

Focus on ... Year 1

We have been very busy in Year 1 this week! On Monday we went to Congleton Town Hall for our Barnaby Bear saves the world concert. Mr Clay from the Love Music Trust has been coming into our classroom on Thursday afternoons to deliver the project. We sang songs about sustainability, recycling, the importance of our natural environment, climate change and much more! We also had an instrumental piece which we performed during the concert. Mrs Webster and Mrs Lees said we did a brilliant job!

In DT we have started making our windmills. First, we looked at making stable structures so we can make sure our windmill doesn't fall over! Then yesterday we thought about using tools and equipment accurately to make the sails. We are really enjoying our DT topic and cannot wait to take our windmills home next week!

In Science we have been looking at different types of materials and testing their properties. Last week Mrs Webster set us a task to find out which material would be best to make an umbrella out of. We had lots of fun testing to see if different materials were not only waterproof but strong as well. We found out that a plastic bag would be the best material to make an umbrella with.



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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:
Compassion

This week's gospel was Luke 13:1-9 and the story is all about a patient gardener who waits for his tree to bear fruit. These days many of us want instant results, immediate gratification, as if knowledge or information can provide answers to all the questions of life. Trees grow slowly, fruit takes time to develop and mature. The same is true for 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: Compassion	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Caden	Sophie	Tudor – for always being a kind, caring and thoughtful member of our class.
Year 1	Robyn	Patrick	Aiden & Nathan – amazing effort with their handwriting.
Year 2	Lyra	Florence H	Chase – wowed Mrs Cox with his maths assessment.
Year 3	Benjamin	Theo F	Archie – focused well and produced amazing flower artwork.
Year 4	Roisin	Stanley	AraOluwa – creating a beautiful piece of Art using a scratch pad.
Year 5	Edward C	Grace F	Evie – always trying her best, producing beautiful work and being a responsible member of the class.
Year 6	Olivia Co	Alice	Mae – for listening attentively and trying her best at all times.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is nearly the end of the Spring term, only one week left, and we have certainly packed in plenty! It was lovely on Monday and Tuesday seeing all the children travelling around school with their buddies on our 'Big Lent Walk'. Well done to everyone for completing at least 1km each!

On Wednesday night it was wonderful to see so many mums at the PTA Preloved Evening night. We had three Reception mums who were amazing models showing off the different clothes available to buy in a fashion show. A great evening was had by all.

This Sunday is Mothering Sunday and lots of children from school will be helping in Church at 11am Mass with giving out books, readings, collecting money and the offertory, so please come if you can or log in from home. This Mass is for all children taking their First Forgiveness next Wednesday as there is a rehearsal after mass.

Have a lovely weekend with family and friends and hopefully the sun will continue to shine.

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

Year 5 and 6 Residential to Robinwood



Last week, Year 5 and 6 had the most incredible time on our residential trip to Robinwood, and it was absolutely unforgettable! We took part in a range of thrilling activities like archery, canoeing, climbing and the crate challenge. The giant swing and high ropes course were both exciting and a little nerve-wracking, while the piranha pool was a real test of bravery! We also had a blast on the zip wire and worked together to solve tricky problems in the quest. During every activity, we developed important skills like communication, teamwork, bravery and perseverance. Our fantastic team leaders were always there to encourage us, making every experience even more enjoyable. We built so much confidence and resilience, especially when we faced challenges that pushed us to keep going. We were kept busy from start to finish, and every moment was filled with excitement. It truly was the best time ever! Written by Year 5.

Y2 Class Assembly

What an amazing start to today! Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed performing their class assembly to a very appreciative audience this morning. Mrs Cox and Mrs Jones were very proud of each and every one of the children. The children demonstrated how talented and confident they are, and their enthusiasm and joy of performing was evident to all!



Y4 Music Concert

On Monday, our Year 4 children showcased their amazing musical talents as they performed in their very own music performance. It was wonderful to see them being able to read music, play their clarinets in time and to witness the fantastic progress they have made. Thank you to the many parents who were able to join us.



Y3 visit to Tatton 'Stone, Bronze and Iron Age'.

On Thursday, Year 3 went to Tatton Park to learn more about the stone age for our history topic. We learnt more about how Stone Age people would hunt, how they would build their houses, methods of farming for crops, and how they would make a fire. Our leaders were very impressed with our knowledge and the interesting questions we were asking them. Well done Year 3!



Y4 Activity Day at St. Nicholas

Year 4 had a fantastic visit to St Nicholas High School yesterday and enjoyed experiencing life at a secondary school. They started the day in the chapel and took part in a peaceful reflection and meditation about Lent with Marie the chaplain, before heading to the Art department where the children loved working with Mrs McEvoy to create their monster inspired name signs. After lunch, they visited the Sports Hall with Mr Armstrong where they took part in a carousel of sports hall activities such as javelin, vertical jump, curling, running and hurdles. Our children were great ambassadors for St Vincent's and they all had a wonderful time. Thank you to all the staff at St Nicholas for a great 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
26	21	18	17

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

Attendance

Reception	96.9%	Year 4	97.4%
Year 1	97.7%	Year 5	95.8%
Year 2	98%	Year 6	94.4%
Year 3	96%		

WELL DONE YEAR 2 – BRILLIANT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Big Lent Walk for CAFOD

On Monday and Tuesday this week the whole school took part in The Big Lent Walk to raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. 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-knitsford-wa168al>



Holy Week Lenten Reflections

On Monday, we will be having our last Lenten reflection at 8.45am in the school hall.

On Tuesday we begin our journey through Holy Week. Parents and carers are welcome to join us in the hall at 9.05am for the reflections. They usually finish by 9.20am.

Our KS2 pupils will help us reflect on Holy Week by leading us through the various events:

Tuesday 9.05am – Year 3 will reflect on Palm Sunday.

Wednesday 9.05am – Year 4 will reflect on the Last Supper.

Thursday 9.05am – Year 5 will reflect on the Garden of Gethsemane.

Friday 9.05am - Year 6 will reflect on the Crucifixion.

These short reflections have proved to be very powerful in the past, linking prayer, drama and music in a very thought-provoking way. Can we please ask that when you come into the hall you respect the silent atmosphere that we will have created. The hall will be in darkness and children will enter in silence. Thank you for your understanding.

St Vincent's Football Team

St Vincent's football team kicked off the spring league last night, with a thrilling 3-2 victory over Mobberley! Despite an early setback, they fought back to take a 2-1 lead. With just eight minutes left, Mobberley equalized, but St Vincent's dominated the final moments. Harry sealed the win with a brilliant goal, securing a well-earned triumph.

Well Done! **Team:** Max, Theo, Daniel, Harrison, Elliot, Thomas, Caylem, William, Thomas

Player of the Match: Harry





PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery



This week's lucky **Fun Ball Friday** number was 18 — congratulations to the parents of Leon (Rec). Thank you to both our St Vincent's dads and reception parents who have hosted hugely successful evenings recently in aid of the PTA. The **Dad's Darts** was a great night which raised £580. The **Preloved Evening** on Wednesday was a lovely evening hosted by Fiona from Redress, which raised £518. Thank you again everyone.

Overall, this year so far, the PTA have raised a truly amazing £9k. Thank you to all the supportive parents of St Vincent's, the PTA couldn't do it without you. We still have some way to go to reach our target for this year though, let's keep the momentum up! More details have been issued on WhatsApp today.

Book Fair

Next week we will be having a book fair after school. As a school, we benefit from the sale of the books by being able to choose a selection of free books for all classes with the commission. A big thank you to the PTA who are giving up their time to 'man' the stall. The fair will be open from 3.25pm until 4pm on Monday and Wednesday, and from 3.25pm until the end of the Parent's Evenings on Tuesday and Thursday. Payment can be by card, cash or the Scholastic online payment system for parents wishing to pay by card <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay>. World Book Day vouchers can also be spent at the book fair. Please come along and support us! If you are free and able to help run the book fair for a 45 min slot, particularly on Thursday evening, please respond to the WhatsApp poll. Thank you!

Knutsford Schools Ball — 20th June 2025. Tickets will be going on sale next week, further details to follow.

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week:

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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
Monday 31 March			
Lenten Prayer – School Hall. Everyone welcome (last one)		08:45	08:55
Y2 Forest Schools		PM	
Year 4 Wider Opportunities Music Lessons – please remember instrument		PM	
Book Fair – School entrance		15:30	16:00
Rec/Y1/Y2 Board Games Club – sign up via ParentPay		15:30	16:15
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (all years)		15:30	16:30
Tuesday 1st April			
Y3 Holy Week Reflection – Parents/Carers welcome. School Hall		09:00	09:15
Music Ninjas – Piano lessons			PM
Y6 Penitential Service			
Parents Evening – School Hall		16:00	18:30
Book Fair – School entrance		15:30	18:30
Wednesday 2nd April			
Y4 Holy Week Reflection – Parents/Carers welcome. School Hall		09:00	09:15
ARTIS Performing arts workshops – all classes			
Boof Fair – School entrance		15:30	16:00
Y1/Y2 Easter Crafts Club		15:30	16:15
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (all years)		15:30	16:30
Y3 First Forgiveness – Parents and children. St Vincent's Church		19:00	20:00
Thursday 3rd April			
Y5 Holy Week Reflection – Parents/Carers welcome. School Hall		09:00	09:15
Rock Steady Music			
Rock Steady Concert – School Hall. Parents/Carers welcome		14:20	15:25
Book Fair – school entrance		15:30	18:30
Parents Evening (not Y1) – School Hall		16:00	18:30
Friday 4th April			
Y6 Holy Week Reflection – Parents/Carers welcome. School Hall		09:00	09:15
Y5/Y6 Swimming – remember costumes/towels/caps/goggles (last one)		PM	
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football		15:30	16:30
Netball		15:30	16:30
Break up for Easter Holidays		15:25	



Y5/Y6 Quad Kits Event Last night we took 8 children to the latest Knutsford Schools event to take part in a Quad Kids Tournament. The children took part in a 600m run, a 75m sprint, long jump and a nerf ball throw. The team showed incredible determination to secure a 2nd place finish.

