SEND Newsletter

Summer Term, 2026

We Grow, Learn and Achieve by Following Christ

We have come to the end of another successful year at St Vincent's.
While we have been winding down at the end of term, we have also been preparing our children for their next classes. Take some time over the summer to have a look through your child's transition booklet with them to help prepare them for the changes ahead (link here).
If your child has had additional support this year, you should receive a Provision Map showing the progress they have made. This is to complement the report from your child's class teacher.
We hope you all have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday 3rd September.

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Useful Contacts

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020 3886 2062 info@ealingsendiass.org.uk

Useful Links

Click the links below for more information

St Vincent's SEND Information Report

St Vincent's SEND Policy

St Vincent's Inclusion Website

Ealing Local Offer

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Glossary

Cognition & Learning Needs (C&L)

Communication & Interaction Needs (C&I)

Sensory & Physical Needs (S&P)

Social, Emotional & Mental Health Needs (SEMH)

CONGRATULATIONS!

"Students who work hard and achieve against all the odds"



Descendants 21st Annual Dr John Roberts QC Achievement Awards 2026

Congratulations to Ebonie, Year 6, who won An Outstanding Primary School Achievement Award, at the Descendants 21st Annual Dr John Roberts QC Achievement Awards 2026! Ebonie was presented with her Award at a glittering evening last Saturday, at the Double Tree Hilton Ealing.

Special guests in attendance, to celebrate the achievements of Ealing's talented children of African and Caribbean heritage, included the Mayor of Ealing Councillor Faduma Mohammed, Eastenders distinguished Actor Rudolph Walker (also known as Patrick Trueman!) Margaret Noel - Descendants Founder and Marcella Phelan MBE - Chair of Governors at St Vincent's.

Very fitting that Ebonie won, as Descendants was founded by parents from St Vincent's School over 30 years ago and has continued to go from strength to strength, providing education and cultural opportunities for children from diverse black heritage, across Ealing borough.

Ebonie was thrilled to be a Winner, against some very still competition of students from Schools across the borough and attended with her very proud Mum and Mrs Dennis.

Congratulations to Ebonie, a fantastic achievement!

Written by Marcella Phelan, Chair of Governors.

Transition

How can I help my child prepare for their next class?

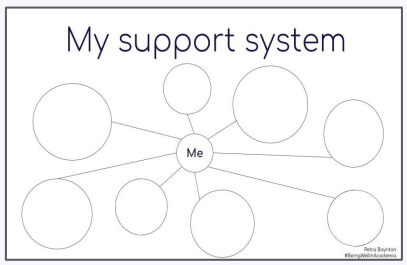
- Speak to your child about what they are looking forward to and what they are worried about. Try to focus on the positives and the exciting times ahead.



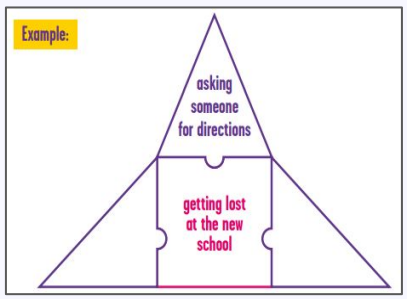


- Help them to write or draw all of their personal strengths; from being a good friend to being good at drawing. This will help them to focus on the positives.

- Help your child to draw or write their support network; people they know they will be able to speak to. This may include familiar staff, their friends, family members or even our school dog, Winnie!

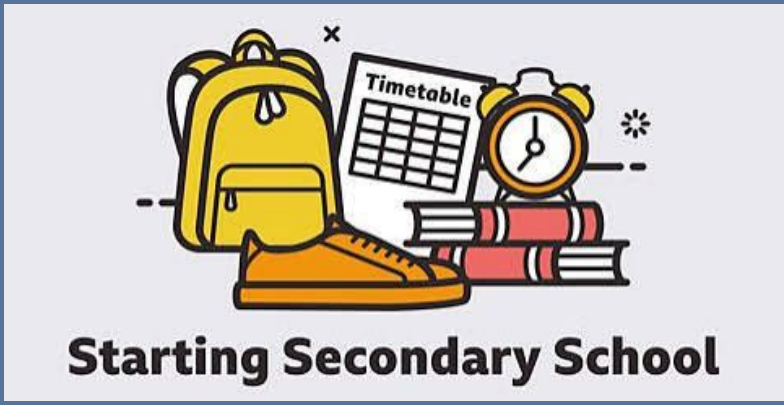


- For every problem, there is a solution. Help your child to write a list of strategies they can use to help them when they are feeling worried or have a problem. Try to find 3 solutions for each problem and create a jigsaw puzzle.



Behind the scenes, there is also a lot that goes on within school to help children with the move to their new classes or schools. These include:

- Staff handover meetings- teachers talk about every child in their class to make sure their new teacher knows as much as they can about them, including what they find difficult and what helps them.
- Meet the new teacher/class- all children have the opportunity to spend one lesson in their new classroom with their new teacher and support staff.
- Informal meetings- for some children we build in additional opportunities for children to build up relationships with the new staff, for example helping them to do jobs or taking messages to them.

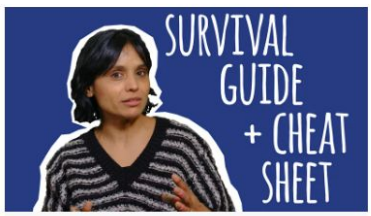


Moving from primary school to secondary school is an exciting time of life but for many children it can also be a daunting prospect.A new, much bigger school can offer greater independence, such as the first smartphone, and a world of opportunity.

However it also means new teachers, new subjects and potentially a whole new set of friends.

Starting Secondary School, a campaign from BBC Bitesize aimed at 10-12 year olds, their teachers and parents, shines a light on the great potential of starting afresh in secondary school and also offers practical advice and emotional support to help take the stress out of taking the next big step.
Click on the image below to visit the Starting Secondary School webpage and see the large range of advice videos for parents and young people (below is just a sample).

Advice for parents



Parental survival guide & cheat sheet for starting secondary school



How to prepare your child emotionally for starting secondary school



Preparing your child practically for secondary school



What primary school students think about secondary school

Advice for students



Top tips for day one



Letter to my younger self



Secondary school strugglers



Being yourself and talking about difference

Learning at home

Six weeks is a long time with no school and many children spend lots of time on their electronic devices. Below are some apps you may wish your children to use to make effective use of that screen time.

Phonics



Hairy Letters (£2.99)
Learn the names and sounds of each letter with the Hairies and begin to read and spell simple 3-letter words.



Hairy Phonics 1 (Free)
Learn 9 phonemes (sounds): sh, ch, th, ck, ff, ll, ss, zz, ng. Play games to read and spell words with these sounds.



Hairy Phonics 2 (£2.99)
Learn 9 digraphs (sounds): ai, ay, ee, ea, ie, oa, oi, oy, oo. Play games to read and spell words with these sounds.



Hairy Phonics 3 (£2.99)
Learn 9 phonemes (sounds): ar, or, er, ir, ur, a-e, o-e, i-e, o-e, u-e. Play games to read and spell words with these sounds.

Reading & Spelling High Frequency Words



Hairy Words 1 (£2.99)
Learn to read and spell the first 100 high frequency words and help the Hairies jump to safety.



Hairy Words 2 (£2.99)
Learn to read and spell the next 100 high frequency words.



Eggy 100 & Eggy 250 (Free- Only on Apple)
This app will help your child recognise and learn the essential sight words that make up a large part of everyday reading.

Maths Subscriptions

At St Vincent's, we subscribe to Numbots & Times Tables Rock Stars. The children login with the same username and password that they use for their Google accounts, which you will find stuck in the back of their reading records. If you don't know their login details, please speak to their class teacher.

Numbots

For pupils to use efficient mental calculation strategies to add and subtract two-digit numbers, so that they can leave counting on their fingers behind!



Times Tables Rock Stars

Times Tables Rock Stars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice.



Other maths apps

White Rose 1 Minute Maths (Free)

Helps children build greater number confidence and fluency.



Miner Birds Times Tables (£1.99)

Answer times tables questions to win worms.



Hit the Button

(Free on web page, £3.49 for the app)

Quick fire questions on number bonds, times tables, doubling and halving, multiples, division facts and square numbers.



Squeebles Addition & Subtraction (£2.99)

The Maths Monster has stolen all the cars and he'll only give them back if you can do well in addition and subtraction questions.



Miner Birds Mental Maths (£1.99)

Collect worms by answering maths questions, which get tougher as you move through the game.

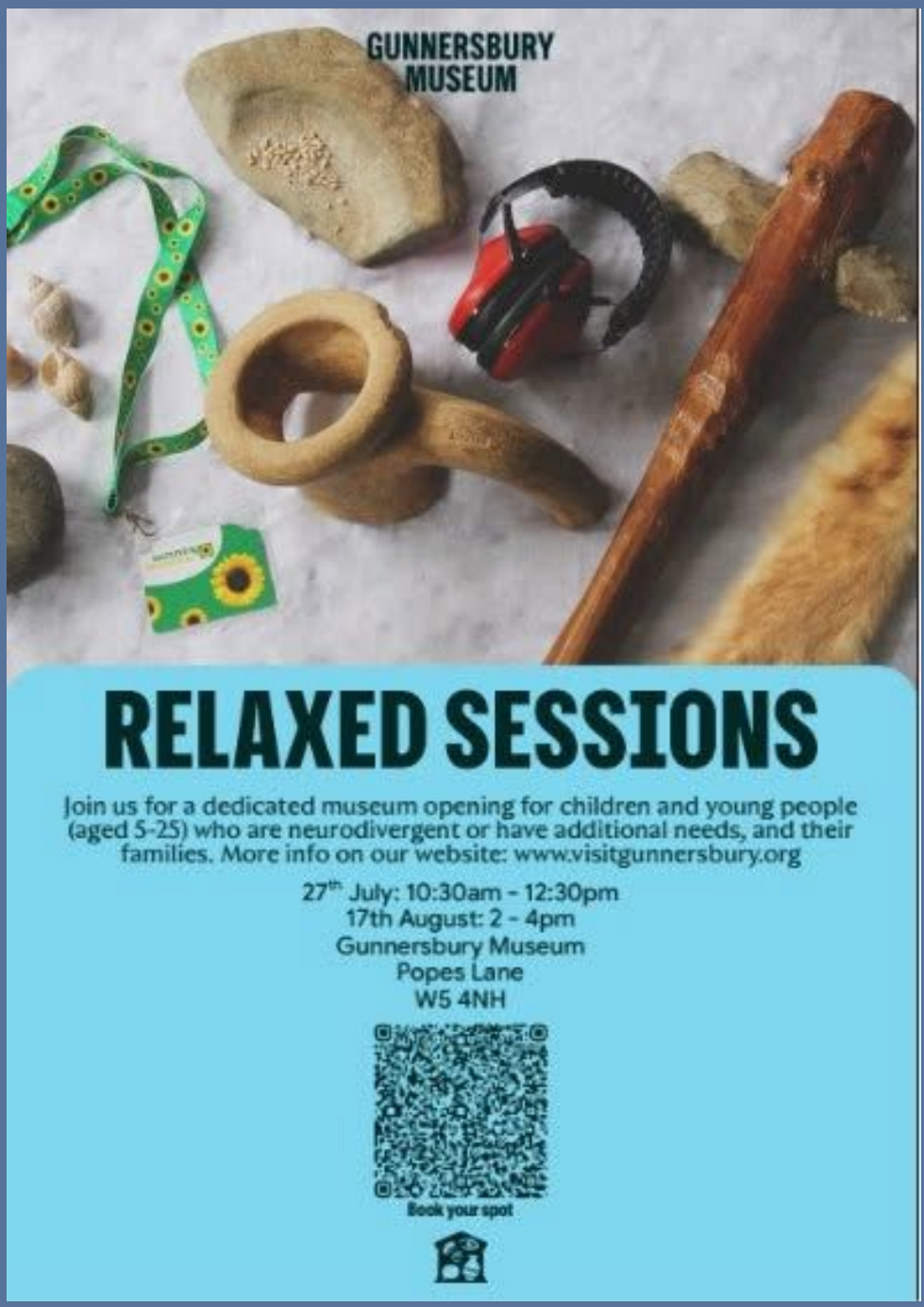


Squeebles Number Bonds (£4.79)

Practise number bonds to 10, 20, 50, 100 and 1000.



SEND- Friendly things to do



Specialist Social Club for Children with Autism and ADHD in Hanwell

Stepping Stones Together is a specialist social club supporting children with Autism and ADHD in Hanwell and the surrounding community.

Our project provides a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment where children can build confidence, develop social skills, and improve behaviour through structured fun activities. Sessions include arts and crafts, sensory play, games, group activities, creative learning, and social interaction opportunities designed around the needs of children with SEND.

Click here for more information.



SEND FRIENDLY SCREENING: TOY STORY 5

SEND Friendly · 1 hr 42 min · Animation

ActOne cinema

When Bonnie receives a Lilypad tablet as a gift and becomes obsessed, Buzz, Woody, Jessie and the rest of the gang's jobs become exponentially harder when they have to go head to head with the all-new threat to playtime.

SEND Friendly Screenings are specifically designed to help persons with special education needs. Lights are left on low, volume is reduced, the audience is free to move around and the screening room is equipped with cushions and yoga mats. Additionally, these screenings will run with no pre-show, so the advertised time will reflect the starting time of the film....

SUN, JUL 19, 2026 SEND FRIENDLY

WED, JUL 22, 2026 SEND FRIENDLY

SEND- Friendly things to do

SUMMER SPORTS CLUB

CHILDREN WITH SEND

22nd July - 13th August 2026

Sports, trips and meals



20 funded places
Brent HAF and Sainsburys funded places



6-9 yr olds
9.30-1.30pm

10-13 yr olds
1pm-5pm

Claremont High School
HA3 0UH

Form must be completed first, to ensure programme is suitable for the needs of each child.

www.starsandsendsportsclub.com

Sainsbury's
Good food for all of us

Brent

[For more send-friendly things to do, please click here.]