



Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

January seems to have flown by - full of activity and learning. This week we welcomed some new pupils to St Vincent's, both in school and residential – and well done to all pupils for helping them settle quickly.

Attendance this week has been excellent, and well done to both P1 and T1 for 100% - keep this up!

Running House Points at the end of this week are Ash (51), Oak (53), and Elm (58).

In last week's newsletter I updated on our ongoing work with the Sensory Trust and you can now access all the up-to-date information via the school website: personal development – community.

Improving the way Ofsted inspects schools – open consultation

On Monday Ofsted launched their consultation on improving the way they inspect schools and are asking parents, carers, professionals and learners what they think about their proposals to improve education inspections and their new report cards for providers. You can access this link online and the consultation closes at 11.59pm on 28 April 2025. If you require any support accessing this, please do not hesitate to contact school.

School trip to Cornwall

As part of the schools Eco Education a group of pupils will be making their way to Cornwall to visit the Eden Project and The Lost Gardens of Heligan. This trip is being sponsored by Ecotricity as a result of their winning submission to The Young Green Britain Challenge and is a wonderful learning opportunity for all involved – from the Mediterranean Biomes of Eden to the jungles of Heligan – pupils are in for a treat! Further details will be shared with all pupils, parents and carers in due course.

Northwest Young Debaters Competition

I was really pleased this week to be informed that school will be hosting the Northwest Young Debaters Competition. This will take place on Wednesday 5th March and is open for wider schools to attend. You can find out more information about this event via the school website: personal development – extra-curricular.

New Age Kurling (NAK) Competition

All information is now with parents and carers of those pupils participating in next week's New Age Kurling fixtures. Good luck to all those representing school – and enjoy the experience – you'll be on the ice in no time.

Headteacher's Hot Chocolate

Congratulation to Ryan who was the winner of this weeks Golden Ticket. Ryan has worked exceptionally hard this week to improve his braille skills – and has also been mastering new contractions. Very well done indeed, Ryan.

Next week I will be out-of-school as I represent St Vincent's at the SPARK Education Summit. Mr. Green will be taking over for the week in school – but I will keep up-to-speed daily with all that is going on.

Wishing all a very restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr D Swanston

Headteacher