



Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been wonderful to return to school this week after attending the National Association of Special Schools (NASS) conference — a valuable opportunity to reflect on best practice in SEND, inclusion, and wellbeing, and to proudly share the work taking place here at St Vincent's School.

This week I've been catching up with pupils and staff and have heard so many positive stories — from wonderful teamwork in PE, to quiet acts of kindness in the residential setting. On Tuesday I spent the whole day in class across all year groups which was a real pleasure.

Attendance this week has been excellent — and well done to classes P1, P2, P16-T and Y8 for their 100% attendance.

House Points as we end the week are Ash (57), Oak (57), Elm (39).

Equal-Eyes Radio

This week I tuned in to another fantastic broadcast from Equal-Eyes Radio, and it was brilliant to hear our pupils leading with such confidence and creativity. A huge well done to our hosts — from Joshua's detailed report on this week's school football results to Jacob's comedy section, which will have had everyone smiling across school. I'm incredibly proud of how the station continues to grow — we're now working on making the shows available via the school website so everyone can tune in and enjoy!

Bikeability Track

Preparations are now well underway for our exciting new Bikeability Track and the arrival of even more Berg Karts! These additions will provide pupils with safe, structured opportunities to build their confidence through cycling and mobility-based activities. The track will support both physical development and road awareness skills in a fun and accessible way.

CVI Convention 2025

Today I had the pleasure of attending the 2025 CVI Convention in Ilkley, Yorkshire. This was a valuable opportunity to connect with other professionals, researches and families working to improve understanding and support for children and young people with cerebral visual impairment (CVI). It was also wonderful to see parents and carers from St Vincent's in attendance.

Headteachers Hot Chocolate

Congratulations to Oscar who was this week's Golden Ticket winner. Oscar has shown good understanding in English, given brilliant suggestions and theories to the new book his class have started (The Heart in the Bottle), worked hard in maths, and worked very well on starting to make a diorama (model) of the Amazon rainforest, with the different layers and showing what the features of each layer are. What a week Oscar – very well done indeed!

Finally, best of luck to our football team tomorrow – we're all behind you and know you'll do us proud!

Thank you once again for your continued support. Have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

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