



St Veronica's Weekly Newsletter

Not just a school; a family.

Welcome to our weekly newsletter!

19th
JAN
2026

Wow, what an exciting and action-packed week we've just enjoyed at St Veronica's!

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in their two-day Bikeability Course, and we couldn't be prouder! The instructors were full of praise, sharing that our children demonstrated outstanding behaviour, manners, and respect throughout. Well done Year 5 and Year 6 — you truly are a credit to our school community! Meanwhile, Forest School was buzzing with activity, albeit a bit wet and muddy! We hope parents managed to 'de-mud' their little explorers at home. Just a gentle reminder to ensure your child has a pair of wellies or boots for these sessions to keep them comfortable and ready for outdoor fun.

A big thank you to Year 4 for leading a beautiful Stay and Pray session this week. As part of our ongoing Worship journey, each class delivers a weekly Collective Worship, with Mrs Sullivan and Miss Walker supporting everyone to build confidence and skills for meaningful child-led worship. We'd love to see more parents joining these sessions — please do let us know if there's anything we can do to make attending easier for you.

On the facilities front, our refurbishment plan is well underway! Year 4 and Year 5 now have new external doors, enhancing the safety of our school, and new doors have also been installed in the hall. Over half term, work will continue on the roof and internal repairs from recent flooding. We're aiming to reopen the boys' KS2 toilets soon, followed by refurbishments to the school offices and Learning Lounge, along with some fresh internal painting. Busy times ahead! Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

Mrs Cawtherley

Sunday 18th January

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Sunday 18th January 2026 is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. During Ordinary Time the priest will wear green vestments and in school the altar cloths will be green. Green is a sign of life in nature and as such it represents growth, life and hope. Green is the colour worn most often during liturgies in Ordinary Time. It symbolises the graces that draw people into the life of God. Most of the Church's year is Ordinary Time.

In this week's Gospel reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and exclaims, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" This means that Jesus is special because He came to help us and forgive our mistakes. John tells everyone that Jesus is the Son of God, and he wants people to follow Him.



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	Molly & Amelia & Rosie L
Y1	Arthur & Rosie
Y2	Digby & Willow
Y3	Emilia-Rose & Erin
Y4	Harper & Muna
Y5	Olivia & Albie
Y6	Bella & Zach

Mission Award

Niamh
Jacob L
Benny
Kit
Himson
Max
Max T

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

MON 15	TUE 16	WED 17	THUR 18	FRI 19
- Gospel Assembly - Year 5 and Year 3 Forest School - Gift Club - Construction Club	- Guitar lessons - Year 6 Booster Session	- Intervention Forest School - Cheer Leading Club	- Year 5 Stay & Pray @9am - Year 4 and Year 2 Forest School - Art Club	Praise & Mission Assembly
LUNCHES				
- Meatballs & Rice - Salmon Fishcake - Jacket potato	- Mince & Dumplings - Tomato Pasta - Jacket potato	- Roast Chicken Dinner - Tomato Pasta - Jacket Potato	- Curry & Rice - Veggie Sausage Roll & Potatoes - Jacket potato	- Fish fingers & chips - Pizza - Sandwiches

Year 6 Booster Session

On Tuesday 27th January there is a Year 6 Glow Dodgeball Festival taking place and 12 Year 6 pupils have been randomly selected to take part. For that reason there will be **no** Booster Session on 27th January. Instead work will be set to be completed at home.

Year 5 Stay and Pray

This Thursday Year 5 will be delivering their Stay and Pray at 9am in the Year 5 classroom. Everyone is invited.

Extra Swimming Sessions

Please remember there are some afterschool swimming sessions available during the two swimming weeks (a leaflet has already been distributed), please ask if you would like a leaflet. These sessions are paid for by parents. Please use:
www.prosportcoaching.co.uk/bookings
 to book a place.

Pop up Pool Timetable

We are still putting the final touches to the Swimming session timetable, however, I can tell you the days that your children will be swimming:

Reception will be swimming on:
28th Jan, 30th Jan, 3rd Feb, 4th Feb and 6th Feb

Year 1 and 2 will be swimming on:
29th Jan, 2nd Feb, 5th Feb, 9th Feb and 10th Feb

Year 3 & 4 will be swimming on:
28th Jan, 30th Jan, 2nd Feb, 5th Feb and 10th Feb

(there will be a few Y5 children in these sessions - they will be contacted separately)

Year 5 & 6 will be swimming on:
29th Jan, 3rd Feb, 4th Feb, 6th Feb and 9th Feb

In order to be ready for the swimming sessions, here are a few things to remember:

- 1.Children should wear flip-flops/crocs/sliders
- 2.Swimming suits only - no two piece suits
- 3.Swimming caps are to be worn over longer hair (hair that will cover eyes and/or shoulders)
- 4.Towels are necessary
- 5.Bath robes are advised
- 6.Earrings should be removed

Attendance 12 - 16 Jan

Reception +
100%

Year 1
94.2%

Year 2
96.8%

Year 3
98.3%

Year 4
95.2%

Year 5
98.7%

Year 6
98.9%

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

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Future dates for your diary

January and February 2026



Thurs 22nd Jan Year 5 Stay and Pray @ 9am



Wed 28th Jan - Tue 10th Feb School swimming lessons in our Pop-up-Pool



Thurs 29th Jan Year 6 Stay and Pray @ 9am



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

February and March 2026



Thu 26th Feb Year 1 Stay and Pray @ 9am



Thurs 5th Mar **World Book Day**



Thurs 5th Mar Reception Stay and Pray @ 9am



Wed 11th Mar Parents' Evening



Thur 19th & Fri 20th Mar Life Education Sessions

April 2026



Thur 2nd April **School Closes for Easter @ 3:15pm (After School Club open as usual)**