

Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end this week, there is a real sense of pride and progress across the school. It has been a week full of celebration and reflection – and I was really pleased to welcome so many parents and carers to school on Thursday as we celebrated together, the many talents our young people have.

House Points as we end the week are Ash (207), Oak (183), and Elm (212). Congratulations to Elm who were the 2025 Sports Day winners – and I encourage all forms to keep up the hard work and continue to gain points for your house as we approach the end of the academic year.

Outdoor Education – Passenger Award

This week I thoroughly enjoyed joining in with a group of residential pupils as they were introduced to our new outdoor education Passenger Award. This award is for all pupils in school designed to help develop confidence, independence and outdoor education skills. From tent building to the introduction to Kelly Kettles – all had a fantastic evening full of practical life skills.

New School Governors

This week I was delighted to welcome new prospective governors to the school. They enjoyed a guided tour by our chair and pupils. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to hear from pupils and staff about St Vincent's and an insight into what school life is like. If you, or anyone you know is interested in school governance, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Prize-Giving Ceremony

On Thursday we began the morning with our annual prize-giving ceremony. It was a truly joyful celebration of our pupils' achievements, progress and character. From academic awards to kindness - the chapel was filled with applause and pride – a fitting tribute to a year of effort and success. Thank you again to everyone who attended and to all staff for making the event so special.

Sport Day

Following our wonderful prize-giving, pupils, staff and families came together for a fantastic Sports Day. The rain cleared and sun joined us for a real celebration of participation and teamwork. From sprints to relays and parents races – it was a brilliant way to round off the day. Congratulations to Elm who were the overall winners on the day – securing the new house trophy.

Leavers Assembly

Today we celebrated Tom and Emily's leavers' assembly – a heartfelt and uplifting tribute to two pupils who have made a lasting impact on our school community. Both Tom and Emily are fantastic musicians, and their final performance was a special surprise, as alongside the school choir they treated us to a beautiful rendition of Sunshine on Leith. It was a truly moving moment and a fitting farewell. We wish them every success as they begin their next chapters – they will be both greatly missed.

Headteacher's Hot Chocolate

Today I was joined by Arthur who was this week's Golden Ticket winner. Arthur has been working hard at developing his phonics knowledge to write as independently as possible. He has also been very welcoming and supportive to two new pupils who have recently joined in primary – assisting them around school. Very well done, Arthur!

A reminder that Saturday activities continue tomorrow from 10 am.

Wishing all parents and carers a wonderful weekend.

With best wishes,

Mr D Swanston

Headteacher