges, it has been a lovely start to the year. We were especially touched by the beautiful Stay and Pray session about the Epiphany, wonderfully delivered by our Reception Class. It was a joyful reminder of our school's spirit and community.

We are also excited to announce the start of our After School Clubs this week! Pupils can look forward to Cheerleading Club on Wednesdays, Construction and Gift Club on Mondays, Year 6 Booster Sessions on Tuesdays, and Art Club on Thursdays. Additionally, Dance sessions will be offered on Thursdays as part of the After School Club programme. We are also looking forward to Year 5 and 6 taking part in their two day Bikeability Course.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support as we continue to move forward together.

Best wishes

Mrs Cawtherley

Sunday 11th January

Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17

This Sunday we celebrate The Baptism of the Lord

The Gospel this weeks tells us that John the Baptist was reluctant to baptise Jesus, thinking it should be Jesus baptising him!

Jesus persisted and John baptised Jesus in the River Jordan.

As soon as Jesus was baptised, the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus like a dove.

Baptism is a way of showing that we belong to God. Jesus didn't need to be washed from sin, but He chose to be baptized to show us how important it is to follow God's ways. It was also the start of His mission to share God's love with the world.

The Baptism of Our Lord



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

R	Oliver
Y1	Charlie & Libby
Y2	Mallory
Y3	Edison & Grace
Y4	Lucy M & Evie
Y5	Inaaya & Noah
Y6	Tom & Harriet

Mission Award

Casey
Blake
Elijah
Lucas
Jacob
Eadie
Annie A

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

MON 12	TUE 13	WED 14	THUR 15	FRI 16
- Gospel Assembly - Year 5 and Year 3 Forest School - Year 5 Bikeability - Construction Club - Gift Club	- Guitar lessons - Year 5 Bikeability - Year 6 booster session	- Intervention Forest School - Year 6 Bikeability - Cheerleading Club	- Year 4 Stay and Pray @9am - Year 4 and Year 2 Forest School - Year 6 Bikeability - Ukulele Lessons - Rock Steady Lessons - Art Club	Praise & Mission Assembly
LUNCHES				
- Pizza Panini - Tomato Pasta - Jacket potato	- Chicken Goujons - Cheese Whirl - Jacket potato	- Sausage Roast Dinner - Tomato Pasta - Jacket Potato	- Spaghetti Bolognaise - Omelette & potatoes - Jacket potato	- Fish & chips - Pizza - Sandwiches

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. We are almost ready with the timetable and will share this with you soon. The pool will arrive around the 19th January and will take up a significant amount of space in the car park.

Year 4 Stay and Pray

This Thursday Year 4 will be delivering their Stay and Pray at 9am in the Year 4 classroom. Everyone is invited.

A friendly parking reminder

We understand that dropping off and picking up your children can sometimes be tricky, especially when it comes to finding parking close to school. We kindly ask all families to please avoid parking in the area just outside the car park gates, as this is private property rented by our neighbours. Even if you have a Disabled Badge, parking in this area is not permitted. To help keep everyone safe and to respect our neighbours, we encourage you to use the church car park instead, which offers a much safer and more convenient place to park.

Reading together: A Key to Success in 2026

As we celebrate the National Year of Reading 2026, St Veronica's is excited to make reading a top priority this year. We want to remind all parents—whether your child is in Reception, Year 5, Year 6, or anywhere in between—of the vital role you play in your child's reading journey.

Research consistently shows that children who are heard reading regularly at home make greater progress in their reading skills, vocabulary, and overall academic achievement. When you listen to your child read, you not only help improve their fluency and comprehension but also build their confidence and foster a lifelong love of books.

Even older pupils benefit greatly from this support. Hearing your Year 5 or Year 6 child read aloud encourages deeper understanding of more complex texts and helps them develop critical thinking skills essential for secondary school and beyond. At St Veronica's, we are committed to supporting your child's reading development. We encourage you to set aside a little time each day to share books, discuss stories, and celebrate reading successes together. Your involvement makes a powerful difference!

Let's work together to make 2026 a year of fantastic reading achievements for all our pupils!

Attendance 5 – 9 Jan

Reception ✨
92.7%

Year 1
89.6%

Year 2
95.5%

Year 3
83.3%

Year 4
81%

Year 5
98.7%

Year 6
100%

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

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Future dates for your diary

January & February 2026



**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



**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 5th Feb

Year 3 Stay and Pray @ 9am



Thu 12th Feb

Year 2 Stay and Pray @ 9am



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

Half Term Break