

Focus on ... Year 2

Year 2 have made a brilliant start to the year, showing great enthusiasm and maturity in their learning. They've impressed us with their progress in reading, writing, and grammar—especially their work on sentence types, adjectives, adverbs, and conjunctions. Their writing inspired by *A River* by Marc Martin has been fantastic, and their cursive handwriting and punctuation are improving beautifully. In Maths, they've tackled place value, number bonds to 20 and 100, and odd/even numbers with confidence. History lessons have focused on The Gunpowder Plot, and their firework leaf art in Forest School was a creative highlight. In Science, they tested materials to build waterproof, strong, and windproof houses.

They've also shone in Music with movement, singing, and glockenspiel playing, explored online safety in IT, and built imaginative moving monsters in DT. Keep it up, Year 2—you're all superstars!



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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 Sunday, the gospel reading is Luke 17:11-19. The main focus and messages to be gathered are:

Gratitude Matters: We should always remember to say "thank you" when someone helps us, especially to God for His blessings.

Faith in Action: The men trusted Jesus and obeyed Him by going to the priests, even before they were healed. Their faith led to their healing.

God's Love is for Everyone: Jesus showed that His love and healing are for everyone, no matter who they are.

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 & Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Shreya	Henry	Maggie- For a positive attitude towards work
Year 1	Heath	Bess	Albie – working hard to improve his handwriting
Year 2	Charmaine	Nathan	Reggie - Fantastic attitude to all his work and trying his best in class
Year 3	Elora	Isabella P	Chase – working hard all week
Year 4	Harrison	Ariah	Harry – working hard in Maths
Year 5	Amelia	Oliver C	Zara – Amazing effort with his space exploration narrative
Year 6	Daisy	Evie	Annie – fantastic flashback writing in English

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a truly lovely week in school, filled with celebration and community spirit. We proudly handed out Head Teacher Awards for handwriting, maths, writing, great listening, and working hard—well done to all the children for their fantastic efforts! The building work for the new intervention space and the staff room adjustments is progressing smoothly, promising exciting improvements ahead.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

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

Movie night

Movie Night last Friday was a huge success, with over 125 children gathered in the hall to enjoy the film. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs O'Keefe and all the parents who came to help supervise—their support made the evening run beautifully. The children were, as always, wonderful and thoroughly enjoyed the crisps and drinks during the interval.

"Movie night was very fun; the movie was good. I enjoyed the crisps and drinks. I liked that you could bring your own teddy and pillow." William – Y6



Reception Stay and Learn

On Tuesday, we were delighted to host our first Stay and Learn session for Reception parents. Miss Quinn delivered an informative presentation in the school hall to an impressive turnout of parents and grandparents, introducing them to our 'Little Wandle' phonics scheme. Then the parents and grandparents went down into the classroom to see the phonics in action and played games with their children. The session was warmly received, with excellent feedback from attendees who appreciated the opportunity to learn more about how we support early reading development in school. Thank you to Miss Quinn and Miss Fairhurst.



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	20	24	15

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

Attendance

Reception	96.1 %	Year 4	98.6 %
Year 1	98.3 %	Year 5	98.9 %
Year 2	97 %	Year 6	96.1 %
Year 3	99 %		

WELL DONE YEAR 3 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

School Parking Safety

We would like to remind parents to park sensibly when dropping off and picking up their children from school. Recently, some vehicles have been reported to be blocking driveways, stopping in the middle of the road to drop off children and causing unnecessary obstructions. This behaviour is dangerous to all road users, especially to the children.

Police will be issuing warnings and tickets to vehicles causing an obstruction - think before you park!

Staffroom Improvements – Can You Help?

As many of you know, we've been making improvements to our staffroom through recent building works. As part of this refresh, we're looking to upgrade the seating and would like to explore reupholstering options.

If any parents have contacts or recommendations for local upholsterers, we'd be very grateful if you could get in touch with the school office.

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>

Learn To Swim at Knutsford Leisure Centre

Please find attached some information regarding Knutsford Leisure Centre's excellent scheme of swimming lessons from Discovery Ducklings (under 3s), Ducklings (aged 3-4), to Stages 1 up to 7, and then a pathway after including Stage 8, 9 & 10.

Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO
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Christian

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Elora

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Noah

LOOK WHO
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Sadie

Parents Evening – Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October

An email was sent out today with instructions on how to access the School Spider Parent's Evening portal. The booking system will go live on Monday 13th October at 9.30 am and will remain open until Friday 17th October at 4pm. Please email Mrs Lees in the school office with any issues logging into the School Spider app.

Harvest Festival – Next Friday

On Friday 17th October, we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival in school. Each class will perform a little something - this might be a song, poem etc. You are all very welcome to join us for a 2.15pm start, it is always very busy but it is a wonderful celebration of the kindness and community spirit of our St. Vincent's family. All our food will be donated to Hope Central Foodbank who support families in need. We are asking for donations to be sent into school Thursday 16th October or Friday 17th October. Any donations are gratefully received but we have been told they particularly need the following:

- Tinned meat/spam/tuna/corned beef
- Tinned pasta
- Microwave rice packets
- Pasta sauce jars
- Shampoo
- Tinned soup
- Tinned carrots
- UHT semi-skimmed milk
- Tinned custard
- Pot noodles
- Household cleaning products
- Biscuits
- Coffee
- Curry sauce jars
- Chocolate/Sweets
- Cup-a-Soup
- Instant noodles
- Tinned Hotdogs

Dance Taster

Our children enjoyed warm-up games and danced to music from The Lion King during a Dance Taster event organised by The Knutsford School Sports Partnership. It was a fun and engaging experience for all involved!



Preschool Open Afternoon

Looking for the perfect early years setting for your little one? Join us for our **Open Afternoon on Thursday, 21st November, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm**. Explore our welcoming environment, meet our caring staff and discover our play-based learning approach.

Here are a few recent comments from parents:

Thank you so much for the love, care and support you've given our son this year. It's been such a joy to watch him grow, learn and thrive and that's all thanks to the wonderful environment you've created.

The decision to move our son to St Vincent's Pre-school to support his transition to school was absolutely the right one. With plenty of opportunities to meet his new teacher, try school lunches and take part in other exciting activities, he started 'big school' completely unfazed.

If you are planning on coming along, please contact us either by telephone 01565 651948 or by email cath@stvincentspreschool.co.uk



PTA AGM

Many thanks to all who attended last night's AGM. It was great to see so many people in attendance and discuss fundraising strategies for the year ahead. Please see the slides for full details of last year's fundraising and this year's target 🎯

♻️ Roberts Recycling ♻️

Roberts will be collecting the bags on Monday 20th October from school, so if you have any unwanted items, please do pop them into a bin bag and drop off in the lean to (next to the kitchen) at school before then. Otherwise, the PTA will be opening up school on Sunday 19th October between 10am and 11.30am if you wish to drop off any bags then. Thank you for your support - this is an easy and environmentally friendly way for the PTA to raise funds - so get decluttering everyone!!

🎃👻 We need your fancy-dress costumes! 👧👦

On **Friday 17th October**, after the Harvest Festival, the PTA will be hosting a **PRELOVED FANCY DRESS SALE!** It will be the perfect chance to snag some awesome Halloween (or other) costumes for your little ones 😊 To make this happen we need YOUR donations! If you've any kids' fancy-dress costumes or accessories you no longer need, we would LOVE them. They can be Halloween related or not. Please pass them on to Emily Pegg or Helen Hodnett (Year 3 mums) on the playground or drop them at the school office, ASAP (by Weds 15th at the latest).

Save the Date:

Cake sale after school on **Friday 24th October** (led by Year 4)

Christmas Fair Sorry to mention Christmas already, but please SAVE THE DATE of **Friday 5th December** for the fair - more details to follow nearer the time.

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 13th October		
Y1 Forest School		PM
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30
Tuesday 14th October		
Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Lesson	PM	
Wednesday 15th October		
Individual & sibling school photographs	AM	
ARTIS performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30
Thursday 16th October		
Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
Nasal Flu Spray	AM	
Friday 17th October		
Y3/Y4 Swimming – sign up via ParentPay. Don't forget swimming kits!	PM	
Harvest Festival		2.15
Y4/Y5/Y6 Netball with Mrs Davies, Mrs O'Keefe and Mrs 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

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



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.

MUMS AND TOTS AT ST. VINCENT'S PARISH CENTRE - all preschool aged children and parents/carers are welcome every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at the Parish Centre from 10am until 12.

ENQUIRY GROUP: Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about your faith? Please come along each Thursday evening beginning on 16 October at 7pm in the hall where we will explore our Catholic faith.

NOVEMBER SOULS: November is the month where traditionally we pray for Holy Souls, especially our loved ones. If you would like the names of relatives/friends included on our November List, please hand in with your donation. Masses will be celebrated throughout November.

CLIMBING TO THE STRATOSPHERE FOR EAST CHESHIRE HOSPICE: They successfully ascended 10,600m (that's more than Ben Nevis on top of Everest) with a great effort from all 13 people who walked or cycled. So far we have raised over £1,100 for East Cheshire Hospice – thank-you to everyone who supported us, with special thanks to those at the Parish Dinner. If you would still like to contribute you can do so at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/stratosphere>.

CHILDREN'S FAIR: We are delighted to share that last Sunday's Children's Fair was a wonderful success! In just one hour, we raised £275. While the fair was first and foremost about bringing our community together, we are also deeply grateful for the generous donations received. The proceeds will be donated to the SVP. A heartfelt thank you goes to all the volunteers; including the Catenians, SVP members, St Bede's Parish and St Vincent's Parish, who gave their time on the day; to those who kindly donated raffle prizes; and to everyone who came along to support the fair. Your generosity and presence made this event possible!