



Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another impactful and rewarding week here at St Vincent's, with pupils engaging enthusiastically in a wide range of activities across both the school day and residential life. A particular highlight has been our participation in British Science Week, where pupils enjoyed practical experiments and hands-on learning that brought science to life in exciting and memorable ways. Alongside this, it has been encouraging to see the continued progress being made across classrooms, enrichment sessions and residential activities, with pupils demonstrating curiosity, resilience and kindness throughout the week.

House points as we end for the half-term are Ash (223), Oak (224), Elm (178).

Fundraising – thank you

On behalf of the whole school, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Marie Reynolds from Christ the King Church for her incredible efforts in raising £2,000 for St Vincent's School. This generous support will help us continue to provide enriching opportunities and resources for our pupils. We are extremely grateful to Marie and the wider church community for their kindness and commitment to supporting the work of the school. Their generosity truly makes a difference to our young people.

School Chickens

We're excited to share that plans are developing to introduce school chickens to the St Vincent's site. This initiative will form part of our wider outdoor learning and sustainability work, giving pupils the opportunity to care for animals, learn about responsibility and explore topics such as food production, biodiversity and wellbeing. Over the coming weeks we will be working through the practical arrangements to ensure the chickens have a safe and welcoming home on our grounds. We know this will be a wonderful addition to school life and an exciting learning experience for many of our pupils.

Equal-Eyes-Radio

This week on Equal Eyes Radio, it was wonderful to hear pupils sharing some of their original material, including sound pieces created as part of the CVI Soundscapes project. These recordings capture pupils' experiences of the world through sound, combining creativity, storytelling and technical skill. It has been fantastic to observe how confidently pupils are using audio to express their ideas and perspectives, and the latest broadcast was a brilliant showcase of their imagination and hard work. You can access all radio shows via the Personal Development tab on the school website.

British Science Week

On Thursday morning, pupils enjoyed an exciting and hands-on science session as part of British Science Week. The activities gave pupils the chance to explore science through practical experiments and demonstrations, encouraging curiosity, problem-solving and teamwork. It was fantastic to observe so much enthusiasm as pupils investigated different scientific ideas and discovered how science connects to the world around them. Events like this help bring learning to life and inspire the next generation of scientists and innovators.

Grow Wild

Today, I had the pleasure of spending time with our Grow Wild gardening group, hearing about their exciting plans for the summer term and the projects they hope to develop across the school grounds. It was inspiring to observe the enthusiasm and pride pupils have in caring for our outdoor spaces. I was also delighted to roll up my sleeves and join in with some of the practical gardening activities!

School Open Day

We are pleased to announce that St Vincent's School will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 25th April. This will be a wonderful opportunity for prospective families, professionals and members of the community to visit the school, meet staff and pupils, and learn more about the specialist support and opportunities we provide. Guests will have the chance to tour our facilities and hear about the exciting developments taking place across the school. Further information and booking details are available on the school website.

Headteachers Hot Chocolate

This week's Headteacher's Hot Chocolate goes to Mazie, in recognition of the wonderful progress she has been making in her reading and the kindness she continues to show within the Primary department. Mazie has been working incredibly hard to develop her reading skills, showing determination and growing confidence each week. Alongside this, staff have noticed how thoughtful and supportive she is towards younger pupils and her friends. Well done, Mazie — your effort and kindness make you a fantastic role model for others.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Wishing everyone a restful weekend, and to all the wonderful mums, carers and families in our community, we hope you enjoy a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday.

Mr D Swanston

Headteacher