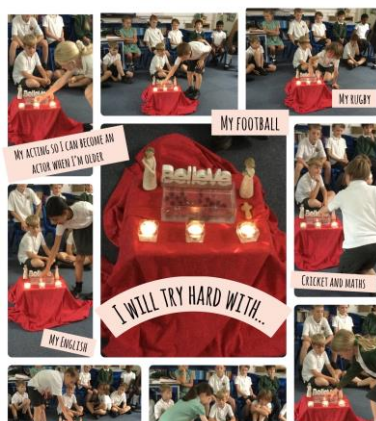


## Focus on...Year 3

This last half term, Year 3 have been very busy inside the classroom. They have been working incredibly hard, showing great enthusiasm and determination in all areas of their learning. In science, they explored the fascinating world of magnets, conducting experiments and discovering how magnetic forces work.



During history, they took a creative journey back to Ancient Egypt, making their own papyrus paper and writing in hieroglyphics. They also took part in Celebrations of the word, reflecting on their progress and setting thoughtful goals for Year 4. Their focus, effort, and positive attitude have been wonderful, and we're proud of everything they've achieved as they prepare for the next stage.



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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:  
**TRUTH**

Never get tired of doing little things for others. Sometimes, those little things take up a big place in their heart!



This week our gospel value focus is Truth. Being true to ourselves and knowing the right thing to do is important. Jesus told the story of the good Samaritan and reminds us what it means to truly 'love our neighbour.' As we move towards the Summer holidays, let us all remember to show kindness and love to those we meet.

## 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: Peace	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Tabby	Lara	Eliza – for fantastic work on the balance bikes.
Year 1	Nathan	Aiden	Patrick – fantastic creativity in writing.
Year 2	James	AyoOluwa	Jude – for making such an amazing effort with spelling this year.
Year 3	Violet	Alfie	Theo M – amazing bowling in cricket.
Year 4	Ayden	Abrielle	Oliver T-P – great problem solving on maths day.
Year 5	Alissa	Ethan	Maya – for her fantastic effort with problem solving throughout the year.
Year 6	Mia	Elliot	Daniel – for always being a good friend and lots of fun.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last night, I attended the St. Nicholas Catholic High School and Sixth Form Annual Prize Night—what an incredible event! The evening was filled with inspiring speeches, beautiful music, joyful singing, and a truly uplifting prize ceremony. I was so proud to see many of our former pupils receiving awards in subjects including Maths, History, Science, Spanish, Art, Design & Technology, iMedia, Religious Education, Sports Science, as well as the St. Nicholas Award and Romero Award.

Can you believe there are only seven teaching days left in this academic year? As we approach the end, I want to take a moment to thank every single member of our amazing school team—our kitchen staff, midday supervisors, cleaners, caretakers, office staff, teaching assistants, teachers, and governors. Each of them goes above and beyond every day for your children. Our school wouldn't be the special place it is without their dedication and care. They not only educate but nurture and guide each child to be the very best they can be.

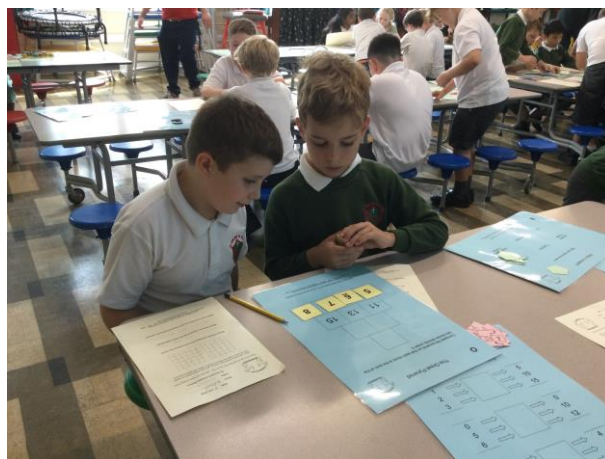
Have a lovely weekend.

God Bless,

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

## Maths Enrichment Day

On Monday, Y1-Y6 worked with a team from Liverpool University solving a variety of maths problems. The children loved the maths puzzles with lots saying it was 'the best maths lesson ever!' They enjoyed the times table jigsaw puzzle, solving the addition cube, building triangles from different shapes, naming shapes depending on how many sides they had and learning how to work with different people and seeing different methods.



## Cost of Living support

Please remember if you need any financial or food support at this time please come and see Miss Groarke. She can make referrals or signpost you for different support that is available. The Household Support Fund – a range of support available to help financially vulnerable adults, children and their families living in Cheshire East:

- Food and energy support
- Support for household essentials covering white goods, bedding and basic refurbished furniture items (if available)
- Exceptional cost support

[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council\\_and\\_democracy/council\\_information/financial-support/household-support-fund.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/financial-support/household-support-fund.aspx)

Other types of support is available online: <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/education-employment-and-money/money-matters/cost-of-living.aspx>



## 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
18	21	19	19

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

## Attendance

Reception	98.9%	Year 4	94.8%
Year 1	98.6%	Year 5	93.2%
Year 2	98%	Year 6	83.1%
Year 3	99%		

**WELL DONE 3 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!**

## Y2 visit to Lower Moss Wood

On Tuesday Year 2 went on a trip to Lower Moss Wood. We went there as part of our science topic on living things and their habitats. We had a great day looking at and finding out about animals and plants in the wood. We were told about different bird calls, saw the largest tree in the world, found out why nettles are important and enjoyed our afternoon pond dipping. The children behaved really well and had lots of fun. Many thanks to the staff and parent helpers who helped to make it such a fantastic trip.



## Annual Report

Your child's annual report has been sent home today. Please add your comment on the final page and return the full report to school by **Wednesday 16th July**. We'll then send home the colour copy. Your comments are important and added to your child's records. The first class to return all reports with comments will win a prize from Miss Groarke!

Also included is the Online Safety and Acceptable Use Agreement for Reception to Year 5. Please read, sign, and return it along with the report by **Wednesday 16th July**.

## Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week:

**LOOK WHO  
IS**

**6**

Patrick  
Aiden  
Nathan

**LOOK WHO  
IS**

**9**

Oliver C

**LOOK WHO  
IS**

**11**

Mia

## Reception 'Stay and Learn' Transition to Y1



On Tuesday, we welcomed Reception children and their parents to a special 'Transition to Year 1' Stay and Learn session. This was designed to give families a glimpse into what life in Year 1 will be like. It was a lovely morning filled with excitement and curiosity as the children and their parents had the opportunity to meet Mrs Webster, our Year 1 teacher. Everyone enjoyed taking part in some fun and engaging Maths and English activities, giving them a taste of the learning experiences to come. We're so pleased with how well the children participated, and we look forward to supporting them as they take this exciting next step in their school journey!

## Classes for next year 2025-2026 will be arranged as follows:

<b>Reception</b>	Miss Quinn
<b>Year 1</b>	Mrs Webster
<b>Year 2</b>	Mrs Cox (3 ½ days) and Mrs Dowler (1 ½ days)
<b>Year 3</b>	Mrs Jones (2 days) and Mrs Jennings (3 days)
<b>Year 4</b>	Mrs Davies (2 ½ days) and Mrs Beaver (2 ½ days)
<b>Year 5</b>	Mrs O'Keefe
<b>Year 6</b>	Mrs Bullen (4 days) and Mrs Fitzpatrick (1 day)

## 'Drop-in' Session: Tuesday 15th July

As is customary, there will be an opportunity to discuss any matters relating to your child's report on Tuesday 15th July from 3.25pm until 5pm, or at another mutually convenient time. If you need to discuss the written report, please make an appointment with your child's teacher via the office.

## Parent/Carer Questionnaire

An email with a link to the parent/carers questionnaire will be sent on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Please complete it by 12pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Your feedback helps us celebrate our school community and improve our practice. Once we have analysed your feedback, we will share the results in the Autumn term.

## Attendance and punctuality

Please look at your child's attendance and punctuality on the report. What does your child's percentage attendance mean? As a school our target attendance percentage is 97%.

### Attendance Facts:

- Attendance of 95% for the year equals 10 days that your child has been absent, that is 2 full school weeks of your child's learning missed for that year.
- Attendance of 90% for the year equals 19 days that your child has been absent, that is almost 4 school weeks missed.
- Attendance of 85% for the year equals 29 days that your child has been absent per, that is almost 6 school weeks missed.
- Attendance of 80% for the year equals 38 days absent per year that is over 7 school weeks missed.

Your children only attend school for 190 days out of 365 days a year. This leaves 175 days a year for holidays. Please book your holidays during these 175 days of school holidays. If you do take your child on holiday during term time without authorisation, then you will be at risk of receiving a Fixed Term Penalty Notice.

Children who have less than 90% attendance are classed by the Department for Education as being persistently absent.

### Punctuality Matters:

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning.

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day adds up to 2 weeks absence a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day adds up to 19 days absence a year.

**Rock Steady Concert** - On Thursday 17th July at 2.20pm, you are all welcome to join us in the school hall for our Rock Steady Concert led by Joe.





## 📢 \*SUMMER SPECTACULAR FUNDRAISING RESULTS ARE IN\* 🏆

Well, the count has been done and it was a bigger job this year than ever! \*THANK YOU\* to everyone who put so much effort into the Summer Fair this year, it truly was a SPECTACULAR day...with \*£5,400\* raised for school! This makes the 2025 Summer Fair a \*RECORD BREAKER!\* 🍌

Thanks must go to the dads who stumped up an amazing amount of sponsorship as well as covering the cost of the BBQ - while also manning both stalls on the day. Likewise, each and every year group deserves a huge shout out for their great stall ideas, hard work and enthusiasm in creating a really fun fair atmosphere for kids and adults alike. The legend that is Coach Dave with his sporting challenges for the kids and the big-kids & Miss Hughes for running a highly successful Paint & Sip session for the older children - thank you both so much. Last but by no means least, thanks must go to the teaching staff for being there all day to run their stall, man the gate, sell raffle tickets - plus the many other unseen tasks on the day. It was also lovely to have the Catenians, Kirstie, Jenni King and Gosia with us for the day.

Finally - the PTA would like to thank each and every one of the school community that came along, brought extended family and spent your hard earned money while enjoying the fair. The money raised will go towards both school equipment, school experiences & a new gazebo for the school field for all of our children to benefit from.



## Break the Rules Day

On Friday 18th July 2025, we're shaking things up with 'Break the Rules Day'!

For just £1 per broken rule, your child can throw the rulebook out the window and have a blast—all while helping raise funds for exciting school projects! The money we collect will go towards:

- Artis performing arts sessions for each class next year
- Brand new playground equipment
- Curriculum enrichment days that make learning magical

Your child brought home a paper copy of a list of rules your child can choose to break. Tick the ones you're happy for them to rebel against, return the sheet to school, and make payment via ParentPay.

## Water Safety

Summer is an amazing time to enjoy playing in water but we must be mindful that warmer weather is directly linked to an increase in fatal drowning incidents. Please read the attached poster.

## The Week Ahead

Start Time	End Time
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### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

<b>Y1 and Y5 End of Year Mass</b> – St Vincent's Church. All welcome	11:00	
<b>Civic Ceremony</b> - The parade will assemble at King Street Car Park Malt St, Knutsford WA16 6DX – then Mass at St. Vincent's Church	14:00	15:15

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July

<b>Y4 Forest Schools</b> – remember outdoor clothes and footwear. No shorts please.	ALL	DAY
<b>Rec Forest Schools</b> – remember outdoor clothes and footwear. No shorts please.	PM	
<b>Y4 'Wider Opportunities' music</b> – please remember instruments.	PM	
D.R. Sports after school club	15:25	16:30

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

<b>Whole School Mass</b> – School Hall. All parents/carers welcome	09:15	
<b>'Drop-In' Parents evening</b> , classrooms	15:25	17:00

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

<b>Artis Performing Arts Workshops</b> – whole school	ALL	DAY
<b>Reception 2025</b> - settling in session 3	13:30	14:45
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (all years)	15:25	16:30

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July

<b>Y5/Y6 Top Up Swimming</b>	PM	
<b>Rock Steady Music Concert</b> – Parents/Carers welcome. School Hall	14:20	15:20
<b>Miss Hyland's Eco Committee Meeting</b>	15:25	16:15
<b>Year 6 Leavers Mass</b> followed by party. School Hall	18:30	21:00

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

<b>PTA 'Break the Rules Day'</b>		
KS2 Football – D.R. Sports	15:25	16:30

\* 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.

**Help wanted - Christel Casse the Lay Pastoral Assistant** from St. Vincent's Church is currently recruiting volunteers to help with children's liturgy sessions starting in **September 2025** for 11 o'clock Mass. The role involves working with children aged 4-10 years old on a fortnightly basis. No previous experience is necessary as she will be providing full briefings, and all materials will be supplied. If you are interested please contact Christel on 07874 135843 or by email [christelcasse@gmail.com](mailto:christelcasse@gmail.com)