



Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the spring term, it has been a pleasure to observe classrooms full of curiosity, enrichment sessions buzzing with activity, and pupils showing the kindness and determination that define our school community. This week, it has been a pleasure to welcome a number of visitors to St Vincent's from across our commissioning Local Authorities. During their visits, they had the opportunity to tour the school, observe learning in action, and hear about the work taking place to support our pupils. What stood out most, however, was the warm welcome provided by our pupils, many of whom stopped to say hello, offer help and proudly talk about their school experience. Several visitors commented on their excellent manners, confidence and friendliness, which was wonderful to hear and a real credit to our young people. Thank you, as always, to our dedicated staff team whose commitment ensures that every pupil continues to thrive.

House points as we end for the half-term are Ash (215), Oak (178), Elm (171).

Calvert Trust Residential

Further information and letters have now been shared with all pupils who will be attending the Calvert Trust residential this Summer Term. The Calvert Trust experience is always a highlight of the year, offering fantastic opportunities for adventure, teamwork and building independence in a fully accessible outdoor environment. If parents or carers have any questions after reviewing the information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Youth Club Refurbishment

Work on the Youth Club refurbishment is now in its final stages, and we're delighted with how the space is coming together. The updated area will provide pupils with an even more welcoming environment for social time, relaxation and evening activities in the residential. Staff have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure everything is ready, and we're aiming to re-open next week.

Merseyside Swimming Gala

We're pleased to share that this year's Merseyside Swimming Gala has been announced and will take place on Thursday 26th March. Over the coming weeks, pupils will begin focusing on team selection and race preparation, building their confidence and skills in the pool. Events like this are a fantastic opportunity for our young people to develop teamwork, resilience and sporting pride, while representing St Vincent's School among peers from across the region.

Ministry of Eco Education

This week, we have been gathering further input from pupils and staff as part of our ongoing work towards the Ministry of Eco Education Eco-Schools accreditation. Through discussions, surveys and classroom activities, pupils have been sharing their ideas about sustainability, biodiversity and how we can continue to improve our environmental practices as a school community. It has been encouraging to observe such thoughtful contributions and enthusiasm for protecting our environment. This work will help shape our next steps as we continue developing our Education Nature Park here at St Vincent's.

Pentashot with LJMU

During this week's Friday Enrichment sessions, pupils had the exciting opportunity to try Pentashot, delivered in partnership with colleagues from Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU). Pentashot, an inclusive multi-sport activity inspired by the modern pentathlon, gave pupils the chance to take part in a variety of fun and accessible challenges that tested coordination, teamwork and skill. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and determination from everyone involved, and we're grateful to LJMU for supporting our enrichment programme and helping to introduce pupils to new sporting experiences.

Wishing all staff, pupils, parents and carers restful weekend.

Mr D Swanston

Headteacher