



VELS VIDYASHRAM

SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Annual Report 2025–2026

The academic year 2025–2026 was a remarkable journey of excellence, innovation, and holistic development at Vels Vidyashram, Thalambur. Guided by a progressive curriculum and a team of dedicated educators, the institution continued to create a nurturing environment that emphasized character-building, leadership, experiential learning, and academic excellence. The year witnessed numerous achievements in academics, sports, innovation, arts, leadership, and community engagement, reflecting the school's commitment to shaping confident and future-ready learners.

Major Events & Milestones

April 2025

The academic year commenced with a series of **Teachers' Induction Programmes** and **professional development sessions**, including training on the XSEED Curriculum, empowering educators with innovative teaching methodologies and student-centric approaches.

The school organized the **Annual Parent Orientation Programme for Grades X and XII** to strengthen collaboration between parents and educators and provide clarity on academic expectations and board examination preparedness.

Tamil New Year was celebrated with cultural fervour from KG to Grade XII, promoting traditional values and cultural awareness among students.

English Language Day was observed enthusiastically through competitions such as themed attire, elocution, tongue twisters, and debates for students of Grades I to XII. Winners were honoured with Certificates of Appreciation for their outstanding performances.

A Personal Safety Education Session was conducted for students of Grades I to XII on 25th April 2025 to create awareness about personal safety, responsible behaviour, and appropriate responses in different situations.

May 2025

The school proudly achieved a **100% success rate in CBSE Class X and XII Board Examinations**, with students securing multiple centums and outstanding subject-wise scores.

The institution witnessed remarkable academic accomplishments in CBSE, JEE, and NEET examinations, reaffirming its strong academic foundation and consistent commitment to excellence.

Students who secured top positions and subject centums were recognised and celebrated for their hard work, perseverance, and dedication.

June 2025

The LEAD Annual Symposium was conducted with senior educators and principals from Vels Group of Institutions, focusing on academic leadership and future-ready educational practices.

The school proudly celebrated the international achievement of **Kowshigan of Grade XII**, who represented India and won the **Silver Medal in Team Kumite** at the **24th Milo International Open Karate Championship 2025** held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The school football team secured **Third Place** in the prestigious **CBSE Pre-Subroto Cup Football Tournament (South Zone – I)**, showcasing remarkable teamwork and sportsmanship.

International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21st June 2025 under the global theme “**Yoga for One Earth, One Health.**” Students, teachers, and parents actively participated in yoga sessions, meditation, and wellness activities, reinforcing the importance of holistic health and environmental harmony.

Father's Day was celebrated with enthusiasm through sports events and fireless cooking activities where fathers and children participated together, strengthening family bonding and joyful interaction.

The Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2025–26 was held with great dignity, formally inducting the newly elected student council. The ceremony was graced by Dr. Meenakshi Ramesh, Director, Vels Group of Schools, and Commandant Premkumar T.M., Indian Coast Guard Region (East), Chennai, who inspired students with his motivating address on discipline, leadership, and service.

Teachers also attended a special training session on AI Tools for Educators, enabling them to integrate technology and innovation effectively into classroom practices.

July 2025

Students visited Vels Medical College & Hospital for an educational campus visit, gaining valuable exposure to medical infrastructure and healthcare education.

The school proudly celebrated young authors:

- **Gnasritha Yathirajam (Grade V)** for authoring *The Garden of Once a Year*
- **Sarah Velankanni (Grade VI)** for authoring *The Missing Golden Medal*
- **Laksath (Grade VI)** for authoring *The Mortal and the Star*

All books were published through BriBooks, promoting creativity and literary excellence among students.

A vibrant **No Bag Day** was conducted for KG to Grade XII, encouraging experiential learning, vocational activities, creativity, teamwork, and life skills beyond textbooks.

Vels Vidyashram, Thalambur, was honoured with the prestigious **India K-12 Award 2025** by Eldrok India for **Excellence in Promoting Experiential Learning Programmes**, recognising the school's commitment to innovative and hands-on education.

August 2025

The school was selected to host a **Book Exhibition under the Reading India Project 2025**, featuring over 5000 titles from 40 renowned publishers, fostering reading culture and literary appreciation.

The institution proudly celebrated the achievement of Managing Trustee **Dr. Arthi Ganesh**, who received **The Mohini Bakshi Spirit of Possibility Prize** at ScooNews GEF 2025, Jaipur.

Another young author, **Niralya of Grade VI**, published her book *Zoe's Diary* through BriBooks.

Krishna Janmashtami was celebrated with devotion and enthusiasm through poojas, Radha-Krishna attire, and traditional Uriyadi competitions.

The school celebrated the **79th Independence Day** with patriotic fervour through flag hoisting, speeches, songs, and cultural performances reflecting India's unity in diversity.

The Annual Day celebration, themed "**World on Whirl**," was held on 30th August 2025 with grandeur and creativity. The event was graced by **Mr. Vivek Harinarain, IAS (Retd.)**, whose inspiring address motivated students and parents alike.

September 2025

Students continued to bring laurels to the school through remarkable achievements in sports and arts:

- **Thanyashree (Grade VIII)** – Bronze Medal in CBSE South Zone-I Roller Skating Tournament
- **Jana Keerthi (Grade VIII)** – Winner in U14 Badminton
- **Rutva (Grade VII)** – Champion Trophy in Swimming with Gold and Silver medals
- **Shravan (Grade VII)** – Winner of Puducherry CM Trophy
- **Nirmayee Nikhil (Grade IX)** – Runner-Up in *The Hindu Made of Chennai 2025 Painting Competition*

The spirit of Diwali illuminated the campus through diya making, storytelling, Dandiya celebrations, and cultural integration activities with Jammu & Kashmir under the State Pairing Programme.

Educational field trips were organised:

- Grades III–V visited a documentary screening of *Nilgiris – A Shared Wilderness*
- Grades VI–VIII visited *Vayal Organic Farm*
- Grades IX–XII explored the scenic destination of *Yelagiri*

These experiences enriched students' environmental awareness, teamwork, and experiential learning.

November 2025

A Fire Evacuation Drill was conducted as part of Disaster Management awareness and emergency preparedness training.

The school celebrated **Melange 2025**, an intra-school Children's Day competition featuring literary, artistic, cultural, and skill-based events from KG to Grade XII.

A landmark moment was witnessed with the inauguration of the **Vels Football Club Residential Academy** by legendary Olympian **Padma Shri Dr. P.T. Usha**, President of the Indian Olympic Association, promoting excellence in sports and athletics.

December 2025

Students excelled in national-level competitions organised by the Youth United Foundation in collaboration with FIT INDIA.

Anirudhaan of Grade XI secured an outstanding **92nd National Rank** in *Bharat's Soft Power: Cultural Diplomacy and Global Influence for Viksit Bharat*, organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India.

Grandparents' Day was celebrated warmly through performances and joyful interactions honouring the invaluable role of grandparents.

The **Sandhai Celebration** recreated a traditional marketplace, enabling students to develop entrepreneurial and life skills through experiential learning.

Christmas was celebrated joyfully through carol singing, performances, and festive activities promoting love, peace, and unity.

The school also successfully organised the **CSSC Zone VI Peripheral Cluster Inter-School Sports Meet 2025–26**, witnessing enthusiastic participation and exemplary sportsmanship.

January 2026

Pongal was celebrated with traditional games, Pongal preparation, debates, kite flying, and cultural activities promoting Tamil heritage and gratitude.

Students achieved remarkable success at the **World Young Innovators Expo 4.0**, securing multiple prizes for innovative projects related to safety systems, smart monitoring, transportation, and environmental solutions.

February 2026

The school conducted **Innovatia 2026 – Beyond Books Project Expo** on National Science Day. Students from Grades III to IX and XI showcased interdisciplinary projects integrating Science, Mathematics, Social Science, and Languages, highlighting innovation, creativity, and experiential learning.

March 2026

The School hosted a **CBP one day training session** on AI for Teachers

KG Graduation Day 2026 was celebrated with immense joy and pride. The young graduates showcased their talents through colourful performances and confidently stepped into the next phase of learning. Certificates were awarded by Managing Trustee **Dr. Arthi Ganesh**, making the occasion memorable for students and parents alike.

Conclusion

The academic year 2025–2026 has been a year of remarkable accomplishments, meaningful learning experiences, and holistic growth for Vels Vidyashram, Thalambur. With unwavering

support from the management, dedicated efforts of teachers, enthusiastic participation of students, and constant encouragement from parents, the school continues to move forward with a vision of nurturing responsible global citizens and lifelong learners.

As we look ahead, Vels Vidyashram remains committed to fostering excellence in academics, innovation, sports, leadership, values, and community engagement, ensuring that every child is empowered to achieve success and contribute positively to society.