

Focus on....Reception

What an exciting and creative week it's been in Reception. We began the week with a relaxing and expressive painting to music session in class. The children listened carefully to different pieces of music and let the sounds inspire their brushstrokes. It was amazing to see how each piece of music led to unique and imaginative artwork.



On Tuesday, we took part in the whole school science fair. Reception children did a wonderful job sharing our class science experiment with pupils from across the school. We made observations and enjoyed exploring the experiments set up by other classes. It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to be scientists for the day!

On Wednesday, we celebrated the end of our music unit with a special Rex the Dinosaur concert, led by Mr Clay from the Love Music Trust. The children had an amazing time playing instruments, singing songs, and joining in with musical activities alongside Rex the dinosaur. It was a joyful and energetic session, and we were incredibly proud of how confidently and enthusiastically our class performed. We are now looking forward to our class assembly in a couple of weeks' time.



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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

This Sunday, we celebrate 'The Most Holy Trinity'. Christian belief in the Trinity developed over time. The first Christians were Jews who knew that there was just one God, the Father. When Jesus rose again, they understood that he was God the Son and then they experienced the Holy Spirit as God. It was finally agreed at the Council of Nicaea in AD 325 that believing in the Trinity is part of being a Christian. There is one God in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



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	Beth	Frankie	Tudor – for a fantastic attitude to his work.
Year 1	Hugo	Georgia	Reggie – Incredible effort to improve his handwriting.
Year 2	Peyton	Elora	Florence O – working hard to improve her spelling.
Year 3	Charlie	Theo F	Joe – amazing attitude towards his learning.
Year 4	Loughlin	Huey	Oliver T-P – Super work in history!
Year 5	Daisy	Annie	Darcy – for his amazing efforts at writing a survival narrative.
Year 6	Imogen	Lottie	Thomas – fantastic narrative writing.

Dear Parents/Carers,
What a lot we have packed into this week – time certainly flies when you're having fun! Please read on for all the news.
Have a lovely weekend,
God Bless,
Miss Groarke and all the staff at St. Vincent's.



First Holy Communion

On Saturday 7th June our children celebrated their First Holy Communion at St. Vincent's Church. The day was wonderful, the children looked beautiful and were very prayerful and reflective throughout the Mass. A huge thank you to everyone who supported them on their special journey; Father David, Parent co-ordinators – Mrs Whitworth and Mrs Makin, all school staff especially Miss Hyland, Mrs Davies and Mrs Cox, parents and Mr Galligan for the music, ladies who did the flowers and Judy and Thomas our Year 5 altar servers. You all helped to make their day very special. Thank you to all the children who read and helped at Mass on Sunday. It was lovely to see all the First Holy Communion children at the Presentation Mass with the whole parish, where they sang again 'Children of the Light' for the parishioners. Well done Year 3, Ayden, Yasmin and Damien, we are very proud of you all.



Pilgrimage of the Jubilee Icon



On Wednesday, Mrs Cunningham from the Diocese brought the Jubilee Icon to St. Vincent's. The icon is an image of a stained-glass window from Shrewsbury Cathedral depicting the Visitation – when Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth to tell her she is having a baby. The Jubilee Icon has been blessed by Bishop Mark and will be travelling around all schools in the Diocese to celebrate the Jubilee Year, and we were one of the first schools. We had a beautiful celebration of the word on Wednesday morning, and we were joined by some of our parents and governors. Our children read beautifully, signed a prayer and sang their hearts out – St. Vincent's certainly shone that day and we were all very proud of them. Mrs Cunningham was also incredibly impressed!

Whole School Mass

Thank you to all those who attended our School Mass on Tuesday – another opportunity to celebrate our children's First Holy Communion. It was lovely to see them all receiving Holy Communion for the first time ever at a School Mass.

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	21	19	22

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

Attendance

Reception	97.4%	Year 4	91.5%
Year 1	98.2%	Year 5	98.7%
Year 2	94.7%	Year 6	96.9%
Year 3	93.3%		

WELL DONE YEAR 5 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Staff Changes

At the term of this term, we will sadly be saying goodbye to two valued members of our school family.

Miss Hyland will be embarking on an exciting new journey, returning to university to pursue a master's degree in Geography. Her presence in school will be greatly missed, both by her colleagues and the children she has taught and supported. Over the years, she has played a vital role in guiding our pupils through their First Holy Communion, offering encouragement and support during this special milestone in their faith journey. We are very grateful for all she has contributed and wish her every success in her studies and future endeavours.

We will also be saying a heartfelt farewell to Mrs. Watson, a valued member of our school office team. For the past seven years, she has provided exceptional support to staff, pupils, and parents, always offering a warm smile, a helping hand, and ensuring that everything runs smoothly behind the scenes. Her kindness, dedication, and professionalism have been a true asset to our school. While we are sad to see her go, we wish her every success in her next chapter.

We are delighted to be able to tell you that before half term we appointed Mrs Jennings as a new member of our KS2 teaching team from September. Mrs Jennings is an experienced teacher and I am sure you will all welcome her to our St Vincent's family.

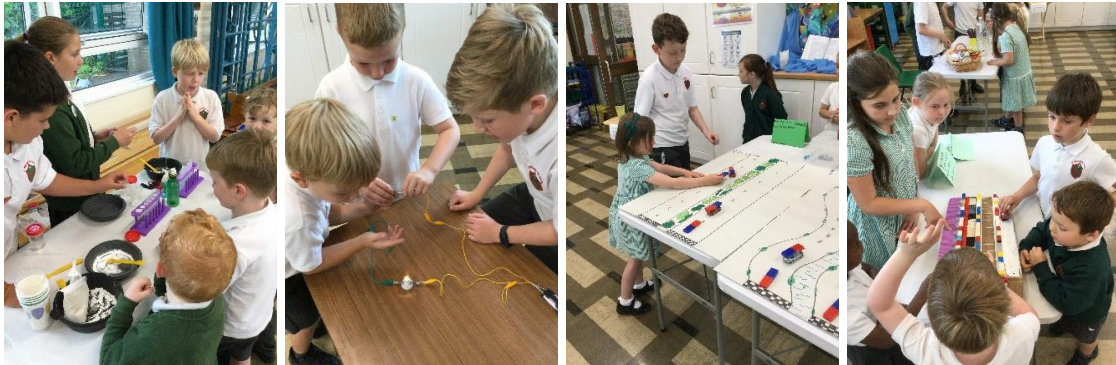
Class teachers for next year will be confirmed when the children's school reports go out in July.

Drowning Prevention Week

Drowning Prevention Week is from the 14 to 21 June 2025. As the warmer weather approaches, being smart around water is crucial for a safe and fun summer holiday. Drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death in the UK, with children up to the age of 15 and adults over 65 the most at-risk groups. <https://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/your-safety/water-safety/>

Science Fair – 10th June

On Tuesday afternoon the whole school enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of Science at our Science Fair. Our amazing Year 5/6 Science Ambassadors helped the teachers set up some fun and creative experiments and investigations for everyone to try out. Throughout the afternoon, pairs of children from each class helped the Science Ambassadors to explain the Science behind their experiments. It was wonderful to see the children working and supporting one another whilst having a great afternoon. Thank you also to all the parents and grandparents who joined us after school to try out our science fun! We asked the children what they enjoyed: "I liked smelling things. I smelt biscuits and bubble bath" Sophie – Reception. "I liked the magnetic cars" - Amandine Y2. "I like that the kids were running it, and they knew all about the Science they were doing" - Loughlin - Year 4. Thank you to Mrs Beaver for organizing this.



Y2 visit to The Hallé

On Thursday, Year 2 went to the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester for the Hallé Concert: 'Under the Sea'. The Hallé orchestra performed several well-known 'sea' themed pieces. These including: 'Happiness Is Simple' from Avatar, 'Aquarium' from Carnival of the Animals, 'The Blue Danube' by Johann Strauss II and 'Under the Sea' from The Little Mermaid. We also joined in with a song we had been learning in school: 'In the Deep Blue Sea.' The children listened intently throughout the concert and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of a live orchestra. Jude: 'There were lots of other schools there, and instruments and it was cool! My favourite bit was when all the schools were singing.'



Rounders Tournament

'The tournament was really fun. We played 5 games – won 2, drew 2 and then won the last one to win the whole tournament! Everyone did really well and played their part. We beat Bexton and Peover Superior and also drew against them. We then beat Bexton in the last match to win the whole tournament. Well done team!', by Emma (Y6).



REMINDER: School Payments on ParentPay

With the end of the school year getting nearer, please can you ensure that all money owed is paid before we break up – **especially for Year 6 children**. This includes all outstanding dinner money and trip money. If you are unsure how much is owed, please contact Mrs Lees in the school office. School dinners **MUST** be paid for in advance via ParentPay and the maximum in arrears amount you can now be in is one week (£16). If you should have any queries, please contact Mrs Lees.



It's not long to go until the annual **PTA summer fair**. For those who don't already have it in their diaries- save the date, Saturday 5th July.

After a productive PTA meeting last night preparations are well underway. Each class has been allocated a stall to prepare and staff on the day. Please refer to your class WhatsApp groups for further details. Class reps will be sending out polls looking for volunteers to help staff the stalls in 30 minute or 1-hour slots.

In addition to the class stalls there will also be the infamous bottle tombola, bar, BBQ, Coach Dave, live music and for the very first time we will have an inflatable obstacle course on the field!

In order to raise as much money as possible we are looking for the following donations:

We will be holding an **Own Clothes Day** on Wednesday 2nd July. In exchange for your child attending in their own clothes, we kindly ask parents/carers to donate chocolate and any bottle for the Summer Fair tombola. This can include things like ketchup and bubble bath as well as drinks.

🧸 Any unused toys, teddy bears or good quality gifts or books.

💰 We are also keen to link up with any parents who work for companies who offer match funding (Barclays etc). Several large companies offer to match or top up money raised at charity events like this, and it can make such a significant difference to the overall fundraising target. PTA money funds a variety of activities and helps to buy essential resources for all the children. If you, or someone you know linked with St Vincent's and works for a company who offers match funding PLEASE get in touch asap with either Claire (year 1), Fiona (year 2), Helen (year 3) or Colette (year 5) or just email the school and we will contact you!

👥 We are also on the lookout for any local companies who would like to sponsor the event. Many thanks to Langfields Engineering company who are this year's sponsor of the BBQ. Please drop us a message if you know a local business who would be interested in sponsoring us or donating a raffle prize.

Sharston House Christmas Card Competition

Sharston House are inviting students from **Year 1 to Year 6** to design Christmas cards that reflect the **kindness and joy of the season**, with a special focus on **spending time with grandparents**.

- **Submission Deadline:** 15th July 2025
- **Theme:** *Kindness and the Joy of Christmas, and Spending Time with Grandparents*
- **Format:** A4 white paper, folded in half to resemble a greeting card (*hand-drawn designs only*)
- **Submission:** Please email scanned entries to: sharston.activities@kingsleyhealthcare.co.uk

When submitting, please include the following details for each entry:

- Full Name; Year Group; School Name

Prizes and Recognition

- **1 winner** will be selected from each year group (Years 1–6). Each winner will receive a **valuable art supply prize**
- The **12 winning designs** will be printed and used as the **official Sharston Christmas Cards 2025**
- **All participants** will receive a **Certificate of Appreciation**, presented by the **Mayor of Knutsford** during our **Summer Fayre at Sharston House**
- **All submitted creations** will be **exhibited** during the **Summer Fayre on Saturday, 2nd August 2025**

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to be recognized for their artistic talents and for schools to be part of a heart-warming community tradition.

The Week Ahead

Start Time	End Time
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Monday 16th June

TagTiv8 PE Workshops	ALL	DAY
Y1 Forest Schools – remember outdoor clothes and footwear. No shorts please.	PM	
Y4 'Wider Opportunities' music – please remember instruments.	PM	
St Vincent's Got Talent Auditions – School Hall	15:30	16:30
D.R. Sports after school club	15:25	16:30

Tuesday 17th June

Y6 First Aid Training	ALL	DAY
Y4 'Come and Play with the Hallé', Bridgewater Hall. Be at school for 8.15am	AM	
Sword Fencing after school club – KS2	15:30	16:30

Wednesday 18th June

Y5 Activity Day at St. Nicholas Catholic High School	ALL	DAY
Mrs Beaver's Y3/Y4 Science Club after school	15:30	16:15
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (all years)	15:25	16:30

Thursday 19th June

Rock Steady Music		
Reception visit to Knutsford Fire Station	AM	
Y5/Y6 Top-Up Swimming	PM	
St Vincent's Got Talent Auditions – School Hall	15:30	16:30
Miss Hyland's ECO Committee Meeting	15:30	16:15
Newball match v Mobberley Primary School @ St. Vincent's	15:30	20:30

Friday 20th June

KS2 Football – D.R. Sports	15:25	16:30
Jam Coding after school club	15:25	16:30
St. Vincent's Got Talent Auditions – School Hall	15:25	16:30
Knutsford Schools Ball		

* 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

FUNDRAISING: Young Parishioners Cecilia Mullen and Megan Simmons will be fundraising after both Sunday Masses on 15th June for the Shrewsbury Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage in July.

Masses at Lymm: Vigil Mass at St Winefride's, Booths Hill Rd, Lymm, WA13 0DL at 5.45pm on Saturdays.

CAMINO DI SAN VINCENTE: At least 10 Knutsford Catenians, family and friends will be doing the sponsored walk on Saturday 14th June starting at St Winefride's (with Mass at 09:30) and finishing at St Vincent's (10 miles) to raise funds for our Cambodia Link. If you would like to support them you can donate at: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cambodialink>. If you want to take part, please contact Martin Relton or Stuart Jones or email events@knutsford.p17catenians.org