



Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23rd January

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another lively and purposeful week here at St Vincent's as we settle deeper into the spring term. There's been a genuine sense of momentum building across school — with new projects underway, learning flourishing in classrooms, and lots of positive engagement from pupils in both curriculum and enrichment.

House points as we end the are Ash (146), Oak (103), Elm (124).

I've been so pleased to see the enthusiasm with which our pupils have been earning and receiving their merit points this term. Whether for effort in lessons, acts of kindness, or contributions to school life, it's been fantastic to celebrate so many positive moments across all areas of the school. The pride pupils are taking in their achievements is clear to see — and thoroughly well deserved!

A visit from the RHS

This week, we were delighted to welcome a visitor from the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), who joined us to explore our school grounds and hear about our pupils' brilliant contributions to the new RHS Education Nature Park. Pupils proudly shared the planting, design and sustainability work they've been involved in, and it was fantastic to showcase the creativity and care that goes into our outdoor spaces. We also began exciting early conversations about hosting a Summer Plant Fair here at St Vincent's — a celebration of our green-fingered efforts that we can't wait to grow together!

New Starters to St Vincent's School

This week we've welcomed several new starters and prospective pupils to St Vincent's. Transitions can be a big step, but what has stood out most is the warmth, kindness and support shown by our existing pupils — offering friendly greetings, helping others to find their way, and showing real pride in their school. Creating a nurturing and inclusive environment is at the heart of what we do.

Residential

During my visit to residential this week, I was once again struck by the positive atmosphere and strong sense of community that shines through in our provision. Pupils were engaged in a variety of activities — from games and crafts to quiet time and independent study — all supported by a staff team who know them well and offer the right balance of encouragement and structure. It was a pleasure to observe how confidently our young people are developing their independence and continuing their learning beyond the school day.

Liverpool City Region Careers Forum

This week, Mr. McSorley attended the Liverpool City Region Careers Forum, joining schools, providers and employers from across the region to explore how we can further strengthen opportunities for our young people. It was a valuable opportunity to network, share practice, and bring back fresh ideas to inform our own careers provision. Following this, we're excited to be planning a Careers Day here in school, giving pupils the chance to engage directly with visitors from a range of industries, explore different pathways, and think about their future aspirations in an inclusive and empowering way.

Headteachers Hot Chocolate

Today I was joined by Jamie who was this weeks Golden Ticket winner. Jamie was nominated by staff across the school for his progress in class this week and for taking the time out of his own break and lunch to help others use the new Bike Ability Track. Well done, Jamie!

Wishing all staff, pupils, parents and carers restful weekend.

Mr D Swanston

Headteacher