

**Focus on....Year 1** We can hardly believe we are already in the final half term of Year 1—time is flying by! But there's still so much to look forward to.

This week in Science, we've been exploring the fascinating world of fruits and their seeds. The children enjoyed tasting a variety of fruits, some of which they had never tried before. It was a delightful experience that sparked curiosity and discussion about the different types of seeds inside each fruit. Be sure to keep an eye on the Year 1 window next week, as we will be planting our own seeds. It will be a great opportunity for the children to observe and care for their plants as they grow. In English, the children have been busy designing their own Wild Thing characters inspired by the book *Where the Wild Things Are*. They have also begun writing their own information texts, showcasing their creativity and developing writing skills. Additionally, we've been focusing on phonics in preparation for the upcoming phonics screening check next week. We have been incredibly proud of the progress each child has made. Here's to a fantastic final half term full of learning and fun!



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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:**  
**Tolerance**

Being tolerant, or behaving with tolerance, means to accept other people's differences. Tolerance means showing respect for other peoples:

- Race •Religion •Age •Gender
- Opinions

We live in a diverse world; this means that there is a lot of variety. When many people are different, we need to use tolerance so that we can all get along.

World without diversity

World with diversity



## 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: Tolerance	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Albie	Sofia	Lucie – for fantastic reading and phonics this week.
Year 1	Emmie	Amelia	Charmaine – fantastic effort and progress in phonics.
Year 2	Peyton	Narla	Sophie – a wonderful patient, kind and helpful Y2!
Year 3	Isla	James	Lola – for her positive attitude towards writing.
Year 4	Carys	Marissa	William – for being a fantastic member of Y4 – we will miss you!
Year 5	Grace C	Freddie	Chloe – for always being a role model in everything she does,
Year 6	Jeswin	Harrison	Sofia – working incredibly hard on a suspenseful narrative.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful week with your children and made the most of the break. It's hard to believe we've now entered the final stretch of the school year, and it looks set to be a busy and exciting time ahead!

To keep you informed, please take a moment to read the newsletters and the 'Looking Further Ahead' email which was sent earlier this week. These include all the key dates and important events leading up to the summer break. There's a lot happening over the next few weeks, so we encourage you to check through the information to stay up to date. Looking forward to a fantastic end to the school year!

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless,

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



## **First Holy Communion**

Please keep our Year 3 and older children in your prayers as they make their First Holy Communion tomorrow 7th June at 11am in St. Vincent's Church.

Our children are looking forward to their special celebrations this weekend and they will be joined by lots of family, friends and school staff for the special occasion. On Sunday at 11am, there will be a Presentation Mass to which you are all invited. The purpose of this Mass is to present the children to the Parish and it would be great if lots of our children and their families were also there to offer support, especially with the singing.

## **First Holy Communion Photographs**

Photographs of the children will be taken at school on Monday morning. Please remember to send in your child's First Holy Communion clothes with them.

## **Whole School Mass - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Please join us on Tuesday morning for our Whole School Mass in the school hall at 9:15.



## **Pilgrimage of the Jubilee Icon**

As part of the celebrations for the Jubilee Year of Hope, and in a way of marking the year, Bishop Mark Davies has arranged for three Jubilee Icons to travel around all the schools in the Diocese. We are very lucky to be chosen as one of the first schools. A representative from the Diocese will be bringing the Jubilee Icon to school on Wednesday 11th June and we will be having a short celebration to mark this in our School Hall at 9.30am. The Jubilee Icon stays with us for three days and we then take it to the next school. Parents and carers are welcome to attend if they wish.

## **Reception Fundraising**

Reception have been busy raising money for the charity Mission Together. The children have raised an amazing £97.64.



## Safeguarding Audit – Message from Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

At St. Vincent's, we have high standards and always strive to be the best we can be and are constantly reviewing and auditing the curriculum and systems within school. As part of these reviews, we recently asked the Safeguarding Officers from Cheshire East to come into the school to review our safeguarding procedures and speak to both children and staff about safeguarding in action at the school. In addition to this, the officers had a meeting with me to assess the effectiveness of Governor oversight on safeguarding matters.

We received the formal feedback just before the half term break. The report was highly complementary, and I wanted to share with you a few excerpts:

*The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.*

*The school has a strong culture of keeping pupils safe. Leaders have trained staff well. Consequently, staff are alert to the signs that pupils might need extra help. Staff readily pass on concerns to leaders, who deal with them appropriately. Leaders seek support from outside agencies when needed. They are tenacious in getting pupils the support they need. The RSHE curriculum helps pupils in all classes to learn how to keep themselves safe. They learn how to stay safe when online or using social media. They learn, in an age-appropriate way, about healthy relationships.*

*All the children spoken with, both in groups and opportunistically said that they felt safe in school and shared with the Safeguarding Officers a variety of examples as to how the school makes them feel safe. They had a good understanding of difference and felt that the school made everyone feel welcome. The children were proud to tell the Safeguarding Officers about their school.*

In addition to this, when talking in general about the school, the Officers commented on the lovely atmosphere within the school and the exemplary behaviour of the children.

These officers are not easily impressed and so their comments really do matter. They reflect well on the whole school community, both as an affirmation of the dedication of Miss Groarke and all the staff to the continued success of the school and also the parents and carers, who ensure that their children arrive at school in the morning, excited about the day ahead and ready to learn.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to thank you for your continued support in helping to make St. Vincent's school the successful and special community it is today.

Yours sincerely

Mike Dobson

Chair of Governors



## 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
24	21	19	13

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

## Attendance

Reception	94.1%	Year 4	99.6%
Year 1	96.8%	Year 5	<b>97.7%</b>
Year 2	92%	Year 6	95%
Year 3	91%		

**WELL DONE AGAIN YEAR 5 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!**

## Keeping Children Safe

It is wonderful to see our children enjoying the warmer weather and spending their lunchtimes on the field. If you do see the children out on the field, as tempting as it is, can we please ask you not to stop and talk to them through the fence. This is to keep all our children safe and to help them follow the rules of not speaking to adults through the fence.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## Sports Day

Please note the date of Sports day has changed to Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Rec/KS1 AM, KS2 - PM.

## Trampolining Day

Our first day back this week was certainly an energetic one! Years 2 to 6 each had a session of Cricket with Ben from Toft Cricket Club, and then the whole school enjoyed a session of fitness with Louise, parent of Peyton and Chloe. Each class, from Reception through to Year 6 took part in very energetic dance workouts using Rebound mini trampolines, teachers included! Thankfully, the weather held out for us this year, so we could have fun in the sunshine! Thank you, Louise for a fabulous day!



## Trainers for PE

Please can we remind parents/carers that all children need to have a pair of trainers in their PE bags in school, as they are now practising for Sports Day on the field in their PE lessons.

## Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week:

LOOK WHO  
IS

7

Florence H  
William

LOOK WHO  
IS

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Theo F

LOOK WHO  
IS

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Dominika

## Science Fair – 10<sup>th</sup> June

Next Tuesday afternoon, the children are looking forward to taking part in a Science Fair in our school hall. Each class will be involved in demonstrating an experiment or investigation for the rest of the school, ably assisted by our Y5/6 Science Ambassadors! In the past this has proven to be a very popular event with the children, who have loved being mini scientists, so we are looking forward to having a fun, hands on afternoon. After school, there will be opportunity for parents to experience the activities with their children from 3.30-4.00pm. We hope that you can join us!


Thank you to everyone who has sent in entries for the Science Selfie competition. It has been a joy to look at the children's work so far. As many of you were away over half-term, we have decided to extend the competition until Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June to allow more time for the children to send in their entries. So, if you haven't already had fun experimenting, now is your time!




Please join us for our next PTA meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 19:30 at The Angel, King Street. We have a lot to discuss including plans for the Summer Fair on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July! It would be great to see representation from each year group.

## 'Paint and Sip' Evening – 13<sup>th</sup> June

Join us for a relaxing and creative Friday evening at our Paint & Sip night. Whether you're an art pro or a complete beginner, no experience is needed—just bring your enthusiasm, and we'll provide the rest!

 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm – 9pm in the school hall

 Expert guidance to help you create a masterpiece

 Tickets £20, including all equipment plus a welcome glass of prosecco 🍷 Additional fizz available for purchase throughout the evening. It promises to be a fantastic night of laughter, creativity, and good company—we'd love to see you there. Tickets are now live on ParentPay.

Also on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, we will be selling raffle tickets to raise money for the annual Primary Schools' Ball. Tickets will be £5 for a 1 strip, and £10 for 3 strips. Keep your eyes peeled on What's app next week for the full list of prizes.

The Week Ahead		Start Time	End Time
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June			
FHC Photographs – Bring outfits to school in named bags.		AM	
Y3 Forest Schools – remember outdoor clothes and footwear. No shorts please.		PM	
Y4 'Wider Opportunities' music – please remember instruments.		PM	
D.R. Sports after school club		15:25	16:30
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June			
Whole School Mass – School Hall, Everyone welcome		09:15	
Science Fair – Parents/Carers welcome, School Hall		15:30	16:00
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June			
Diocese Icon arriving at school – parents/carers invited to service in school hall		09:30	
Reception Rex the Dinosaur Concert - School Hall. Parents/Carers welcome		14:45	15:15
(NO Y3/Y4 Science Club this week)			
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (all years)		15:25	16:30
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June			
Rock Steady Music			
Y2 visit to Halle 'Under the Sea' Concert, Bridgewater Hall, Manchester. Permission and payment via ParentPay.		11:30	15:15
Y5/Y6 Top-Up Swimming		PM	
Y5/Y6 Rounders Tournament – Knutsford Academy. Collect children at 14:25		14:45	17:00
PTA Meeting – The Angel, Knutsford. Everyone welcome		19:30	20:30
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June			
KS2 Football – D.R. Sports		15:25	16:30
Jam Coding		15:25	16:30
PTA 'Paint and Sip' event - School Hall – tickets via ParentPay		19:00	21:00

\* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at [www.drsportsclubs.co.uk](http://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.

**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<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:events@knutsford.p17catenians.org)