



Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've now reached the end of week 4, and it's been another busy and purposeful week here at St Vincent's. Pupils are continuing to thrive in their learning and enrichment activities, and it's wonderful to observe so many building independence and confidence in different aspects of school life – I've also been so pleased to hear this from parents and carers during drop-off and pick-ups.

This week we joined together in assembly to celebrate St Vincent de Paul, reflecting on how his values of kindness, service, and inclusion shape the ethos of our school and wider community. We also played our part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning, raising money for such an important cause while enjoying cakes and brews as a community. With the house system in full swing, School Council meetings underway, and preparations beginning for autumn events, there's a real sense of energy and momentum across school.

House Points as we end the week are Ash (29), Oak (29), Elm (11).

Residential

This week I visited residential once again, and it was wonderful to see pupils growing in independence and enjoying new opportunities in the evenings. A particular highlight was the group Yoga session – the perfect way to end a busy day in school and Key Working Sessions. The sense of community in residential continues to be a strength of our school.

McMillan Coffee Morning

This week we proudly took part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning, doing our bit to support the incredible work of Macmillan Cancer Support. Pupils and staff came together to enjoy a selection of cakes, biscuits, and brews — all while raising money for a cause close to many hearts. It was a lovely opportunity to connect as a school community and show how even small acts can make a big difference. Thank you to everyone who baked, donated, or simply joined us for a cuppa! In total we raised **£104.83** – a fantastic effort by all.

Headteachers Hot Chocolate

Today I was unavailable to make Headteachers hot chocolate – however, a big well done to Joshua who was this weeks golden ticker winner. Joshua joined Mr. Green to share a hot chocolate and tell him all about his wonderful week in school. Joshua has been working hard in class all week, helping others and making wonderful progress with his story writing. Very well done indeed, Joshua.

St Vincent's Day

We ended this week in assembly taking the time to celebrate the life and legacy of St Vincent de Paul, whose compassion, humility, and dedication to helping others continue to inspire our school's mission today. Pupils and staff reflected on how his values — kindness, service, and inclusion — are at the heart of everything we do at St Vincent's.

From supporting one another in the classroom to reaching out into the wider community, we are proud to live out his ethos in both big and small ways, every single day. It was a powerful reminder of the strength of our shared purpose as a school rooted in care and connection.

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

Mr D Swanston

Headteacher