



Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful half-term at St Vincent's, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the huge range of learning, enrichment and personal development opportunities that pupils have engaged in over recent weeks. From outdoor education and residential experiences to curriculum projects, sport, pupil leadership and wider community work, it has been fantastic to see our pupils continue to grow in confidence, independence and resilience. The Summer Term has brought a real sense of energy across the school, and I remain incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and positivity shown by pupils each day. I would also like to thank our staff and families for their continued support and commitment throughout what has been another productive and rewarding half-term.

House points as we end for the week are Ash (301), Oak (293), Elm (249).

Learning Walks

This week, a timetable of learning walks has taken place across the school, providing valuable opportunities to visit classrooms, speak with pupils and observe learning in action. These visits are an important part of our ongoing work to ensure that pupils are well supported, engaged and making strong progress across the curriculum. It has been particularly encouraging to observe calm and purposeful learning environments, positive attitudes to learning and the growing confidence and independence of pupils across different areas of the school. Learning walks also allow us to celebrate effective practice, share ideas and continue developing the high-quality provision we strive to provide for every young person at St Vincent's School.

Governing Body

On Monday, I had the pleasure of meeting with our Governing Body to provide updates on the continued progress and development taking place across St Vincent's. Discussions focused on teaching and learning, pupil outcomes, personal development and the many enrichment opportunities currently taking place across both school and residential provision. It was valuable to reflect on the achievements of the half-term and to share the

exciting plans continuing to develop across the school. We remain incredibly grateful for the support, challenge and commitment provided by our Governors as we continue to move the school forward together.

Merseyside Athletics Championships

On Thursday, pupils proudly represented St Vincent's at the Merseyside Athletics Championships, taking part in a range of track and field events against schools from across the region. It was fantastic to hear about the determination, teamwork and resilience shown by all of our athletes throughout the competition. All pupils returned with medals, which is a tremendous achievement and a reflection of their hard work and commitment. We are incredibly proud of every pupil who took part and represented the school with such positivity.

Willow Farm

This morning, a group of pupils enjoyed the exciting experience of making a trip to collect our new school chickens from Willow Farm in Wales. There was a real sense of anticipation and enthusiasm throughout the visit, with pupils learning more about caring for the chickens and preparing for their arrival at St Vincent's. The project is already proving to be a fantastic opportunity to support learning around responsibility, wellbeing and sustainability, while also helping pupils to develop confidence and teamwork through hands-on experiences. We look forward to officially welcoming the chickens into our growing outdoor learning environment.

Headteacher's Hot Chocolate

This week's Headteacher's Hot Chocolate was awarded to Cody in recognition of his improved attendance and increasingly positive attitude towards learning. Staff have been particularly impressed with the effort and determination Cody has shown in lessons, alongside the mature approach he has taken to his school routines and engagement. It has been wonderful to hear about the progress he is making, and this award is a reflection of the hard work and commitment he continues to demonstrate each day. Well done, Cody — a very well-deserved achievement.

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding half-term, I would like to thank all pupils, staff and families for their continued support, hard work and commitment to the school community.

It has been wonderful to reflect on the many achievements, opportunities and experiences that have taken place across both school and residential life over recent weeks. I hope that everyone enjoys a well-deserved half-term break, and we can't wait to welcome pupils back refreshed and ready for the next exciting part of the Summer Term.

Mr D Swanston

Headteacher