



St Veronica's Weekly Newsletter

Not just a school; a family.

**"At St Veronica's, we recognise the face of Christ in every person,
serving others with love, kindness and respect."**

Welcome to our Weekly Newsletter!

**23rd
FEB
2026**

We hope you had a relaxing half term.

The school has been a hive of activity over the break. The areas affected by flooding have been refurbished, with the boys' and girls' Key Stage 2 toilets now fully refurbished and open to all pupils. The Learning Lounge is partially refurbished and will be in partial use. The entrance hall and resource areas have been freshly decorated, giving the school a clean and refreshed appearance. New carpets have been installed in many areas, and new window blinds add to the bright and welcoming environment. These improvements will greatly enhance the learning environment for all pupils.

We look forward to a busy half term ahead, with many Lenten activities and Easter celebrations planned. We are also pleased to welcome Life Education back into school this year, including Harold the Giraffe, to support our personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education sessions.

You should have received a separate letter regarding our Executive Head Teacher, Mrs Helen Sullivan's recent family bereavement. Staff and governors have expressed their sincere condolences to Mrs Sullivan and her family. Should you wish to pass on your condolences, please leave a card or message at the school office, and we will ensure your kind words reach Mrs Sullivan. Our thoughts and prayers remain with her and her family during this difficult time.

Please keep an eye on our Diary dates for important class activities this half term. Our Holy Week activities will be available soon.

Wishing you all a lovely week ahead.

Mrs Cawtherley

Sunday 22nd February

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Sunday 22nd February 2026 is the First Sunday in Lent.

Matthew 4: 1-11 tells the story of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness, and it provides valuable lessons about resisting temptation and relying on God's word.

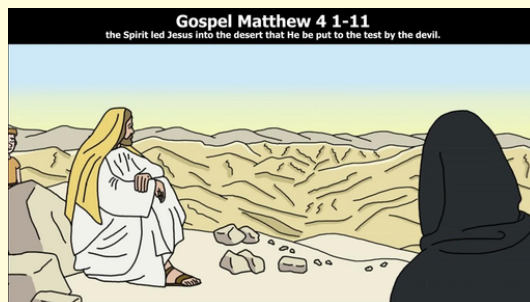
In the passage, after being baptised, Jesus goes into the wilderness and fasts for 40 days.

During this time, Satan tempts Him three times, trying to lead Him into sin. Each time, Jesus responds with Scripture, demonstrating His reliance on God's word and His commitment to obeying God.

Lent allows Christians to remember Jesus's fasting in the desert.

During Lent, some Christians give up something they really enjoy, such as cakes or chocolate.

It is a time of giving things up and a test of self-discipline.



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	Pippa & Veronica
Y1	Daniyal & Penny
Y2	Joseph & Stanley-Roy
Y3	Emilia-Rose & Rosa
Y4	Skyla & Harper
Y5	Inaaya & Eadie
Y6	Reuben & William

Mission Award

Grace
Imogen
Digby
Jessica
Lucy W
Benjamin
Annie Y

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

MON 23	TUE 24	WED 25	THUR 26	FRI 27
- Gospel Assembly - Year 2 and Reception Forest School - Gift Club - Construction Club	- Guitar lessons - Year 6 Booster Session	- Intervention Forest School - Cheer Leading Club	- Stay & Pray Year 1 @ 9am - Year 3 and Year 1 Forest School - Art Club	- Praise & Mission Assembly - Fundraising Friday Year 6
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

Forest School this half term

On Mondays, Year 2 and Reception will be taking part in Forest School.

On Thursdays, Year 3 and Year 1 will be taking part.

Wednesday Interventions will remain the same as last half term.

Please remember to send in spare socks and a large bag.

Please not children who do not have suitable footwear will not be able to take part due to the muddy ground.

Stay and Pray

Year 1 will be inviting parents and friends to join them on Thursday 26th Feb at 9am.

Wraparound Care

We are changing the way After School Club and Breakfast Club can be booked. Coming soon to ParentPay is a Wraparound Booking System where booked places must be paid for in advance. More details to follow.

Fundraising Fridays in Lent

Each Friday during Lent, our school community comes together to support a special cause. This year, we are proud to fundraise for Christie's Hospital, a charity close to our hearts as they provided care for Mrs White's husband.

Here's how we're raising funds:

- Each class will take turns leading the fundraising efforts.
- Pupils in the class are encouraged to donate Easter Eggs or other raffle prizes.
- A class raffle will be held every Friday, giving children the chance to win these wonderful prizes.
- Additionally, we hold a non-uniform day each Friday. Pupils can wear their own clothes by donating £1.
- The £2 donation covers both the non-uniform day and one raffle ticket.
- Children may also purchase additional raffle tickets if they wish to contribute more.

We appreciate your support in helping us make a difference this Lent!

Year 6 will be the first class to raise funds.

Attendance 9 - 13 Feb

Reception **100%**

Year 1 **96.8%**

Year 2 **98.2%**

Year 3 **93.5%**

Year 4 **91.4%**

Year 5 **97.7%**

Year 6 **99%**

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

Email bursar@stveronicas.co.uk
Phone **01706 226315**

After School Club
Early Bird Club

asc@stveronicas.co.uk
ebc@stveronicas.co.uk

Future dates for your diary

February 2026



Thu 26th Feb

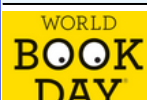
Year 1 Stay and Pray @ 9am



Fri 27th Feb

Year 6 Fundraising Friday - Whole School Non-Uniform £2 Donation

March 2026



Thurs 5th Mar

World Book Day



Thurs 5th Mar

Reception Stay and Pray @ 9am



Fri 6th Mar

Year 5 Fundraising Friday - Whole School Non-Uniform £2 Donation



Sun 8th Mar

Children's Liturgy at St Mary's Church (a change from the previous date)



Wed 11th Mar

Parents' Evening



Thurs 12th Mar

Year 6 Stay and Pray @ 9am



Fri 13th Mar

Year 4 Fundraising Friday - Whole School Non-Uniform £2 Donation



Thur 19th Mar

Year 5 Stay and Pray @ 9am



Thur 19th Mar

Rock Steady Concert @ 2:15pm (Parents welcome)



**Thur 19th &
Fri 20th Mar**

Life Education Sessions



Fri 20th Mar

Year 3 & Year 2 Combined Fundraising Friday - Whole School Non-Uniform £2 Donation



Thurs 26th Mar

Year 4 Stay and Pray @ 9am



Fri 27th Mar

Year 1 & Reception Combined Fundraising Friday - Whole School Non-Uniform £2 Donation