

## Focus on.....Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic first full week back at school! We have certainly been busy: every one of us has written a letter of application to Miss Groarke for our Prefect roles this year. We're excited to get started once we know which jobs we have been given! This week, we were really lucky to be the first class to have our Forest School session with Miss Hughes, which was rather muddy! We used natural and scavenged resources to make models of river systems, linked to our new Geography topic: Rivers. We loved pouring water on to see how they worked! In class, we have been equally busy, writing incredible descriptions of sandstorms in English, building up our already-fantastic arithmetic skills in Maths and showing incredible maturity and discernment in RE as we learned about the second account of Creation in Genesis 2.

We're definitely ready for a restful weekend – phew!



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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  
**Faithfulness**



In R.E. this week the children have been learning about God's relationship with people on Earth. As we begin this new school year, let us remember that each day is a chance to grow, learn, and share kindness with those around us. With open hearts, may we welcome every challenge as an opportunity to learn and become the best version of ourselves. Let us also remember that we are all unique and special, created with love and purpose.

## 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: Faithfulness	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Beatrix	Albie	Theo – for a brilliant start to Reception life
Year 1	Olivia	Lucie	Eddie – for working hard on improving his handwriting
Year 2	Albert	Emmie	Christian – for producing some fantastic work in RE and his super attitude to work
Year 3	Isabella Pegg	James	William – having a positive attitude towards his work
Year 4	Juliet	Elsie	Charlie – lovely reflection in R.E.
Year 5	Ella	Abrielle	Jaxon – for his excellent contribution in class and for his wonderful general knowledge
Year 6	Judy	Dominika	Freddie – Fantastic writing in R.E. and English

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another lively and productive week at school, and we're so proud of how enthusiastic and hard-working the children have been across all year groups. Their energy and commitment continue to shine! As we look ahead to next week, please make sure your child brings a coat to school each day. We aim to enjoy outdoor play at lunchtimes and breaktimes—rain or shine—so being prepared for the weather is essential.

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

## House Captains and Vice Captains

Last Monday all the children from Year 1 to Year 6 went into their house groups to vote for House Captains and Vice Captains. House Captains are children from Year 6 and Vice-Captains are from Year 5. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward and gave speeches in front of their houses. The votes were counted and our House Captains and Vice Captains for 2025-2026 are:

	House Captain	Vice-Captain
<b>St. Andrew</b>	Chloe	Noah
<b>St. George</b>	Evie	Loughlin
<b>St. David</b>	Sadie	Carys
<b>St. Patrick</b>	Noah	Beatrice



I am sure our newly appointed House Captains and Vice Captains will do a wonderful job in the year ahead.

## School Council

Today marked the first meeting of our newly elected School Council—and what a fantastic start! The children arrived brimming with enthusiasm and a wealth of ideas, ready to make a difference. In their first session, they explored a range of topics including school menus, playground equipment, and exciting events planned for the year ahead. Their thoughtful contributions and collaborative spirit set the tone for what promises to be a dynamic and impactful year. We can't wait to see what this brilliant group of young leaders will accomplish. Stay tuned!



## School safe haven cameras

This is a reminder that the cameras are in operation during school term-time so please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside school or you may be liable to receive a fixed penalty notice.

## Swimming

As part of their PE curriculum, Years 3 and 4 will be swimming every Friday from 19<sup>th</sup> September until half term. Please remember kits every week. Payment is via ParentPay.



## 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
20	25	11	21

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

## Attendance

Reception	92.8%	Year 4	97.9%
Year 1	98.2%	Year 5	98.2%
Year 2	97.7%	Year 6	<b>99.4%</b>
Year 3	97.7%		

**WELL DONE YEAR 6 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!**

## Pupil Premium Funding/Free School Meal entitlement

All children in Reception class, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free school meal under current Government policy; this is known as Universal Free School Meals. However, you may be entitled to Income Related Free School Meals if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit. If this is the case, please apply for this even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1. The school can then claim additional funding for resources, known as Pupil Premium, which can be used to help your child when they are in school. The financial benefit of Pupil Premium will remain with your child throughout their school years. Phone 0300123 5012 for further information and help or apply online: [https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx) or contact Mrs Lees in the school office.

## Rugby Taster



Yesterday, Miss Groarke and Coach Dave were absolutely delighted by the enthusiasm and teamwork shown by children from Years 1 to 4 during the tag rugby taster session at Knutsford Rugby Club. The event was a fantastic introduction to the sport, filled with laughter, energy, and plenty of running!

A special shout-out goes to the two dedicated dads who are coaches at Knutsford Rugby Club, who were there supporting both groups with encouragement and expertise.

**Birthday Wishes!** Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO IS

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Jo  
Leo

LOOK WHO IS

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Henry



## Summer Reading Challenge



Congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge during the holidays.

### Walk of Hope – Saturday 20th September - THE CHRISTIE CHARITY

This September, staff from St Vincent's are taking part in the 10km Walk of Hope to raise vital funds for The Christie, a charity that's especially close to our hearts. Many of us, our families, friends, and members of our school community have been affected by cancer. The Christie has played a crucial role in supporting those we care about through world-class treatment, research, and compassionate care. We're proud to walk in hope – for healing, for progress, and for the people we hold dear. If you're able, please support us by donating whatever you can. Every penny will help make a difference to the lives of those affected by cancer.

Thank you for your support.

Team St Vincent's ❤️

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### Residentials 2026

We have now finalised the residential visits for Years 3 to Y6 for 2026. They will be:

<b>Year 5 &amp; Year 6</b>	Robinwood - Dobroyd Castle activity centre in Todmorden	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 to 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 (2 nights)
<b>Year 4</b>	Petty Pool Vocational College & Outdoor Centre, Sandiway	27 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 to 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 (2 nights)
<b>Year 3</b>	The Conway Centre - Delamere, Fox Howl, Frodsham	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 to 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 (1 night)

You can pay for these in instalments via ParentPay – this will be live by the end of next week. Please make an appointment to see Miss Groarke if you need financial support.

### Mum's Netball Social

Every Tuesday evening (8-9pm) at the Leisure Centre (after the kids have been fed and put to bed) a group of St Vincent's and Bexton mums get together to have a game of Netball. All abilities welcome - including those who have never played before! It's £5 a go with the money raised split between the schools. It is show up when you can and so very relaxed. If you'd like to pop along just reach out to Stacy Devereaux, Maria Slaymaker, Louise Carter or Liz Smith.

### Altar Servers

Would your child like to become an altar server? We already have some children who currently altar serve within school, and some who have left who are still altar servers. These children will help train the new altar servers. There are only two Masses to altar serve on a Sunday at 9am and 11am. As an altar server, Father asks that your child commits to serving at Church at least once a month and needs to be in Church at least 10 minutes before Mass on that Sunday. This is a wonderful way for children to take part in our Church community. If you are interested in supporting your child to become an altar server please see Miss Groarke. Some preparation will take place in school for any child interested to join.

<b>The Week Ahead</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>End Time</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>		
Bikeability – Year 1	ALL	DAY
Y5 Forest Schools	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) <a href="http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk">www.drsportsclubs.co.uk</a>	15:30	16:30
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>		
Y4 – Love Music Trust Clarinet Lesson – please remember your instrument		PM
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>		
ARTIS performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) <a href="http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk">www.drsportsclubs.co.uk</a>	15:30	16:30
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>		
PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale – on the playground before school	AM	
Rock Steady Music		
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>		
Y3/Y4 Swimming – sign up via ParentPay. Don't forget swimming kits!	PM	
Y4/Y5/Y6 Netball with Mrs Davies, and Mrs O'Keefe - email School office if your child wishes to join ( <b>Boys and Girls</b> )	15:30	16:30
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football <a href="http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk">www.drsportsclubs.co.uk</a>	15:30	16:30



## **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.

**PARISH DINNER:** We are planning a parish meal to celebrate our Parish's patronal feast at 7pm on Friday 26th September at Knutsford Golf Club. There will be a buffet meal with main options of Beef Stroganoff, Mushroom Stroganoff or Fish Pie with a selection of hot and cold sweets. The cost will be £20 per person. Please email [John.Long@btconnect.com](mailto:John.Long@btconnect.com) to book and I will send you the account details for payment in advance. Looking forward to a very pleasant evening.

**CLIMBING TO THE STRATOSPHERE FOR EAST CHESHIRE HOSPICE** The Catenians are organising a sponsored event in September and are looking for volunteers to join Stuart Jones and Nick Johnson to climb more than 10km of vertical ascent (higher than Mt. Everest) through repeated climbs of Alderley Edge by cycling or by walking. More details and how to volunteer can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/echstratos>

**CAMBODIA VISIT:** Eight people have booked so far to visit Fr Totet with me in February next year. If you would like to join us please email me or speak to me after Mass. The total cost is in the region of £1500.

**CHILDREN'S FAIR:** All primary school children (and their families!) are warmly invited to our Children's Fair on **Sunday, 28th September**, after the 11:00 am Mass. There will be fun stalls, games, raffles, and plenty of excitement for the kids!. **If you can help, please contact: Christel Casse, Lay Pastoral Assistant, [christelcasse.stvincents@outlook.com](mailto:christelcasse.stvincents@outlook.com)**