

Focus on....Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic week full of excitement and discovery! We were thrilled to be visited by Dr Diane Davies, the UK's only Maya archaeologist, who brought history to life with an unforgettable workshop. She brought along fascinating artefacts for us to explore — we had great fun thinking about what they were made from, how they might have been used, and who might have owned them. Dr Diane was so impressed by our curiosity and knowledge that she even appointed two Maya experts from our class! She shared stories of her excavations in Mesoamerica and told us about the amazing things she had found — not to mention the scorpions and snakes she'd encountered along the way! We also learned how to write numbers using the Maya number system, made our own Maya calendars and discovered our Maya spirit companions based on our birthdays. What an incredible experience! In English, we've been writing persuasive letters - parents, beware! We might be using our new skills to convince you we need a trip to Mesoamerica!



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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 Service

Jesus modeled this value of service through acts like washing His disciples' feet (John 13:1-17) and ultimately sacrificing His life for humanity. He taught that true greatness in God's kingdom comes through serving others: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant" (Mark 10:43).

Living out the gospel value of service means:
 Volunteering time and talents to help others.
 Putting others' needs before personal gain.
 Being attentive to the suffering and responding with action.
 Promoting justice and dignity for all people.



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: Service	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Seb	Eliza	Rafe – fantastic attitude towards his reading.
Year 1	Anton	Albert	Robyn – Amazing effort in phonics.
Year 2	Isabella	Max	Milan – fabulous effort in class especially contributions to lessons.
Year 3	Harrison	Theo M	George – amazing return narrative in English.
Year 4	Thomas	Oliver	All the class – for an amazing residential.
Year 5	Annie	Alice	Noah – for his excellent responses to reasoning problems in maths lessons - superstar!
Year 6	Theo	Joel	Mia – for always trying her best in lessons and sharing her cheery smile.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope the sun continues to shine this weekend as we celebrate the Royal May Day parade on Saturday. We are truly blessed with all that Knutsford has to offer families. Please remember that Monday is a bank holiday, so we will see you all on Tuesday. Have a lovely weekend with your family and friends.

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

Prayers for Pope Francis

This week within school we have continued to reflect on the life and service of Pope Francis. Here is a selection of prayers from Year 1 to Year 6



Year 6 World War Two day



'On Tuesday, Year 6 were visited by Gareth-who ran a historic workshop on WWII. He spoke to us, sharing facts and stories, as well as bringing many artefacts from 80-90 years ago. He then showed us a video from the 1940s about how to put out an incendiary bomb (a bomb that would shoot out sparks to start a fire instead of exploding), he then took us onto the playground where we had a go at putting out some replicas. Then we had a go at first aid after a bombing - as an air raid warden would do, he showed us how to tie a sling using a triangular bandage. It was a fantastic, enjoyable day overall', by Elliot and Ethan B.

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
22	18	20	17

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

Attendance

Reception	95%	Year 4	96.8%
Year 1	95.4%	Year 5	99%
Year 2	98.3%	Year 6	98.1%
Year 3	98.7%		

WELL DONE YEAR 5 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Reception Library Visit

On Tuesday morning Reception walked to Knutsford Library. The children enjoyed exploring the library by looking at a range of different books and practising taking out and returning books. It was a lovely trip out and the children are excited to visit again with their families. A huge thank you to all our adult helpers - we really appreciate your time and support.



Year 4 Residential – Petty Pool

What a wonderful few days away Year 4 have had this week on their residential to Petty Pool Activity Centre in this beautiful sunny weather. The days were action packed with activities such as canoeing, climbing, high ropes, stream walking, crate stacking, zip line, archery, problem solving, bush craft and den building. The children showed amazing independence and maturity, keeping their cabins tidy, organising their own kit for the day and helping out in the dining room. They were all excellent team players, supporting one another during the time away and encouraging everyone to do their very best at all the activities. The instructors and staff at Petty Pool were very impressed by the resilience and co-operation shown by the whole class. Mrs Davies, Mrs Beaver and Mrs Brown are so proud of them. Well done Year 4 on being a fantastic group of adventurers.



Website Redesign

Our school website has undergone a complete redesign and now boasts a fresh, modern look! The revamped site has been carefully designed to make it even easier for you to stay updated with the latest news, events, and essential information about school life.

Take a look and explore the new features and layout. Please note that your login information remains exactly the same as before, so you can continue to access the parents evening booking system easily.



Well Done Kitchen Staff!



Congratulations to our fantastic kitchen staff for achieving a well-deserved 5-star hygiene rating this week! Their dedication to maintaining the highest standards is greatly appreciated. Well done!

Lost Property

The lost property box in the school reception is overflowing with unclaimed items, including school uniform items, water bottles, caps, and other clothing. We kindly ask parents and children to check if anything belongs to them before next Friday. Any items that remain unclaimed after this date will either be donated to charity or passed on to the PTA for resale at one of our pre-loved events.

Netball v Egerton Primary

'On Thursday, St. Vincent's netball team played against Egerton Primary. It was a thrilling game and everybody tried their hardest. St. Vincent's were 2-0 down in the first quarter but we managed to win 8-5. Everybody played really well but Sofia managed to get Player of the Match! The goal scorers were Theo and Sofia with 3 goals each, and Molly and Evie with one goal each. All in all, everyone played amazing', by Theo and Sofia.

St Andrew's House Point Party

Since St. Andrew House won the Spring Term House Points, all members are invited to celebrate on Tuesday 6th May! Bring along a blue T-shirt and a game to school and get ready for an afternoon of fun. The celebration will begin with an exciting hour of games in the hall, led by our fantastic House Captain, Ethan, and Vice-Captain, Alice. It's going to be a great time!

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week:

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The Week Ahead		Start Time	End Time
Monday 5th May			
Bank Holiday – No School			
Tuesday 6th May			
Whole Class photographs		AM	
St Andrew 'House Point Winners Party'		PM	
Wednesday 7th May			
ARTIS Performing arts workshops – all classes			
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (all years)		15:25	16:30
Thursday 8th May			
Rock Steady Music			
D.R. Sports – Disney Dance (Reception, Y1 and Y2)		15:25	16:30
Y3/Y4 Little Champions event at Knutsford Academy		16:00	15:00
PTA Meeting, The Angel – everyone welcome		19:30	20:30
Friday 9th May			
PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale , School Hall		08:30	09:30
Jam Coding after school club		15:25	16:30
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football		15:25	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.

CONFIRMATION: Bishop Mark will celebrate Confirmation at St Vincent's Church on 5 June. Anyone in Year 8 or upwards is welcome to join the group. Registration Forms can be downloaded from the Parish Website, or you can collect a hard copy from Fr David.

PARISH SECRETARY: I am delighted to announce that I have appointed Julie Matthews, a parishioner from St Winefride's to be Parish Secretary for our two parishes. Julie will begin her work on 29 April.

LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANT: One of the other candidates at the interviews for Parish Secretary, Christel Casse had excellent theological qualifications and a great background in parish ministries, and I am delighted to announce that she will take up a role as Lay Pastoral assistant for our two parishes later this year. Christel will support me in developing the life and mission of our parishes.

CAMINO DI SAN VINCENTE: Knutsford Catenians are planning a sponsored walk starting at St Winefride's and finishing at St Vincent's (10 miles) on Saturday 14 June to raise funds for our Cambodia Link. There will be a stop for refreshments at the Jolly Thresher in Broomeedge where anyone is welcome to join us. It is planned to have shorter loops in Lymm or Tatton Park for those who do not want to walk the full distance. To take part please contact Martin Relton or Stuart Jones or email events@knutsford.p17catenians.org