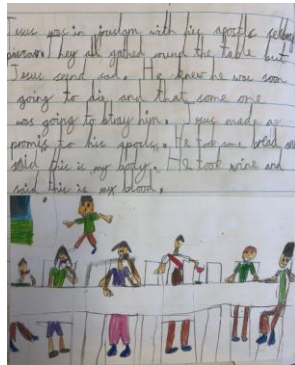


Focus on ... Year 2

Year 2 have worked so hard this week! Not only have we been trying our best in the end of Spring Term Maths and English assessments, but we have also been learning our parts for our Class Assembly next week as well as all the usual timetabled lessons! We are definitely ready for the weekend!

In RE, we have been finding out about the important events that led up to Easter Day. We have written about Palm Sunday and The Last Supper, and this week we have been considering the question: 'Were the apostles good friends of Jesus?'. This generated many different opinions and a great discussion!



In Music we have been preparing for our big performance next Friday. We really enjoy singing and playing the glockenspiels and hope you will enjoy hearing us.

In DT we have been looking at food groups and thinking about what makes a balanced diet. We sorted food into the 5 main food groups and thought of some healthy meal ideas.



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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:
Mercy



This week's gospel focus is Luke 9:28-36, the Transfiguration of Jesus. Transfiguration means change – Jesus changed the way the disciples could see him so they would know what was real. The Transfiguration showed the disciples, and us, what was real about Jesus. Let us all try to change something for the better this week!

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: Mercy	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Rafe	Tabby	Albie – fantastic writing this week.
Year 1	Thomas	Hugo	Emmie – settling in well to St. Vincent's.
Year 2	Sophia	Chase	Henry – Fabulous effort in maths!
Year 3	Edward	Archie	Rhea – amazing R.E. work to show all the parts of the Mass.
Year 4	Zara	Sebby	Ayden – working hard in all that he does.
Year 5	Robinwood Residential		
Year 6	Robinwood Residential		

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday, we celebrated World Happiness Day while on residential with Year 5 and Year 6 at Robinwood Maes y Nant in Wrexham. The atmosphere was filled with enjoyment—helped along by the beautiful sunshine and gorgeous weather. A key message from World Happiness Day highlighted the importance of sharing meals to spread happiness - It was truly heartwarming to sit down with over 60 children and staff to enjoy breakfast, lunch, and tea together. These shared moments brought so much joy and connection. The children (and staff) had a fantastic time, embracing new challenges with enthusiasm. The memories the children created during this trip will stay with them forever.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the staff who made this trip possible: Mrs Bullen, Mrs O'Keefe, Mrs Hales, Miss Hughes, Coach Dave, and our parent helper, Mrs Benskin. Your time, dedication, and effort ensured the success of this unforgettable experience. Without them, such a trip could not take place

Have a lovely weekend with family and friends.

God Bless,

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

Year 5 and 6 Residential to Robinwood

The Year 5 and 6 children have had an amazing and fun time at Robinwood this week. The children were split into 5 mixed groups – Wood, Mountains, Ridge, Crag and Forest. The activities they took part in included giant swing, piranha pool, zip wire, canoeing, archery, climbing wall, dungeon, trapeze and team challenges to mention just a few. The visit was filled with laughter, courage, and teamwork, and the children rose to every challenge with enthusiasm and determination. Look out for next week's newsletter, where we'll feature the children's reports and more photographs capturing all the highlights of this amazing experience.



Mass

On Tuesday 25th March all parents and carers are welcome to celebrate our whole school Mass at 9.30am in the school hall. It would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible joining us.

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
16	12	17	10

Well done to this week's winning house – **St. George**

Attendance

Reception	97.3%	Year 4	96.3%
Year 1	96.4%	Year 5	100%
Year 2	96.7%	Year 6	95.31%
Year 3	97.7%		

WELL DONE YEAR 5 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Comic Relief 'Red Nose Day'

Today has been a fantastic celebration of fun and generosity at school. It was great to see so many happy faces and outfits as we joined together to support Comic Relief. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated. So far, we have raised £176.50! If you haven't had the chance to contribute yet, it's not too late! You can still donate and make a difference by following this link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=17701>

Lenten Reflections

We will continue to mark the season of Lent next week with our daily Lenten Prayer sessions each morning in the school hall before school starts, from 8:45am to 8:55am. Please join us if you can. Everyone is welcome—pupils, parents, grandparents, family, and friends.



Big Lent Walk for CAFOD

On Monday and Tuesday of next week we are taking 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.

We will be collecting sponsors via our Just Giving fundraising page:

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-vincent-de-paul-catholic-primary-school-knutsford-wal68a/>

Choir visit Sharston House On Tuesday afternoon, our wonderful Choir brought joy and music to the residents of Sharston House. They performed a selection of songs from the Young Voices Concert, as well as some much-loved school assembly favourites. The children were absolutely fantastic, showcasing their talent and spreading smiles all around. After their performance, they were treated to a well-deserved drink and a delicious chocolate brownie—an added treat for their hard work and enthusiasm! A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Dowler for stepping in for Mrs. Cox at the last minute, and to Miss Hughes for arranging all the backing music. We would also like to express our heartfelt thanks to Sharston House for their very generous donation towards the cost of the coach to the Young Voices event. Your support means so much to us, and we truly appreciate it.



'Thank you for kindly accepting our invitation to send the choir to Sharston House. The residents truly enjoyed singing with the children and having the opportunity to chat with them afterward. It was a heart-warming experience for everyone'.

Holidays during term time and absence requests

Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless exceptional circumstances are clearly demonstrated. Please see this policy on our website for further details. Please can you ensure that any absence requests (when possible) are put in writing to Miss Groarke at least 4 weeks before the intended dates of absence. **Please note** Cheshire East Local Authority have informed all schools that Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued to parents who take their children out of school without authorisation. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.



PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery



This week's lucky Fun Ball Friday number was 4 —congratulations to the parents of Zachary (Y5). Every Friday, a number is drawn, and if it's yours, your child gets to pick a ball and you get to collect a cheque from the office on Monday. Winners are revealed in the Friday newsletter, so keep your eyes peeled! There's no limit to how many balls you can buy, so why not boost your chances? It's a super fun way to support our school, raise funds, and make a child's day with a brand-new ball. So, what's not to love? Get involved now via ParentPay. Numbers can be bought up to 5pm every Thursday for the following Friday's draw—good luck! 🍀

Parents' Evening

Our Parent's Evening dates are Tuesday 1st April 4.00pm – 6.30pm and Thursday 3rd April 4.00pm – 6.30pm. **The Parent's Evening booking system will go live on Monday 24th March** at 9am and will stay live until Friday 28th March at 4pm. Slots can be booked via either our school website by selecting parent login on the top black bar, or through the School Spider Phone App. If you are having trouble logging in or having problems booking a slot, please contact Mrs Watson and she will gladly help.

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week:

LOOK WHO IS
5
Caden

LOOK WHO IS
7
Freddie

LOOK WHO IS
8
Lola

LOOK WHO IS
11
Jeswin



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 which have raised £3335 towards our target of \$40,000. Donations can be made by cash or by cheque made 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.**

THE ENQUIRY GROUP: Our next meeting will be at 7pm this Thursday in the hall.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will follow 9.30am Mass on Wednesdays in Lent.

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Lenten Prayer – Every Morning School Hall. All children, parents, carers welcome	08:45	08:55
Monday 24th March		
Big Lent Walk for CAFOD		
Y3 Forest Schools	PM	
Y1 Barnaby Bear Concert – Congleton Town Hall	12:30	13:45
Year 4 Wider Opportunities Music Lessons – please remember instrument	PM	
Y4 Music Concert – School Hall, Parents/Carers welcome	15:00	15:20
Rec/Y1/Y2 Board Games Club – sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:15
Y3/Y4 after school dance club – sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:30
Y5/Y6 football match v Mobberley Primary (at St. Vincent's)	15:45	16:30
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (all years)	15:30	16:30
Tuesday 25th March		
Big Lent Walk for CAFOD		
Lent Mass – School Hall. Parents/Carers welcome	09:30	10:30
Music Ninjas – Piano lessons		PM
Wednesday 26th March		
ARTIS Performing arts workshops – all classes		
Y1/Y2 Easter Crafts Club	15:30	16:15
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (all years)	15:30	16:30
PTA Swap Shop – School Hall. Tickets via ParentPay	19:00	21:00
Thursday 27th March		
Y3 visit to Tatton Park 'Stone, Bronze and Iron Age'	ALL	DAY
Y4 Activity Day at St. Nicholas Catholic High School	ALL	DAY
Rock Steady Music		
Year 5 Penitential Service	14:15	
Y5/Y6 Quad Kids event – Knutsford Academy	15:30	16:30
Friday 28th March		
Y2 Class Assembly – School Hall. Parents/Carers welcome	09:05	09:30
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
End of Academy Consultation Period		
Sunday 30th March		
Y3 FHC Mass followed by Parents Meeting – St Vincent's Church	11:00	12:00