



Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a warm and positive week here at St Vincent's, with the recent sunshine bringing a real sense of energy across the school. Pupils have continued to make strong progress in their learning, and it has been particularly pleasing to see this reflected during monitoring evening this week. There is a clear and purpose in classrooms and across residential, with pupils engaging well, building confidence and taking pride in their achievements as we move further into the Summer Term. There is a lot to be excited about this term – and we will keep all parents and carers regularly up-to-date.

House points as we end for the week are Ash (263), Oak (268), Elm (215).

Chair of Governors

This week, we were pleased to welcome our Chair of Governors into school, who spent time meeting with staff and pupils and receiving updates on the progress being made across St Vincent's. The visit provided a valuable opportunity to share developments in teaching and learning, residential provision and wider school life. It was particularly encouraging for our Chair to hear directly from pupils about their experiences and aspirations. We are grateful for the continued support and challenge from our governing body, which plays an important role in driving the school forward.

Calvert Trust – updates

Plans for the first of our two visits to the Calvert Trust are now being finalised, and there is a growing sense of excitement among pupils and staff as we prepare for this fantastic residential experience. The trip offers a unique opportunity for pupils to take part in a range of accessible outdoor activities, building confidence, independence and teamwork. To support families in the lead-up to the visit, Mr. Morris will be hosting a Q&A session for parents and carers on Tuesday 28th April. You can attend in person or via Microsoft Teams – information regarding this has been sent out.

Attitudes to Learning

This week, we have placed a renewed focus on positive attitudes to learning across the school. At St Vincent's, we believe that how pupils approach their learning is just as important as what they learn. It has been particularly encouraging to observe pupils showing increased focus, resilience and independence in lessons, alongside a growing pride in their work. Staff have continued to support pupils in developing these habits, creating calm and purposeful environments where everyone is encouraged to try their best, respond positively to challenge and take ownership of their learning. These are the foundations that enable our pupils to thrive both in school and beyond.

Monitoring Evening

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers into school for our Monitoring Evening. It was a valuable opportunity to share updates on pupils' progress, celebrate achievements and discuss next steps in learning. The positive conversations and strong engagement from families reflected the importance of the partnership between home and school. Thank you to all who attended — your support plays a vital role in helping our pupils continue to thrive.

A reminder that our Open Day and Football Festival will be taking place tomorrow from 10:00am to 2:00pm here at St Vincent's School. We can't wait to welcoming families, visitors and members of the community for what promises to be a fantastic day, celebrating our school and providing opportunities to enjoy a range of activities together.

Grow Wild Visit to World of Water Aquatics Centre

Today pupils from Grow Wild visited World of Water Aquatics Centre in Widnes to investigate the different types of plants that we will be putting in our school pond. They learned all about oxygenating plants and fed the koi fish. Thank you to Mr McSorley for organising this trip and Mr. Fletcher from the maintenance team for all his help with the pond project so far.



Wishing all a relaxing weekend.

With best wishes,

Mr D Swanston

Headteacher