



Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a truly special and memorable week here at St Vincent's, filled with opportunities to celebrate achievement, community and the many talents of our pupils. From our annual Sports Day and Prize Giving Ceremony to hosting our first RHS Schools Day, the week has showcased so much of what makes our school such a unique and vibrant place to learn and grow.

It has been wonderful to observe pupils challenging themselves, supporting one another and taking pride in their accomplishments, whether on the sports field, in the classroom or while sharing their learning with visitors. As we move ever closer to the end of another successful academic year, this week has provided a powerful reminder of the confidence, resilience and sense of community that exists across St Vincent's, and I could not be prouder of our pupils and staff.

Headteacher's Quick 5

On Monday, I continued with my Headteacher's Quick 5, spending time speaking with pupils from across the school to gather their views on learning, wellbeing and school life. These conversations continue to provide a valuable opportunity for pupils to share what is working well, celebrate their achievements and contribute ideas for future developments. It was particularly pleasing to hear pupils speak so positively about recent events, enrichment opportunities and the many ways in which they feel involved in the life of the school.

Prizegiving

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome pupils, families, governors, staff and friends of the school to our annual Prize Giving Ceremony. The event provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements, progress and successes of our pupils across the academic year. From academic accomplishments and personal development to sporting, creative and community contributions, the ceremony highlighted the many ways in which our young people continue to thrive. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who attended and helped make the event such a special occasion. The warmth, support and

encouragement shown towards our pupils was greatly appreciated and helped create a fitting celebration of another successful year at St Vincent's.

Sports Day

Following Prize Giving, pupils, families and staff came together for our annual Sports Day, which proved to be a fantastic celebration of participation, determination and teamwork. Throughout the afternoon, pupils gave their all across a wide range of events, demonstrating resilience, sportsmanship and a willingness to challenge themselves. The support and encouragement from families, friends and staff created a wonderful atmosphere, and I would like to thank everyone who attended and helped make the event such a success.

After a year of competition, effort and House Point accumulation, I am delighted to announce that Ash House were crowned our overall House Champions for the 2025–26 academic year. Congratulations to every member of Ash House on a well-deserved victory, and well done to all pupils who contributed to another memorable Sports Day at St Vincent's.

RHS Schools Day

We finished the week by hosting our RHS Schools Day as part of the Northern Flowerhouse Assembly, welcoming pupils from across the region for a fantastic morning of outdoor learning, creativity and environmental exploration. Throughout the event, pupils took part in a range of engaging workshops linked to gardening, biodiversity, sustainability and nature connection, with opportunities to plant, create, explore and learn alongside one another.

Activities included hands-on gardening experiences, environmental challenges, nature-based crafts and opportunities to learn more about the importance of caring for the natural world. The event perfectly reflected our commitment to outdoor education and the work we have been developing through the RHS Campaign for School Gardening, RHS Nature Park and our wider environmental projects. Most importantly, it was wonderful to bring young people together to share ideas, build friendships and celebrate the positive impact that nature can have on learning, wellbeing and community.

As we come to the end of what has been a truly memorable week, I would like to thank all of our pupils, staff, families, governors, volunteers and partners who have contributed to the many successes and celebrations we have enjoyed together. From Prize Giving and Sports Day to the RHS Schools Day and the many achievements recognised throughout the week, there has been much to celebrate across our school community.

I am incredibly proud of everything our pupils continue to accomplish and the positive contribution they make to life at St Vincent's each day. I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable weekend and thank you for your continued support. The weeks ahead promise many more opportunities for our pupils to learn, grow and create lasting memories as we move towards the end of another successful academic year.

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