



Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a real pleasure to welcome everyone back to school this week as we begin a brand-new academic year here at St Vincent's School. The school is already full of energy, warmth, and a renewed sense of purpose.

Whether your child is returning to a familiar routine or joining us for the very first time, we're so pleased to have them with us. A special welcome to our new pupils and families — we look forward to getting to know you and working together to make this year a positive and successful one.

Over the summer break, we've been busy making a number of exciting refurbishments across the school to ensure our environment continues to meet the needs of all our pupils. Our residential area has received a much-needed upgrade, creating a more comfortable and welcoming space for our residents. We've also installed new smart screens in every classroom, supporting more interactive and accessible teaching and learning for all. And perhaps most exciting of all, we've added the finishing touches to our new glamping site, which will soon be in use as part of our outdoor education and residential programme.

A huge thank you to our amazing maintenance and site team, who worked tirelessly throughout the summer to get everything ready for the start of term. Your efforts are much appreciated!

School PTA

Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) will be continuing this year, offering a fantastic way for families to get involved in school life and help support events, fundraising, and community initiatives. The first meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday 1st October at 10am here at school — all are warmly welcome as we plan for a fun and exciting year of events.

The Phil Hoare / EMR Memorial Division Football League

I am delighted that from this term, our football teams will have the opportunity to take part in the Saturday Phil Hoare / EMR Memorial Division Football League. All information has

been shared, but if parents / carers have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Headteachers Hot Chocolate

I'm excited to continue our tradition of Headteacher's Hot Chocolate on Fridays — a special moment each week where primary pupils are invited to join me for a hot drink and a chat to celebrate their kindness, effort, or achievements. It's a lovely way to recognise those little moments that make a big difference. This week I was joined by Charlotte from P2 who has settled brilliantly back into school routine and her new form. She has also been working hard in class, and very helpful to our new primary starters. A fantastic start Charlotte, very well done indeed.

This first newsletter has been shared with you as a hard copy, and then will be available weekly via the school website. However, if you require a hard copy or alternative format, please do not hesitate to contact school.

With best wishes,

Mr D Swanston

Headteacher