

## St. Vincent's School Christmas Newsletter

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### Upcoming dates

Staff INSET Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
January.

Pupils return Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
January 2026

Please note other  
dates/events will be added  
to the school diary. All  
parents/carers will be  
notified in advance.

### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and joyful term, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we've achieved together at St Vincent's School.

This term has been full of learning, growth, and opportunity — from the classroom to the sports field, from residential life to performances, from random acts of kindness to proud public moments.

Our pupils have embraced every challenge with determination and have continued to show the values that make this school such a special place. We've welcomed new pupils, celebrated progress, strengthened our partnerships, and taken steps forward in everything from sustainability and outdoor learning to curriculum development and pupil voice. It's been a pleasure to observe the school community come together — particularly in the lead-up to Christmas, where the creativity and spirit of our staff and pupils has truly shone.

Planning ahead to the spring term, we do so with fresh energy and focus, building on the strong foundations laid this year. I'd like to thank all staff, families, governors, and, most of all, our pupils, for everything you bring to the St Vincent's community.

On behalf of all of us here at school, I wish you a peaceful, safe, and joyful Christmas, and a very Happy New Year.

Mr. D Swanston – Headteacher



### Region Competing

We are all very proud of Bo Cox for representing the school this term. Bo finished runner up out of 10 schools in the region competing in the Historical Associations "Great Debate" which was held in LJMU's Student Life Building. This year's topic was *How important are personal and public records as evidence for explaining the story, or stories, of your local area?* Bo delivered his speech titled "Remembering the Liverpool Blitz Victims" which was received well by the judges, and he just narrowly missed out to a pupil from The Bluecoat School in qualifying for the national finals. There will be more opportunities for competition for all members of the debate club in the New Year and if you would like more information on this please contact Mr. McSorley.



### Adventure Day

A big thankyou to Merseyside Youth Association for taking our pupils on adventures mornings over the first two Fridays in December, which included canoeing and archery, on Lord Derby's Estate in Knowsley. The pupils and staff had a brilliant time, some experiencing being on open water for the first time.



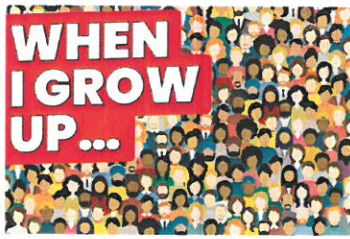
### History News

It has been a busy term for all the History Classes.

Year 7 have been learning their investigative skills and how to analyse sources. This culminated in a project where they visited their local war memorials in the build-up to Remembrance Day. On Remembrance Day Archie Golding spoke to the whole school in an assembly about his Great Uncle who sadly passed away in WW2 which was very moving.

Year 8 have spent the whole term study about Liverpool and The Transatlantic Slave Trade. This culminated in them spending a day taking part in an empathy workshop provided by the education team from the Liverpool Slavery Museum.

Year 9 have been covering all things WW2 and both Year 10 groups have been working very hard beginning their 2-year cycle in their respective AQA GCSE and WJEC Qualifications.



### Careers week

We are pleased to announce that w/b 9th February will be Careers Week. Throughout the week, pupils will take part in a range of careers-related activities, including in-school events and off-site work experience opportunities. On Thursday 12th February, pupils will be off timetable for the entire day to engage in a variety of careers events, with visits from professionals representing a wide range of industries. For further information, please contact Mr McSorley.



### Equal-Eyes Radio

This term we have had a whole new team joining radio, they have stepped out of their comfort zones and put on an amazing weekly show that we as a school community really enjoy. Well done to all the children who have taken part.



### Christmas Letters

In T1 we have written and posted our letters to Father Christmas, we let him know we have been really good!



### English

In Year 7 English lessons we have been studying the novel *Once*. Everyone in class is enjoying the novel and has been fascinated by the journey that our main character (Felix) has undertaken so far.



### Christmas Performance

Congratulations and well done to our students on another amazing Christmas performance, 2 amazing shows. A brilliant performance of 'Scrooge'

A big thank you to Mrs. McLaughlin and all the staff for putting it all together – and to everyone who attended the shows.



### Snow Centre

This term we made our annual visit to the Snow Centre for some festive fun on the slopes.

All pupils had a wonderful time, and for many, taking on a new challenge out of their comfort zones.

Well done to all!