Mini Vinnies Newsletter - Autumn 1 2026

Let your words teach and your actions speak.

Welcome to our first Mini Vinnies Newsletter of the year!

It has been a busy and exciting half term as we have begun planning how we can put our faith into action and make a difference to our school, our community and our world.

New Year, New Mini Vinnies

We started the year by welcoming our new Year 4 Mini Vinnies and distributing new badges to our members. Together, we reflected on our role as Mini Vinnies and how we can follow the example of Jesus through service, kindness and action.

This year we have also introduced a number of leadership roles:

- President - Jenson
- Vice President - Ciara
- Treasurer - Piotr
- Secretary - Faith



Congratulations to all pupils who applied for these positions. We were incredibly impressed with your enthusiasm, ideas and commitment to helping others.

The St Anthony's Kindness Challenge

During October, pupils across the school took part in our Kindness Challenge.

Children completed acts of kindness both in school and at home, including:

- Helping friends who were feeling lonely
- Supporting younger pupils
- Showing respect and forgiveness
- Caring for God's creation
- Using kind words and actions

The challenge reminded us that small acts of kindness can make a big difference.



Harvest Appeal

Thank you to all families who supported our Harvest Appeal.

Working alongside our Mini Vinnies, pupils donated food and toiletries to support local people and families in need. Donations were given to The Hope Project Foodbank, helping to ensure that those facing hardship receive practical support and care. The generosity shown by our school community was wonderful and



reflected our commitment to living out the Gospel message.

Supporting Emmaus

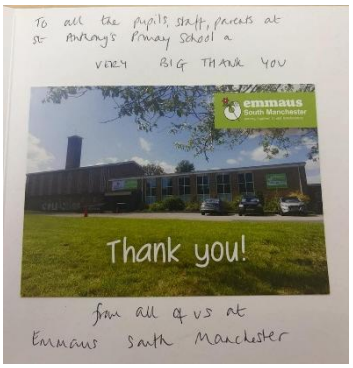
Earlier this year, pupils voted to support Emmaus South Manchester as our Lenten charity. Through a range of fundraising events, including raffles, competitions and class-led activities, we raised an incredible £3,000.

This half term, Mini Vinnies had the opportunity to meet representatives from Emmaus and hear first-hand how our fundraising will help people affected by homelessness and hardship.

It was inspiring to learn how our actions can have a real impact on the lives of others.







Remember Me

As part of Prisoner Sunday, Mini Vinnies took part in the SVP's Remember Me project.

Pupils wrote messages of hope and encouragement for people who may be feeling lonely or forgotten.

This helped us to think about human dignity and the importance of remembering that every person is loved by God.

Looking Ahead to Autumn 2

We have lots of exciting plans for the coming weeks!

- **Remembrance and All Souls** We will be creating opportunities for prayer and reflection as we remember loved ones and pray for all those who have died.
- **Advent** Mini Vinnies will be supporting Advent activities across the school and helping our community prepare for Christmas.
- **Reaching Out to Others** We are planning projects that will help us support people who may be lonely during the Christmas season.
- **Appreciating Others** We want to celebrate the people who help us every day, both in school and in the wider community, by showing our gratitude and appreciation.

Our Mini Vinnies Promise

See - Notice where help is needed.

Think - Ask what Jesus would do.

Do - Put our faith into action.

Thank you for supporting the work of Mini Vinnies this half term. We look forward to sharing more exciting news with you soon!