

Focus on...Year 1



Wow – we can't quite believe we're in the final few days of Year 1! What a fantastic year it's been. The past few weeks have been especially busy and full of exciting learning. In English, the children had a brilliant time writing their own recipes for how to make a cake for a very hungry wolf – a creative and fun topic that really sparked their imaginations! In Science, we've been learning all about plants. The children explored the school grounds to discover a wide variety of plants and trees, and they can now confidently explain the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. We also learned how fruit grows on plants, which tied in perfectly with our DT topic. In Design and Technology, the children designed, made, and tasted their own healthy ice lollies! They were incredibly enthusiastic about the process, and it was lovely to see their excitement as they evaluated their finished creations. It's been a joy to see how much the children have grown and learned this year. They've worked so hard and have been an absolute delight to teach. While we'll miss them dearly, we know they're more than ready for the next step in their journey as they move up to Year 2. Well done, Year 1 – we're so proud of you!



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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:



As we move towards the Summer holidays, let us all remember to show kindness and love to those we meet.

Have a wonderful holiday, everyone!

Mrs Davies

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: Gentleness	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Eddie	Heath	Ralph – for always being a fantastic member of our Reception class.
Year 1	Annabelle	Hugo	Christian – for always trying his best all year.
Year 2	Florence H.	Freddie	Chase – trying hard with reading.
Year 3	Rose	Theo C	Ethan – great attitude towards all leaning.
Year 4	Abrielle	Roisin	Narin – for some wonderful independent writing.
Year 5	Edward C.	Mark	Zachary – for always being enthusiastic during all lessons.
Year 6	Jeswin	Mia	Theo – for being an exemplary prefect all year.

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy and joyful week we've had—from fire engine visits for Reception and Pre-School, to our Rock Steady concert and beautiful Year 6 Mass. With just two teaching days left, it's been a wonderful time to reflect on the amazing events, strong relationships, and spirit that make St. Vincent's so special. Thank you for being part of our school family, especially to the 19 families leaving us this summer, who will always have a place in our hearts.

God bless,

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

Mass in Church on Sunday

A huge thank you to all the children and parents who took part in Sunday's Parish Mass. Special recognition goes to our fantastic Year 5 readers, dedicated altar servers, and the enthusiastic helpers from Year 1. Your participation truly made it a meaningful and memorable occasion. The reverence, joy, and sense of community you brought to the celebration was inspiring. We're so grateful for the time and effort everyone contributed—what a beautiful way to come together in faith.

A parishioner emailed to say "What an inspirational and prayerful Mass and a wonderful parish family celebration. It was also a truly prayerful family Mass and I would like you to pass on my congratulations to the children and all the staff who supported them"

Civic Ceremony

On Sunday, a group of children proudly took part in Knutsford's Civic Parade, followed by attendance at the Civic Ceremony at St. Vincent's Church, where the Mayor of Knutsford made his official Act of Commitment in Office. The Mayor of Knutsford is now Councillor Bryan Hartley.

The children represented school and community with enthusiasm—each one was magnificent! They thoroughly enjoyed meeting the mayor and, of course, indulging in some well-earned cake afterwards. It was a wonderful occasion filled with civic spirit, smiles, and pride.



Year 6 Leavers Party



After the heartfelt Leavers' Mass, the Year 6 children celebrated with a fun-filled party on the school field. They enjoyed time together before tucking into pizza and chips and diving into an epic water fight - kicked off by a surprise soaking from the staff! Laughter echoed across the field as the children made unforgettable memories. Everyone left happy, tired, and clutching a cone of sweets kindly donated by the PTA - a perfect start to the end to their primary school journey.

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
19	24	19	16

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

The winning house for this term is **St. Patrick**. On Monday they can bring a green t shirt or something green to wear and a game to play for an hour with the rest of their house.

Attendance

Reception	96.3%	Year 4	95.9%
Year 1	98.2%	Year 5	85.5%
Year 2	96.7%	Year 6	96.6%
Year 3	92.3%		

WELL DONE 2 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Focus on.....Reception

What an exciting and busy term we've had in Reception. Full of fun, friendship, and unforgettable experiences as we begin to wrap up a wonderful year of learning and growing together.

It was third time lucky for our long-awaited fire station visit and it was absolutely worth the wait! The children were so excited to finally meet the firefighters, explore the fire engine, try on some of the uniforms, and even hear the sirens! They asked brilliant questions and learned lots about how the fire service helps our community. A big thank you to the fire crew for giving us such a fantastic experience.

On Monday we joined our younger friends from Pre-School for a deliciously fun Royal Chocolate Cake Party! We couldn't believe it when we came to eat our cake to see it had vanished!! We followed the muddy footprints all the way to the field to find where our chocolate cake had been hidden by the cheeky wild brigands! It was a lovely opportunity to mix with the younger children and show them just how kind and confident our reception class has become.

We rounded off the week with a fun-filled class party! There was dancing, games, treats, and plenty of laughter as we celebrated everything, we've achieved this year. It was a perfect way to mark the end of a very special chapter.



Talent Show

On Monday 21st July at 2pm, you are all welcome to join us in the school hall for our very own St. Vincent's Got Talent. This is always such a wonderful celebration and the chance to gain a small insight into the amazing talent we have in our school.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

An email will be sent out on Monday with a link for you to complete a parent/carers questionnaire. Please complete the questionnaire to give us your feedback about school by 12pm on Monday 21st July. All your feedback is important to us; both in celebrating what a wonderful school community we have and in reviewing current practice. Once we have analysed your feedback, we will share the results in the Autumn term.

Lost Property

The box of lost property is overflowing! This will be put on the playground on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please take a look and take home anything that is yours. Anything that isn't claimed will either be recycled into second hand uniform or got rid of over the holidays.



BREAK THE RULES DAY

Thank you to all of you for contributing to our Break the Rules Day – our little rebellious kids have raised **£600 so far!** If you are still to pay for your kids to break the rules today please could we ask that you **pay via ParentPay today**. Many thanks to everyone who has paid and raised such a phenomenal amount for school.



KNUTSFORD SCHOOLS BALL Thank you so much to everyone who attended and bought raffle tickets for this year's Schools Ball. The night was a huge success and has raised **£1,750** for school! A massive thanks must go to our (one and only) KSB rep, Faye Ingles, who worked tirelessly representing our school in the planning for this year's event. Faye will be asking for feedback from the Ball to feed back to the KSB committee via WhatsApp so please do respond when this is issued in the next few days.

If anyone is available and could spare some time in the coming months to support the KSB and become a St Vincent's rep we would be eternally grateful as we are the only school who had a sole rep – please catch Faye in the playground if you would be willing to help next year.

PTA END OF YEAR SUMMARY – WHAT A YEAR IT'S BEEN!

Given summer holidays are upon us we thought we would just let everyone know that the PTA has had an amazing year and raised a whopping **£18,000** for school! This is truly an astounding result and thanks must go to all of the volunteers who have run/contributed to PTA events, anyone who has donated money or prizes, provided sponsorship etc etc as well as everyone who has turned up and supported our events. We couldn't do it without you all.

The £18k paid for the following during the school year and has gone a long way to getting a new gazebo on the school field:

- Classroom resources for each class
- Forest School improvements/equipment
- Artis
- Memorial Bench
- Y6 Leavers Hoodies & Gifts
- Christmas Panto in school
- Maths activity days
- Science & maths enrichment day
- African drums workshop
- Zoolab

Thank you all again and have a wonderful summer! Your PTA xx

Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week:

LOOK WHO
IS

5

Marcus
Tabitha

LOOK WHO
IS

10

Bobby



Summer Reading Challenge



The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence. The Challenge runs every year throughout the summer holidays, and all children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part.

Children can read anything they like (really - anything!) and collect free rewards for their reading.

The 2025 theme and how to take part : This year's Challenge theme, **Story Garden**, is an enchanting take on nature and the great outdoors. Through reading, children will uncover magical creatures, vibrant plants, and enchanting landscapes brought to life by award-winning illustrator Dapo Adeola. Libraries will be transformed into immersive gardens of adventure where children's imaginations can flourish, supported by free activities and resources. Children can take part for FREE, either at the library OR online:

You can sign up at your local library and take part in person. A librarian will give you a special collector folder and help you find books to read. You'll collect special stickers and rewards for your reading.

OR You can take part online by signing up here, on the official Challenge website. You'll set up a profile with a reading goal and log your books. When you reach your goal, you will unlock a virtual badge and certificate. Please note, the in-person and online Challenges are separate. Physical incentives like medals are only available via the library, for those taking part in the in-person Challenge.

Rock Steady Concert

On Thursday afternoon, the school was buzzing with excitement as children from Reception through to Year 6 took to the stage for our termly Rock Steady Concert. Each performer radiated confidence and joy, delivering an unforgettable experience that had the audience smiling from ear to ear.

This event gave children a fantastic opportunity to showcase their musical talents and embrace the thrill of performing live. We're incredibly proud of every one of them for their enthusiasm and bravery.

A massive thank you to Joe from Rocksteady for his energy, encouragement, and the inspiring work he does with our young musicians. What a way to end the term! <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>



The Week Ahead		Start Time	End Time
Monday 21st July			
St Vincent's Got Talent Show – Parents/Carers welcome. School Hall		14:00	15:00
D.R. Sports after school club		15:25	16:30
Tuesday 22nd July			
Year 6 Leavers Assembly - School Hall. All parents/carers welcome		09:20	
Break Up for Summer Holidays		15:25	
Wednesday 23rd July			
INSET Day – no children in school			
Summer Holidays			
Monday 1st September 2025			
INSET DAY – no children in school			
Tuesday 2nd September			
INSET DAY – no children in school			
Wednesday 3rd September			
Start of Autumn Term		08:55	

* 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY We are looking for kind-hearted adults to help lead or support Children's Liturgy during the 11 am Sunday Mass. No experience is necessary – materials and training will be provided. The first session will start in September and will run fortnightly. If you're interested or would like to learn more, please contact **Christel Casse** (Lay Pastoral Assistant) on 07874135843 (christelcasse@gmail.com) or contact the Parish office stvincent.knutsford@outlook.com

WELCOMERS We are looking for volunteers to serve as welcomers for the 11am Mass. This is a wonderful way to serve our parish. Please contact Christel Casse (Lay Pastoral Assistant, christelcasse@gmail.com)