



ST JAMES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, HEBBURN

4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mini Vinnies

We would like to give Year 3 and Year 4 pupils the opportunity to join our Mini Vinnie team. Mini Vinnies gives 7 – 11 year olds the chance to be part of the St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Society England and Wales. The SVP is an organisation dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms. Mini Vinnies meet to pray, discuss and support however they can to help make a difference in their community.

Mini Vinnies will meet every Wednesday after school from 3:30pm to 4:30pm to turn concern into action using a simple formula of **see, think, do** to find people in need and help them. They might help by: writing cards for children in hospital, visiting local care homes to sing and play games with residents or running food collections for local foodbanks. The first session will commence on Wednesday 9th September.

The club will be delivered by two members of staff from the school. There will be no charge for this club however consent can be given via your Arbor account.

If your child is keen to help those in need and willing to give up some of his/her spare time, then this is the ideal opportunity for him/her. Details of Mini Vinnies can be found at svp.org.uk. As places are limited, they will be given on first come first basis. Once a member children will continue for the whole academic year.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Scott
Deputy Headteacher

Mini Vinnies

Child's Name: _____ would like to attend Mini Vinnies on Wednesday after school beginning **Wednesday 9th September 3:30pm – 4:30pm.**

Please provide the name of the person who will be collecting your child from school at 4:30pm and a contact telephone number:

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

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