



Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the final few weeks of the academic year, there is a real sense of excitement and anticipation across St Vincent's. Whilst much of our attention is beginning to turn towards end-of-year celebrations, transition activities and preparations for September - learning and enrichment opportunities continue at pace throughout the school.

It has been another busy week, with pupils engaging in a wide range of experiences that continue to support their academic progress, personal development and wellbeing.

The final weeks of the summer term are always a special time in school, providing an opportunity to reflect on how far our pupils have come over the course of the year, while continuing to embrace the many opportunities that lie ahead. As always, I remain incredibly proud of the determination, kindness and enthusiasm demonstrated by our pupils.

Calvert Trust – Group 2

On Monday, Group 2 set off for their much-anticipated residential adventure at the Calvert Trust in the beautiful Lake District.

I was privileged to join the pupils for the week and experience first-hand the confidence, determination and sense of adventure that they demonstrated throughout their stay. From challenging outdoor activities and team-building experiences to moments of laughter, friendship and personal achievement, it was inspiring to witness pupils stepping outside their comfort zones and embracing new opportunities.

The Calvert Trust continues to provide a truly unique environment where young people can develop independence, resilience and self-belief, and I know that many lasting memories were created during what was a fantastic week away. A huge thank you must also go to the staff who supported the visit and helped make the experience such a success for our pupils.

We were also delighted to learn that the Calvert Trust is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. For generations, Calvert has provided life-changing opportunities for disabled children and young people to experience adventure, challenge and personal growth, and St Vincent's

has been proud to be part of that journey for many years. We are particularly excited that one of the organisation's "50 Stories of Impact" will feature St Vincent's, highlighting the experiences and memories created through this longstanding partnership.

Liverpool Chess Club

This week, we were pleased to welcome representatives from Liverpool Chess Club to St Vincent's to work alongside members of our growing Chess Club. The visit provided pupils with the opportunity to develop their skills, learn new strategies and challenge themselves against experienced players.

Beyond the games themselves, discussions also explored opportunities for pupils to become involved in chess activities and competitions outside of school, helping to build connections with the wider community. Chess continues to be a fantastic way of developing concentration, problem-solving, resilience and strategic thinking, and we are excited about the opportunities that this new partnership may bring for our pupils in the future.

Equal-Eyes-Radio -Leavers Special

This week, our Equal Eyes Radio team produced a special Leavers Assembly Radio Show, celebrating the achievements, memories and experiences of our Post-16s as they prepare for the next stage of their journeys.

The programme provided an opportunity to reflect on their time at St Vincent's, share stories and celebrate the many contributions they have made to school life over the years. Equal Eyes Radio continues to provide a fantastic platform for pupil voice, creativity and communication, and we would encourage all parents, carers and members of the wider community to tune in. You can listen to this and all previous shows by following the Equal Eyes Radio links available on the school website.

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding week, I would like to thank our pupils, staff, families and wider school community for their continued support. The final weeks of the academic year are always filled with special moments, and this week has certainly been no exception. I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy a well-earned and restful weekend, spend time with family and friends, and recharge ahead of the exciting weeks that remain.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of St Vincent's.

With best wishes,

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