



Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end the week there's certainly been a noticeable drop in temperature, and winter feels well on its way! Despite the cold outside, the atmosphere in school has remained as warm and welcoming as ever. Pupils have shown real focus and resilience this week, engaging fully in lessons, enrichment, and wider school life. Whether wrapped up for outdoor learning, taking part in thoughtful discussions, or beginning to plan ahead to festive events, it's been another week full of progress.

House points as we end the week are Ash (107), Oak (87), Elm (86).

The Snow Centre Manchester

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who have returned reply slips for our upcoming December trip to the Snow Centre in Manchester. We're thrilled that so many pupils will be joining us for what promises to be a fun and memorable festive outing. Final details will be shared with all attending families next week, including timings, what to bring, and accessibility arrangements and transport options.

A visit from a past pupil

This week we were delighted to welcome back William, a former St Vincent's pupil who is now studying Sport and Exercise Science at LJMU. It was fantastic to see him return with such confidence and enthusiasm, and he spent time meeting with pupils across the school, sharing memories of his time here and offering words of encouragement about life beyond St Vincent's. William's journey is a brilliant example of what can be achieved through hard work, resilience, and support — and we're incredibly proud of everything he's accomplished.

A Christmas Carol... Sort Of!

This week the exciting start of rehearsals for our Christmas Show was well underway, and there's already a real buzz of anticipation building around school. Pupils have been learning lines, practising songs, and getting into the festive spirit as they prepare to share something truly special with families and friends next month. We've carefully planned all rehearsals to

ensure there is minimal disruption to lessons, allowing pupils to fully enjoy the creative process while keeping their learning on track. We can't wait to see it all come together!

World Children's Day

On Thursday, I had the honour of presenting for World Children's Day, sharing the inclusive and empowering work we do here at St Vincent's School. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase how our pupils are supported to thrive, lead, and express themselves across all areas of school life. From accessible learning and enrichment to pupil voice and community partnerships, I was proud to highlight the values that make our school such a nurturing and forward-thinking environment for children and young people with sensory impairments.

Equal-Eyes Radio

Equal-Eyes Radio Show is now available every week via the school radio station. Featuring pupil-led segments including interviews, music, news, and themed discussions, the show is a fantastic platform for developing confidence, creativity, and communication skills. Pupils from across the school are getting involved, and it's quickly becoming a much-anticipated highlight of the week. You can now tune in weekly using the school website tab: personal development – radio station.

NewsStar – what is science like at St Vincent's?

This week, I was thrilled to receive the final NewsStar science article, written and produced by AJ as part of the journalism enrichment group. It's a great piece of work, full of curiosity, research, and pupil voice — and a real celebration of how learning can come to life. For those who'd like to hear more, tune in to Equal Eyes Radio next week, where our young journalists will be discussing their findings and the process behind the article in a special feature episode!

Headteachers Hot Chocolate

Today I was joined by Keenya who was this week's Golden Ticket winner. Keenya was nominated by staff for her hard work in school this week, and excellence progress in habilitation and food technology. Thank you for the catch-up Keenya – and very well done indeed!

Wishing all a restful weekend.

Mr D Swanston

Headteacher