



Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and inspiring week here at St Vincent's, with a real sense of creativity, collaboration and curiosity across the school. From hands-on learning experiences to enrichment activities and wider projects, pupils have continued to engage positively and make strong progress. It has been particularly pleasing to observe so many examples of teamwork and pupil voice this week, with our young people contributing ideas, supporting one another and taking pride in their achievements across both school and residential life.

House points as we end for the half-term are Ash (228), Oak (228), Elm (187).

Young Green Briton Challenge

This week, pupils took part in a Young Green Briton Challenge workshop, working collaboratively in pairs and teams to develop new and exciting ideas for this year's competition. It was fantastic to have such creativity and teamwork on display, with pupils sharing thoughtful solutions around sustainability, biodiversity and environmental responsibility. The session was full of energy and innovation, and I look forward to seeing how these ideas continue to grow and develop in the coming weeks.

A special mention for Natan – Liverpool Careers Team

A special mention this week goes to Natan, who represented both himself and St Vincent's brilliantly during a recent Zoom call with the Liverpool City Region Careers Team, focusing on accessibility. Natan spoke with confidence and insight, sharing his views and experiences in a way that truly reflected the values of our school. We are incredibly proud of how he conducted himself — a fantastic example of pupil voice in action. Well done, Natan!

Residential

This week, I had the pleasure of visiting residential, where I was able to observe — and even try out — some of the exciting new activities now on offer in our refurbished School Youth Club. The space is already proving to be a fantastic addition, offering pupils a welcoming environment to relax, socialise and engage in a range of activities. I also spent time

observing one of our yoga sessions, which continues to be a real strength of our provision. It was wonderful to see pupils benefiting from the calm, focus and wellbeing that yoga brings, and choosing to take part as part of their evening routine.

Comic Relief and World Down Syndrome Day

Today, both pupils and staff came together to support Comic Relief and World Down Syndrome Day, creating a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere across the school. Many wore red items of clothing and odd socks to raise awareness and celebrate individuality, kindness and inclusion. It was wonderful to see our school community embracing these important causes, with thoughtful conversations taking place throughout the day about acceptance, respect and supporting others.

Headteachers Hot Chocolate

This week's Golden Ticket goes to Joshua, in recognition of the excellent progress he is making in his preparation for adulthood. Joshua has shown great maturity and commitment in developing his independence skills, and this has not gone unnoticed by staff. He was also particularly kind and supportive during a prospective pupil's visit to residential this week, helping them to feel welcome and at ease. Well done, Joshua — a fantastic achievement and a great example to others.

Finally, I would like to wish our school football squad the very best of luck as they take on Bootle Lynx tomorrow — we're all behind you and know you will represent St Vincent's School with pride, teamwork and determination.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend.

Mr D Swanston

Headteacher