

Focus on ... Year 4

Year 4 have had a busy few weeks starting the year and we have been delighted with how well the children have settled into the new school year.

In Forest School, we used knotting and tying skills to fasten sticks together to make a raft. We then decorated our new creations and tested them out in water. We were impressed at how well they floated. In Art, we have been looking at painting techniques and colour mixing in preparation for some still-life work that we are going to be completing. Our apples look almost good enough to eat! Our Clarinet lessons have got off to a great start and this week we have all been able to take them home to start practising. We can't wait to hear the tunes and watch the progress as the year continues. In English, we have started work on our new book 'The Whale' and have used some effective vocabulary to write an exciting narrative based at sea. We have used a new skill in Computing – scanning QR codes to help us with our research. Very impressive indeed! During our Science lessons, we have been developing our knowledge of States of Matter. We had great fun watching the reaction between bicarbonate and vinegar to produce carbon dioxide gas to inflate a plastic glove and have also loved exploring the topic through Artis.

What a great start Year 4!



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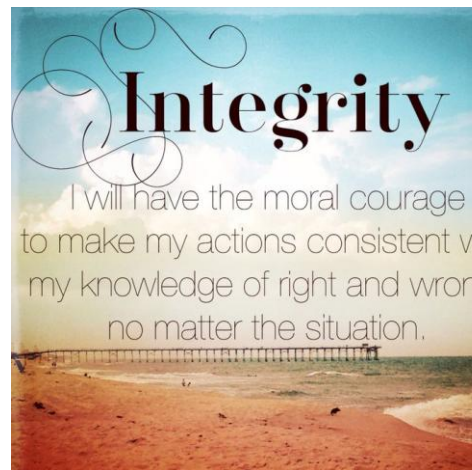


Believe, Trust and Be Ready

"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Time to reflect

This week we think about the gospel value of **Integrity**. The definition of integrity in the Bible emphasises the importance of doing what is right, even when it is difficult or unpopular. It involves being truthful, reliable, and consistent in one's words and actions.



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: Integrity	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	James	Leonel	Wynter – for fantastic phonics!
Year 1	Ralph	Eliza	Rafe – for a brilliant start to Year 1 and working hard on his writing
Year 2	Patrick	Hinav	Anton – for an excellent attitude towards his learning and always doing his best
Year 3	Mia	Sophia	Tyler – for having a positive attitude towards his work and completing all his activities
Year 4	Evelyn	Benjamin	James – Great thinking in Science
Year 5	Oliver TP	AraOluwa	Carys – for being an excellent role model in all she does!
Year 6	Sadie	Zach	Noah – fantastic participation in lessons

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a truly lovely week it has been in school! It has been heartwarming to see our children living out our values in so many meaningful ways. This week, Headteacher Awards were given to pupils who have gone above and beyond— from picking up litter to caring for our environment, showing kindness to others, completing the summer reading challenge at the library, and taking part in many other inspiring acts across the school. It is moments like these that remind us of what a special community we have. Thank you for your continued support in helping our children grow into thoughtful, responsible, and compassionate individuals.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

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

Zero Tolerance – Message from the Governors

I hope you and your children have all settled into the new academic year. Unfortunately, I am writing to you today on a very serious matter, in which a member of our staff has had a verbal threat made towards them. May we remind all parents/carers that the Governing Board have a duty to protect the welfare of the staff and will act accordingly when such incidents arise. I think it is necessary to remind everyone of our Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance protocol, both of which are attached to this newsletter. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Mr Mike Dobson Chair of Governors

Mini Vinnies

Here are our newly elected Mini Vinnies who were presented with their certificates and badges at their commissioning assembly last Friday by Mrs Bayley from the SVP society. I am sure you will join me in wishing them well for the year ahead.



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

Twelve staff members—past and present—braved the elements to take part in the Walk of Hope for The Christie last weekend. We've never seen rain like it! Umbrellas turned inside out, we were drenched from head to toe, and at one point, hailstones joined the party. It was endurance in every sense.

Despite the downpour and missing out on the beautiful views around Tatton Park, spirits remained high. Staff ended up splashing through puddles, and laughing through the cold and wet. It took all of Sunday to recover, but the camaraderie and shared purpose made it truly unforgettable.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who sponsored us—we raised £2,584 for this incredible charity, which has supported so many of our friends and families. Your generosity means the world.

Before



End of walk



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
17	16	24	20

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

Attendance

Reception	95%	Year 4	95.5%
Year 1	97.9%	Year 5	95.9%
Year 2	93.1%	Year 6	97.4%
Year 3	95.3%		

WELL DONE Year 1 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!



Year 6 Prefects

Wow! What an amazing group of Year 6 prefects we have this year. Each one has embraced the Gospel value of service, showing a genuine commitment to helping others and making a positive impact across our school community. It was no easy task assigning roles—every child brings something special to the team. On Monday, I had the pleasure of presenting their prefect badges during assembly, and the excitement and pride were clear to see. From supporting younger pupils to helping with daily routines, our prefects will play a vital role in school life. We are confident they will rise to the challenge with kindness, responsibility, and enthusiasm. I'm sure you will join all the staff and children in wishing them the very best of luck in their new roles for the year ahead.

Cross Country

Last night we took part in Knutsford Primary Schools' Cross Country. The event was organised by Knutsford Academy and Knutsford Harriers and consisted of age – related cross-country races for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 boys and girls. Six schools took part and the overall winners were St. Vincent's. Well done everyone.



Cross country – Winners

In cross country we won overall and that got us a golden-coloured trophy. Once each of us had finished our race we would get a medal no matter what place we came in. In the girls' relay we came second but unfortunately in the boys' relay we came last. Year 4 had to run one km, Year 5 had to run 1.5 km and Year 6 had to run 2 km.

Report By Maya and Hattie Y6

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

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Oliver

Wall of Fame

Well done to all the children who had their work chosen for the Wall of Fame for September. This will stay up for the half term. Do come in and have a look.

Reception – A picture of our Reception class as they have all settled in so well

Year 1 – Beth – writing a prediction about our new book

Year 2 – Christian – a recount of Noah and the Great Flood

Year 3 – Isabella P – a prayer for the new school year

Year 4 – Rhea – a painting using different techniques

Year 5 – Carys – a back-to-school prayer

Year 6 – Martha – a piece of writing about Creation

Welcome to Year 1 – Stay and Learn Session

On Tuesday morning, we were delighted to welcome our Year 1 parents into school for a Welcome to Year 1 Stay and Learn session. Mrs Webster began the morning with a presentation outlining the expectations and routines in Year 1. Afterwards, the children joined their parents in the hall to take part in a variety of fun and engaging activities together.

It was a lovely morning and a great opportunity to share what learning looks like in Year 1. Thank you to all the parents who attended, we really appreciate your support!



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>

Change to Friday Netball Finish Time

Netball will be finishing at 4:15 from Friday, 3rd October.

Health Reminder: Nits and Threadworm

We've had recent reports of nits (head lice) and threadworm in school. These are common childhood conditions, but they spread easily if not treated promptly. Please check your child regularly and treat as needed to help prevent further cases. For guidance on treatment, speak to your pharmacist or visit the NHS website. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community healthy.

Change to menu – Thursday 2nd October

Thursday 2nd October is School Census Day. The number of children choosing a school dinner on that day decides a large element of the funding for the year ahead, and as a result, we would like to encourage as many children as possible to opt-in for a school dinner on this day. We have an exciting 'Out of this World' menu (attached) for Census Day, and we hope to see lots of children enjoying this meal. In addition to this menu, children can also choose to have tomato pasta. Your child simply needs to ask for a school meal at registration.

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.

Safeguarding - Dog Safety Outside School

We would like to bring to your attention a serious safety concern that occurred today: a child was bitten by a dog that had been left unattended near the school grounds. Thankfully, the child is receiving appropriate care, but this incident highlights the importance of ensuring that all animals near school property are managed safely and responsibly.

- We kindly ask that you do not allow your child to touch or approach unattended dogs, even if they appear friendly. Unsupervised interactions can lead to unpredictable outcomes, especially with children who may not fully understand the risks.

Additionally, we urge all parents and carers to refrain from tying dogs to the fence near the passageway that children and adults use to walk along. We have observed that some dogs attempt to push through the fence. To ensure the safety and well-being of everyone, we ask that if you must tie your dog, please do so near the car park gate, where there is less foot traffic and greater visibility. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our school environment safe, calm, and welcoming for all. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.



PTA update

The PTA AGM will take place on Thursday 9th October 18:30-19:30 in the school hall. We're looking forward to seeing as many faces as possible. We'll take time to reflect on the great fundraising achievements of last year and are looking forward to hearing any fresh fundraising ideas for the year ahead. Everyone welcome.

The PTA will then meet again on Thursday 13th November 19:30 @ The Angel. Again, everyone welcome.

Upcoming events for your PTA calendar:

- Friday 3rd October- Movie night Bad Guys 2 🎬 🎁 further details in WhatsApp groups and ParentPay
- Friday 14th November- School Disco 🎵 with resident house DJ, DJ Hughes 🎉
- A preloved uniform sale will be held in the school hall or playground (weather dependant) from 8:45am on Thursday 20th November

Whole School Mass - Sunday, 28th September 11am

We warmly invite all families to join us for our Whole School Mass at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on Sunday, 28th September at 11am. After Mass, come along to the Parish Rooms for the Children's Fair, featuring a cake sale, raffle, and plenty of fun for everyone!

The Week Ahead

Fairtrade Fortnight 22nd September to 3rd October

**Start
Time**

**End
Time**

Monday 29th September

Mad Science Assembly	AM	
Y3 Forest School	AM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30

Tuesday 30th September

Chemistry with Cabbage – Year 6	ALL	DAY
Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Lesson	PM	

Wednesday 1st October

ARTIS performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30
Y5 St Nicholas Music Festival		PM

Thursday 2nd October

Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
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Friday 3rd October

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Paper biscuits on sale		
Y3/Y4 Swimming – sign up via ParentPay. Don't forget swimming kits!	PM	
Y4/Y5/Y6 Netball with Mrs Davies, Mrs O'Keefe and Miss Clarke - email School office if your child wishes to join (Boys and Girls)	15:30	16:15
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30

* 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.

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 (christelcase.stvincents@outlook.com).