



## Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another extremely positive week here at St Vincent's, with a real focus on learning, outdoor education and personal development across the school.

The term continues to provide fantastic opportunities for pupils to engage in a wide range of experiences both inside and beyond the classroom, and it has been wonderful to observe the enthusiasm, confidence and resilience shown by our young people throughout the week.

From outdoor adventure activities and environmental project submissions to classroom learning and enrichment, pupils continue to represent the school with pride and positivity. I would also like to thank our dedicated staff team for their continued commitment in supporting pupils to thrive across all aspects of school life.

House points as we end for the week are Ash (271), Oak (274), Elm (228).

### **Calvert Trust**

On Monday, pupils set off to enjoy an incredible residential visit to the Calvert Trust in the Lake District, taking part in a wide range of exciting outdoor adventure activities. From climbing and zip lines to team challenges and exploring the beautiful surroundings, pupils have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, courage and determination. The trip has provided fantastic opportunities to build confidence, independence and friendships, while encouraging pupils to step outside of their comfort zones and try new experiences. It has been wonderful to hear about the fun and achievements taking place throughout the week, and we are extremely proud of how positively our pupils have represented St Vincent's School. Now have a well-earned rest!

## **Personal development and well-being**

This week, I have spent time moving around the school, dropping into lessons, visiting different areas and chatting with pupils about their experiences in school. It has been particularly encouraging to hear pupils speak positively about their learning, friendships and the opportunities available to them across both school and residential life. At St Vincent's, we place great importance on personal development and well-being, and this continues to be supported through our extensive wider offer — including enrichment, outdoor education, sport, residential activities, pupil leadership and well-being support. These experiences play a vital role in helping our pupils grow in confidence, independence and resilience, while ensuring they feel safe, valued and supported as individuals.

## **Ministry of Eco Education – Green School Accreditation**

This week, we were proud to submit our application for the Ministry of Eco Education Green Schools Accreditation. The submission reflects the significant work taking place across St Vincent's to promote sustainability, outdoor learning and environmental awareness throughout school life. From our developing pond and orchard areas to pupil involvement in biodiversity projects, gardening and environmental leadership, this accreditation recognises the collective efforts of pupils and staff in creating a greener and more sustainable school community. We are extremely proud of the progress made so far and look forward to continuing to develop this important area of our provision.

## **Headteacher's Hot Chocolate**

This week's Headteacher's Hot Chocolate was awarded to Rose in recognition of the kindness she has shown across the school this week, alongside her hard work and determination in class. Staff have been particularly impressed with the positive attitude Rose brings to her learning and the thoughtful way she supports those around her. Her consistent effort, resilience and caring nature make her a fantastic role model within our school community. Well done, Rose — a very well-deserved achievement!

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mr D Swanston

Headteacher