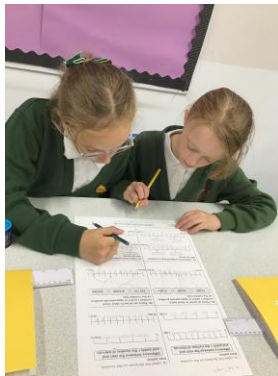
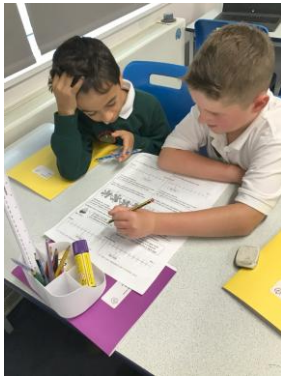


Focus on ... Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the year! In RE, we've been learning about Moses and how he was called by God for an important task, trusting Him throughout. This inspired three pupils to lead a reflective prayer and liturgy session all about trust. In Forest School, the children showed great resilience and teamwork as they learnt how to tie knots to attach stick people to parachutes and explored the forces involved. In Maths, we've been tackling place value and working together to complete tricky number lines. Our English lessons have been based on *When We Walked on the Moon*, with pupils writing creatively about how it would feel to land on the moon. Well done, Year 5!



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Believe, Trust and Be Ready
"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Time to reflect



Luke 16: 1-13

This Sunday, the focus of the gospel is on being trustworthy. Jesus tells us if we can be trusted with small things then we can be trusted with bigger, more important things.

Putting love at the centre of our lives is what God wants. Can you make someone's life easier this week?

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: <i>Integrity</i> | Conduct and Courtesy | Merit award - comment |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Reception | Joshua | Benen | Frances – for fabulous RE work this week |
| Year 1 | Sebby | Emily | Charlotte – for her super contributions to class discussions |
| Year 2 | Annabelle | Isaac | Robyn – amazing effort with her handwriting |
| Year 3 | Max | Lyra | Dora – working hard in school and at home to improve her writing |
| Year 4 | Theo F | Theo C | Rhea – excellent painting using colour mixing |
| Year 5 | Loughlin | Marissa | Harryett -excellent participation in class |
| Year 6 | Chloe | Alissa | Martha – excellent discussion and written work in R.E. |

Dear Parents and Carers,

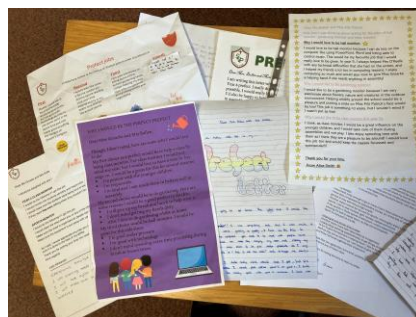
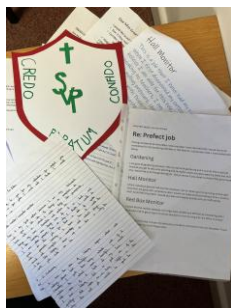
It's been an amazingly busy and uplifting week across the school! On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of interviewing all our Year 6 children for their prefect roles—each one came prepared with a thoughtful letter, a firm handshake, and impressive answers during their interviews. They were truly outstanding, and I look forward to announcing the prefect positions on Monday. The school year is off to a fantastic start, with a real sense of purpose and positivity in every corner. During my visits to classrooms, I've seen incredible work in Maths, writing, reading, and sportsmanship, and I've proudly handed out many Head Teacher awards to celebrate these achievements.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

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

Year 6 Prefect Letters



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

Tomorrow 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 ❤️

https://www.justgiving.com/team/st-vincent's?utm_medium=TE&utm_source=EM

Reading for Pleasure

We cannot stress enough how important the sharing of reading is, no matter whether your child is in Reception or Year 6; the benefits for both of you are immeasurable. Many of our children took part in the Summer Reading Challenge at Knutsford Library, which aims to encourage reading and library membership over the summer holidays. AraOluwa won the competition to design a Story Garden and many other children received their medals for completing the challenge!



If you bring in your certificate Miss Groarke will give you a Head Teacher's award for taking part.

Again this year, we are asking for book recommendations from everyone. What books are you reading at home with your child? Please email in suggestions for books you have enjoyed reading together and a photograph of you reading as a family to admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk Every recommendation with a photograph will get a Head Teacher Award and some pictures will appear in the newsletter.

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 |
|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 15 | 23 | 17 | 22 |

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

Attendance

| | | | |
|------------------|-------------|---------------|-------|
| Reception | 100% | Year 4 | 97.9% |
| Year 1 | 99.6% | Year 5 | 97.0% |
| Year 2 | 96.8% | Year 6 | 84.2% |
| Year 3 | 99.37% | | |

WELL DONE Reception – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

European Day of Languages

Next Friday, 26th September, we will be celebrating the European Day of Languages in school and children will be able to take part in a variety of activities involving different languages. If you speak a language other than English with your child at home, please make sure we know about it so we can celebrate it in school.

Change to menu – Friday, 26th September

As part of our European Day of Languages celebrations, Mrs Freeman will be preparing a special European menu. The lunch choices on that day will be:

- Margherita Pizza with Chips, Baked Beans or Vegetables
- Vegetable Paella
- Veggie Meatballs and Tomato Sauce Pasta Bake

Wednesday Word

Every week, we will be attaching to our Newsletter the Wednesday Word. The Wednesday Word is an excellent resource that can be used at home to reflect on the issues and messages present in the liturgies. Wednesday Word Family Time presents an opportunity for even the busiest of parents to enrich relationships with their children through spending a very special 10 minutes together each week. Every Wednesday a 'word', inspired by the coming Sunday's Gospel, will be suggested for families to talk about in the home. They have structured The Wednesday Word around the Sunday Gospel, because evidence shows that Gospel values really do help family relationships to thrive. The Wednesday Word Family Time leaflet is designed in a family friendly fashion to ensure that all family members feel included. It aims to be informative, enjoyable, and to help families maintain a special closeness throughout the school year.

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:



Open Afternoon

We will be holding an open afternoon on **Thursday 16th October from 1.30pm** and **Thursday 13th November** for parents of children who are looking to change school or are due to start in Reception in 2026. Please pass on this information to neighbours and friends in Knutsford. To book a slot please email admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk

Applications for Secondary School Places – Year 6

31st October 2025 is the deadline for applications for secondary school places for September 2026. Please ensure you register your preferred schools by this date via the Cheshire East website – <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/start-school-september.aspx>

Y4, Y5 and Y6 Open Evening at St Nicholas Catholic High School

The Open Evening at St Nicholas Catholic High School will be taking place on Thursday 25th September between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. A letter has been emailed to all Year 4, 5 and 6 Parents and Carers with more details.

Barclays Volunteers

Today, we had volunteers from Barclays that included Leon's (Y1) dad around school with some gardening tasks, emptying the raised beds in the allotment area and many jobs in the outside Reception area. They all worked extremely hard and did a magnificent job. Thank you so much.

We now are looking for volunteers who would like to look after our allotment area. We are looking for a keen gardener who would like to sow vegetables and tend them in the raised beds so that the children can watch them grow. If you can spare regular time to tend the allotments, please email Mrs Lees in the office admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk



Walking Home Safely

Please have conversations with your child about the potential dangers of interacting with strangers on the way to and from school. In particular, it is worth talking through the following guidelines, taken from [Safe Schools](#) and [Police guidance](#) when having these discussions with your child.

| The Week Ahead Fairtrade Fortnight 22 nd September to 3 rd October | | Start Time | End Time |
|---|--|------------|----------|
| Monday 22nd September | | | |
| Y4 Forest School | | AM | |
| D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk | | 15:30 | 16:30 |
| Tuesday 23rd September | | | |
| Year 1 'Stay and Learn' – Parents/Carers welcome, School Hall | | 09:00 | 10:00 |
| Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Lesson | | PM | |
| Wednesday 24th September | | | |
| ARTIS performing arts workshops | | ALL | DAY |
| D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk | | 15:30 | 16:30 |
| Thursday 25th September | | | |
| Rock Steady Music | | ALL | DAY |
| Y4-Y6 Cross Country Competition , Knutsford Academy | | 15:45 | 17:00 |
| Friday 26th September | | | |
| 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 (Boys and Girls) | | 15:30 | 16:30 |
| D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk | | 15:30 | 16:30 |
| Sunday 28th September | | | |
| ST. Vincent's Church - Start of Year Mass followed by Church Fair – all welcome | | 11:00 | |

* 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.

PARISH DINNER: 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 to book.

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.

Church Fair: All families are warmly invited to the Children's Fair at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on Sunday, 28 September, after the 11:00 am Mass. There will be balloon making, face painting, 'Name the Teddy,' 'Guess the number of sweets in a jar, bubble wands, raffles, and plenty of excitement for the kids! Donations for the raffles are very welcome. Please contact: Christel Casse (christelcasse.stvincents@outlook.com). Please see the poster attached to the newsletter.