



Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we conclude week 5, it has been another purposeful and rewarding week here at St Vincent's. Pupils continue to make excellent progress in both their learning and enrichment activities, and it is a pleasure to observe so many developing independence and confidence in different aspects of school life. Even better, the enthusiasm has been echoed in the lovely feedback pupils have shared during breaks and lunchtimes, which has been a real highlight of the week. Hearing pupils speak so positively about their experiences has been truly uplifting and a wonderful reminder of their enthusiasm for school life.

House Points as we end the week are Ash (32), Oak (36), Elm (20).

Residential

This week, Mr Green had a visit to residential. He let me know how it was fantastic to observe pupils gaining independence and embracing new opportunities in the evenings. A particular highlight for him was listening to Noah share his recent experiences at Cadets training – a wonderful reminder of the exciting opportunities our pupils engage in outside of school. The strong sense of community within residential continues to be one of the school's greatest strengths.

PTA

We would like to thank all the parents who recently joined us for the PTA meeting. Your ideas and suggestions were greatly appreciated and will help us continue to enhance the school community. A date for the next PTA meeting will be shared in due course, and we look forward to welcoming you again.

Headteachers Hot Chocolate

Today I was unavailable to make Headteachers hot chocolate – however, a big well done to Jacob who was this weeks golden ticker winner. Jacob joined Mr. Green to share a hot chocolate and tell him all about his wonderful week in school. Jacob has been trying really hard with his braille, learning how to use the BrailleNote and generally being very friendly and helpful to his peers, very well done, Jacob!

Acts of Kindness

This week, I have spent time walking around the school and have been truly heartened to witness so many random acts of kindness between pupils. From small gestures of support in the classroom to thoughtful actions during break and lunchtime, these moments reflect the warmth and care that are at the heart of our school community. Each pupil should feel extremely proud of the kindness they show and the positive impact they have on those around them. Witnessing this in action is a wonderful reminder of the values that underpin life at St Vincent's and reinforces our shared commitment to nurturing respect, compassion, and a sense of belonging in every pupil.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mr D Swanston

Headteacher