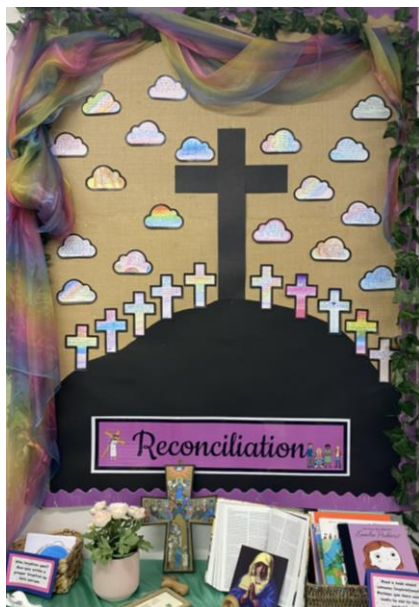


Focus on ... Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been busy with lots of exciting learning activities! In Maths, the children worked hard to compare and order decimals and practised rounding them to different places. This helped them build a strong understanding of decimals and how to use them in real-life situations. In English, the class started reading a new book for the half-term called The Promise. They made predictions about the story and used their creativity to write poems based on a setting called The City of Despair, exploring the feelings and atmosphere of the place. In Religious Education, we learned about Mary Ann Long, an inspirational woman who sold everything she had to help those in need. The children were inspired by her story. They also wrote about what they might do to help others during Lent. They created a beautiful display of their reflections and ideas for their upcoming period. It's been a week full of thoughtful learning and creative work, and the children have made great progress in all their subjects. Keep up the hard work, Year 5!



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Believe, Trust and Be Ready
"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Gospel Values

Our gospel value this week is:

SPREAD LOVE
 WHEREVER YOU GO.
 LET NO ONE
 EVER COME TO YOU
 WITHOUT LEAVING
 HAPPIER.

- mothertheresa -

The Gospel focus this week was Luke 6:27-38, it told us how Jesus asks us to do good to everyone not just those who are our friends. If we can be generous and give kindness and forgiveness to others, we will receive much more ourselves.

Behaviour Awards

Conduct and Courtesy Award – Great attitude with good manners and behaviour.

Merit Award – Super work and effort in a particular area of the Curriculum.

Year Group	Gospel value: Purity	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Charlotte	Sofia	Heidi – for settling well into life at St. Vincent's.
Year 1	Aurora	Theo	Thomas – for always trying his best.
Year 2	James	Isabella	Max – for always trying his best and for excellent listening.
Year 3	Ethan	Stanley	Ian – independent R.E. work this week.
Year 4	Narin	Marissa	Ella – excellent writing in English lessons.
Year 5	Yasmin	Hattie	Daniel – amazing progress in arithmetic because of his determination.
Year 6	Lottie	Malachy	Imogen – for always giving her full attention and working hard.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. I can't believe that it is March tomorrow! Our children have come back with renewed energy levels and have shown great enthusiasm in class and around school. Today we had a visit from Esther McVey our local MP. She spoke to the children in assembly and then had a tour of our wonderful school. The school grounds are changing with lots of signs of Spring and it was lovely seeing the start of the daffodils and other plants around. Please take time this weekend as a family to notice how your gardens and the local area are changing.

Have a lovely weekend with family and friends.

God Bless.

Miss Groarke and all the staff at St. Vincent's.

Religious Education Newsletter

Today we are sending out our new Religious Education Newsletter written by Mrs Davies. This will further inform you of your child's RE Curriculum learning and the Catholic life of the school. Please take time to read it as there is lots of information and key dates for the coming half term.

ANPR Cameras/Safe Haven Parking Pilot

As you may have seen in the press, our school is set to spearhead a 'safe haven' parking-free pilot scheme that aims to boost pupil safety and encourage more active travel. New automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras will be installed on the roads outside school to help enforce signed stopping restrictions. Under the Safe Haven Outside Schools pilot, drivers contravening parking bans will face £35 fixed penalty fines – which rise to £70 if not paid within 14 days. Please be mindful of where you park to drop off and collect children.

Y2 visit to Weaver Hall

On Tuesday Year 2 went to Weaver Hall Museum to help to enrich our learning about the Great Fire of London. We all had a great time finding out lots of interesting facts, getting into character by dressing up and acting out key events. We made a fire mark and a tussie mussie which were important objects that people used at the time. Thanks to all the staff and parent helpers for giving up their time and helping us to have such a great day out.



Reminder: World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

This year, we are celebrating World Book Day with a relaxing twist and coming to school in our pyjamas! We encourage all children to wear their pyjamas and bring a favourite book to share with their friends.

World Book Day is a wonderful opportunity to inspire a love of reading and encourage children and families to experience the joy that books bring. Reading has the power to spark imagination, expand knowledge and change lives. Let's make this day special by relaxing, sharing stories, and celebrating the magic of books together!

Special Menus – Pancake Day and World Book Day

Next week, we will be offering two special menus. On Shrove Tuesday, our usual puddings will be replaced with a selection of pancakes (see attached menu). Then, on Thursday, in celebration of World Book Day, the menu will be a specially themed selection (see attached menu) or Mac and Cheese – there will be no jacket potatoes or pasta choice that day.

House Points

House points are awarded throughout the week for all kinds of achievement or for good behaviour in all classes. The house point totals for this week were as follows:

St. David	St. Andrew	St. George	St. Patrick
19	20	18	20

Well done to this week's winning houses – **St. Andrew and St. Patrick**

Attendance

Reception	97.1%	Year 4	97.2%
Year 1	100%	Year 5	99.2%
Year 2	97.5%	Year 6	96.5%
Year 3	98.3%		

WELL DONE YEAR 1 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Young Voices

On Tuesday, our Choir, along with over 7000 other children from all over the Northwest, took part in The Young Voices Concert at the Co-op Live Arena. The atmosphere was amazing, and a big 'thank you' to those parents who came to support us this year. The children had a fabulous time and managed to maintain their energy levels until the end of the concert. As well as singing as a mass choir, they had the opportunity to watch performances from the dance group Urban Strides and listen to the YV special guests: MC Grammar, Tommy Blaize (vocalist on Strictly Come Dancing) and 14-year-old singing superstar Souparnika Nair (semi-finalist on BGT and star of the UK touring musical School of Rock).

Charlie Y3 'It was really good because I had snacks that my Mum gave me, and I love singing!'

Hattie Y5: 'It was a great experience for us to go to the Coop Live Arena this week, to sing along and meet amazing people. There was someone from Britain's got talent there who was once in the choir seats 7 or 8 years ago, and there was strictly come dancing's main singer too. We got to sing and do the actions and watch the breakdancers'.

Oliver Y4: 'I enjoyed your voices because MC Grammar returned. I felt excited and happy. Next year I hope I can return again. My favourite part was dancing to the rap music'.



Esther McVey Visit



'This morning, Esther McVey, a member of Parliament, came to talk to us about her job and we asked her questions'.

'Esther McVey was very interesting and she was a nice person with a sense of humour. She answered all my questions very well with lots of details. She is mostly in Tatton not London – she rents a house in London and has a house in Tatton'.

'Today a member of Parliament came into school to talk about her job. Her name was Ester McVey. Esther hosted an assembly and she talked about what an MP is and answered all our questions. Afterwards she talked to the school council and answered some more questions and we had a photo with her'.

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Reflections

Lent will start on Ash Wednesday March 5th this is next Wednesday. We will be having a service in school at 2.30pm where all the children will receive ashes. All parents, grandparents and family members are invited to come and join us to receive ashes. Lent is a very special time in the Church's year when we prepare for the great feast of Easter. To mark this season, we will be holding daily Lenten Prayer sessions each morning in the school hall before school starts, from 8:45am to 8:55am. These sessions will begin on **Monday 10th March**, and we warmly invite you to join us if you can. They will run for three weeks. They are open to pupils, parents, grandparents, family, and friends and provide a wonderful way to start the day.



Lent walk for CAFOD

During Lent we are going to take part in The Big Lent Walk. We will be raising money to help people as they overcome poverty. Money raised will go straight to CAFOD.

Household Support Fund - HSF

An extension to the Household Support Fund (HSF) was announced by the UK government on 02 September 2024. The fund will cover the period from 1 October 2024 to 31 March 2025. In Cheshire East, the HSF grant provides crisis support to financially vulnerable households most in need. The fund is also available to support those adults and families struggling to afford household basics including food, energy, and wider essentials. Miss Groarke can refer financially vulnerable adults and families that are within our school community. This fund is available until 28th March 2025. If you feel that you could benefit from a referral, please make an appointment to see Miss Groarke.

Y1/Y2 Easter Craft Club

Mrs. Jones will be running a fun and creative Easter craft club for Year 1 and Year 2 children, starting next Wednesday after school until 4.15pm, and continuing each week until the Easter holidays. Spaces are limited, so be sure to book via ParentPay (from Monday) with a small £1 donation.

Reception/Y1/Y2 Board Games Club

Miss Groarke will be running a board games club for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children, starting Monday 10th March for 4 weeks after school until 4.15pm, and continuing each week until the Easter holidays. Spaces are limited, so be sure to book via ParentPay (from Monday) with a small £1 donation.

High 5 Netball Tournament



'On Thursday, a selection of year 5 and 6 children went to Knutsford Academy to the High 5 netball tournament. There were four other schools. We won against Egerton, Mobberley and Manor Park by quite a few points. We only lost to Bexton by 3 points. Overall we came second but we worked really hard as a team and enjoyed it', by Maya and Chloe (Y5).



PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery

Our extremely successful Fun Ball Friday starts again this half term. We will run it from 28th February until 4th April inclusive – 6 weeks. Each lotto number costs £2 a week, purchased via ParentPay. There is no limit to the number of balls you can purchase. It's as simple as that! If your number gets drawn (on a Friday), your child gets to choose a ball and you get to collect a cheque for the winnings from the office the following Monday. Winners are announced in Friday's Newsletters. It's such an easy fun way to raise money for our school and each week someone wins a cash prize and a child wins a ball. What's not to love?! Please sign up and enter the draw today via ParentPay. Good Luck!

Today's Fun Ball Friday lucky ball was number 15. Congratulations to parents of Patrick(Y2).

Preloved Evening – Supporting the PTA in Style!

We're excited to announce a 'Preloved Evening' to help raise funds for the PTA—because who doesn't love a little sustainable shopping with a side of prosecco? Fiona from Redress will be joining us on March 26th from 7pm-9pm in the school hall to host a pop-up preloved clothing and styling event, where you can browse some fabulous second-hand finds. We're also hoping to add a few pamper stalls to the mix—stay tuned for details! In addition, we'll be selling preloved children's clothes, so we're asking for donations of good-quality kids' clothing that still have plenty of life left in them (no stains, rips, or tears, please!). To make things easier, we are asking parents to drop off donations at the school office. Tickets cost £6 each, which includes a glass of prosecco. They'll be available to buy on ParentPay from Monday - Feel free to bring a friend! Let's make this a fun, feel-good evening for a great cause—shopping, socializing, and supporting our school all in one go!

Dad's Darts

Tickets are now on sale for the dad's darts event – these can be bought via ParentPay at a cost of £10 each.

 When: **Friday, 14th March, 6:30pm @ Lord Eldon**

Preschool Easter Holiday Club

We're thrilled to announce that bookings are now open for our Easter 2025 Holiday Club!

Dates: Monday 7th April – Thursday 17th April 2025

Session times and prices:

Over 3's		Under 3'	
Breakfast 8.30am – 9.00am	£ 4.00	Breakfast 8.30am – 9.00am	£ 4.00
Session (2.5 hours)	£15.50	Session (2.5 hours)	£16.25
Lunch Club (1.25 hours)	£ 7.00	Lunch Club (1.25 hours)	£ 7.00
After School Club 3.15pm – 4.30pm	£ 7.50	After School Club 3.15pm – 4.30pm	£ 7.50

Additional charges of £4.00 per 2.5 hours will be incurred for stretched funding during holiday club

Discounts and Childcare Support:

Early Bird Discount: Attend from 9.00am – 3.15pm and save £8.00 per day if your child's place is booked before 14th March 2025.

Childcare Vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare accepted

PLEASE NOTE HOLIDAY CLUB HOURS ARE ONLY 8.30AM – 4.30PM, if numbers are insufficient then the club will operate 9.00am – 3.15pm.

Birthday Wishes

Many happy returns this week to:

LOOK WHO
IS

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Charlotte
Ethan

LOOK WHO
IS

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James

LOOK WHO
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Harrison

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 3rd March		
Year 5/ Year 6 – ‘What’s my Job?’ Workshops	09:30	10:30
Year 6 Forest Schools	PM	
Year 4 Wider Opportunities Music Lessons – please remember instrument	PM	
Y3/Y4 free after school dance club – sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:30
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (all years)	15:30	16:30
Shrove Tuesday - Tuesday 4th March		
Y1 ‘Stay and Learn’ – phonics screening	09:00	09:30
Music Ninjas – Piano lessons		PM
Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 5th March		
ARTIS Performing arts workshops – all classes		
Ash Wednesday Service – school hall - Everyone welcome to come	14:30	
Y5/Y6 After School Sports Club – sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:30
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (all years)	15:30	16:30
Thursday 6th March		
World Book Day – Come to school in pyjamas and bring your favourite book		
Rock Steady Music		
Y1 Barnaby Bear workshop	PM	
Rec/Y1/Y2 ‘Introduction to Gymnastics’ after school club	15:30	16:30
Friday 7th March		
Year 5 Assembly – parents/carers welcome. School Hall	09:05	
Y5/Y6 Swimming – Please remember costumes/towels/caps/goggles	PM	
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football	15:30	16:30
Y1-Y6 Jam Coding After School Club	15:25	16:25
Y3-Y6 After School Netball Club – sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:30

* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at www.drsportsclubs.co.uk



Father David and St. Vincent's Church

[St Vincent De Paul RC Church, Knutsford \(stvincentsknutsford.org\)](http://stvincentsknutsford.org)

Masses at Knutsford: Sunday – 9:00 am and 11:00 am **Masses at Lymm:** Vigil Mass at St Winefride's, Booths Hill Rd, Lymm, WA13 0DL at 5.45pm on Saturdays.

Mums and Tots - all preschool aged children and parents/carers are welcome every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at the Parish Centre from 10:00 until 12:00.

CAMBODIA LINK: Message from Fr David - Thank you so much for the many donations I have received to help build the classrooms at the Jesus Farm; already we have raised £2000. It was wonderful to visit FR Totet recently and celebrate the Vigil Mass with him and the parish. I also visited the Jesus Farm and saw the site where the classrooms will be built and met some of the children who will benefit from them. I have posted photos on the Parish Facebook Page if you would like to see them. We now have a special bank account for our link with Fr Totet and his work in Cambodia. When he visited last year, we promised to help him raise \$40,000 to build a classroom to support his work with children. If you would like to donate, please make cheques payable to "Knutsford and Lymm Cambodia Link." You can also **make payments direct via BACS to Knutsford and Lymm Cambodia Link, Lloyds Bank, Account No. 68321468; Sort Code 30-15-52.**