

Focus on.....Year 4

On Monday afternoons, we have our Love Music Trust lessons, and we are becoming much more confident when playing our instruments. Our music teacher is very impressed with our progress and in a couple of weeks we will be performing for parents and other classes in the school!

Our trip to the Catalyst Discovery Centre last week was fantastic and the children loved learning about Science in the Glorious Gases workshop which took place in a real-life laboratory, complete with lab coats and goggles. Later, there was lots of fun to be had in the hands-on experimental interactive zone and then it was back to the lab to learn about how to be a scientist. It was such a fun day!

In ARTIS we have been thinking about what life was like for the Ancient Greeks and this week we have explored what it would have meant to be a successful Olympian. In Computing, we have used data-loggers to record the changes in light and sound in different parts of the school. The results were very interesting!



Catalyst Centre



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

Time to Reflect

by Mrs Davies

The gospel focus for this week is Matthew 25:14-30. It reminds us to think about the many different talents we all have. Sometimes we don't use our talents wisely, or for the benefit and help of others just like the servants in the story. We may even look at the talents that God has given to others and think that God hasn't given us very much. We might even be tempted to hide our talent. Help us to use the talents that we have been given and be what God intended us to be.



Behaviour Awards

Good Conduct Award – Excellent attitude in all aspects of school life.

Courtesy Award – Good manners and polite behaviour.

Merit Award – Super work and effort in a particular area of the Curriculum.

Year Group	Good Conduct	Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Albert	Jessica	Nathan – for a fantastic attitude to his learning.
Year 1	Freddie	Florence H	Jude – super effort with his writing during English.
Year 2	Theo F	Rose	Derik – already showing that he will be an amazing Y2!
Year 3	Jaxon	Marissa	Roisin – amazing attitude to learning.
Year 4	Michelle	Darcy	Grace C – lovely piece of extended writing.
Year 5	Ethan M	Elliot	Malachy – keeping a good attitude even when his arm is broken!
Year 6	Isla	Connie	Mikolaj – a super homework project about CAFOD.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Life is certainly getting more hectic by the day in school, as we consider all that has to be done before Christmas! Please make sure you have pencilled in all the important dates for our end of term festivities. Should you have mislaid the Looking Further Ahead summary you will find it on the school website within the newsletter tab [St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School: Newsletters \(stvincentsknutsford.co.uk\)](http://stvincentsknutsford.co.uk)

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless,

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School

Anti-Bullying week – School Council Competition

On Tuesday morning our School Councillors looked at all the amazing posters children had made for Anti Bullying Week with the focus on 'Make A Noise About Bullying' and how unique each one of us are. Everyone who entered received a sweet treat last Friday and the winning posters received a special prize. Well done everyone who entered. The winners chosen by the School Council were Amandine(Y1) and Alice (Y6). Their posters are now displayed in school.



KS2 Carol Service

KS2 children will be walking to church on both Tuesday 28th November and Tuesday 12th December morning to rehearse for their Carol Service which is on Wednesday 13th December at 6.00pm. Please ensure all children wrap up warm, have sensible shoes and a waterproof coat.

Year 6 CAFOD projects

On Tuesday, all of Year 6 brought in their projects from home about CAFOD. The research and detailed presentation of these projects were amazing. Well done, Year 6!



Dinner Money Increase

Cheshire East Catering have this week advised us that they are increasing their prices significantly with effect from January 2024, and therefore we will have to increase the cost of paid school dinners to cover this increase. The cost of a child's school dinner will increase to £2.65 per day from 1st January 2024. School dinners should be paid for in advance via ParentPay. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are still entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Pupil Premium children throughout KS2 are also entitled to free school meals. If you think your child is eligible for free school meals, please go to our school website and follow the link to apply directly with Cheshire East Council. [Free School Meals \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](http://cheshireeast.gov.uk). If you need any assistance, please contact Mrs Corrigan or Mrs Watson in the school office.

Mini Vinnies - please support us! Fabulous Prizes!

In the run up to Christmas, the Mini Vinnies are supporting the JustDrop-In charity, which has been successfully delivering mental health and social support services to children and families for over 20 years, by running a Fundraising Raffle. All funds will go to ensuring that this charity can continue its important work in our town. It would be fantastic if you can support the Mini Vinnies in this important fundraising by buying raffle tickets through ParentPay. We have some fantastic prizes – see the prizes on the attached flyer which have been generously donated from our high street businesses. Tickets £1 each (£5 for a book of 5).

Supported by Knutsford "Mini Vinnies"

nxtep
PERSONAL TRAINING
£195 Voucher
For Personal Training Session at Nxtep

COTTONS
HOTEL & SPA
2*£50 Voucher
for The Cottons SPA

Case of Wine
from Evuna,
Knutsford

Linden Stores
£25 Voucher
for Linden Stores, Minshull St, Knutsford

MR SIMMS
SWEET SHOP
A Sweet Cone
From Mr Simms

Flat Cap
£50 Voucher
for The Courthouse,

THE LOST & FOUND

ego
Gift Hamper
from Ego Pharmaceuticals

HAL WHITTAKER
Painting Set
From Hal Whittaker

SIGIRIYA
FINE RESTAURANT
£50 Voucher
for Sigiriya Restaurant, Knutsford

Sunday Roast for 2
at Lost & Found, Knutsford

GAIL'S
£10 Voucher
From Gail's Bakery, Knutsford

GARETH WEST
£40 Voucher
for hair appointment at Gareth West

GUSTO
£60 Voucher
for Gusto, Knutsford

Afternoon Tea for 2
at Koi fusion, Knutsford

The Real Fruit Creamery
2*£10 Voucher
for The Real Fruit Creamery

Discount Voucher
for framing, from **Flock of Arts**

Detailjer
Coffee & Cake for 2
at Detailjer

NAILS
£50 Voucher
for Diamond Nails

Forest Schools

Year 4 had a fabulous time in Forest School, spending part of the morning using their orienteering skills to find the answers to Maths problems and the other half of the time building their very own Iron Man. The children worked in teams, using natural resources from the school grounds to build two incredibly large iron giants and they even created their own music to go with it. They were all very grubby but had a great time!



Reception also had Forest Schools this week and had a great time investigating the outside area.



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. Andrew	St. David	St. George	St. Patrick
23	22	16	14

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

Attendance

Reception	82.2%	Year 4	98.1%
Year 1	96.6%	Year 5	98.3%
Year 2	98%	Year 6	95.4%
Year 3	92.4%		

WELL DONE YEAR 5 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Wall of Fame – November 2023

Congratulations to the following children who have had their work chosen to go on the Wall of Fame wall for all of school to see.

Reception – Christian writing about Goldilocks and the three bears.

Year 1 – Narla Rae writing about a penguin.

Year 2 – Joe facts about Charles Macintosh.

Year 3 – Thomas writing about the circus acts.

Year 4 – Grace F a kenning poem.

Year 5 – Imogen for a Remembrance Day poem.

Year 6 – Elise for a Refugee Reverse poem.



Advent - Travelling crib

Advent is a time when we prepare for Christmas. Amidst all the Christmas performance preparations, shopping, presents etc., it is important that our children also understand the true meaning and importance of Advent and Christmas. We will be sending home our 'Travelling Cribs' again as part of our Advent celebrations starting on Monday 4th December. If you are to host the Travelling Crib during this time, please share it with your family and, if possible, take a photo and email it into school. Please make sure the complete bag is returned to school the next day so that it can travel to the next host family. Many thanks and we hope you enjoy your time with the Travelling Crib.



Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament

'Last night the Year 5 and 6 girls' football team played in the Knutsford Academy Girls Football Tournament. There was a lovely atmosphere with everyone helping everyone else. Overall, we came joint 3rd with Egerton Primary. We all played brilliantly and would all definitely play again', by Alice (Y6)



PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery

Today was the fourth PTA Fun Ball Friday draw of the Autumn Term. Today's lucky ball was number 9. Congratulations to the parents of Loughlin (Y3) and James (Y1). Staff, parents, governors and relatives aged 18 and over are all eligible to join. Each Friday in assembly the child or grandchild of the lucky winner can choose a ball!

Each lotto number costs £2 a week and is purchased via ParentPay before 5pm on the Thursday before the draw. Don't forget you have to be in it to win it! GOOD LUCK!

Just a quick summary of money raised so far:

At the end of last year PTA managed to raise a very impressive £11,835. Our contribution to school so far has been £12,380. A brilliant effort made only possible with the help and support from all of you.

We have received another fantastic donation from the **Knutsford Primary School's Ball** of £2100 from the ball that was held in June at Toft Cricket Club. A superb effort by all 4 Primary schools. Our grateful thanks go to our St Vincent's Knutsford Ball Representatives Angela Carroll and Faye Ingles for all their efforts in helping make this event so successful.

Our **Disco** brought in **£468.59**. A very big THANK YOU to our enthusiastic Year 1 volunteers who managed this event, their first PTA event! Great job ladies.

We still have places available for our **Christmas Wreath Making Workshop**, hosted by our Reception parents/carers on 4th December at 7:30pm in the school hall. Tickets can be purchased on ParentPay. Bring a friend and come and join us for some festive season fun.

Please don't forget that your Year Group **Christmas Raffle Hamper** picture and description needs to be sent into school by the morning of Friday 1st December at the latest to have them on display in the Friday newsletter.

EasyFundraising is a simple way to donate to St Vincent's PTA at no extra cost to you. Simply visit the website or download the app to see the 7,500 brands, set St Vincent's PTA as your cause and the PTA will automatically receive donations whenever you buy gifts, decorations, festive food shopping and everything else over the Christmas period and beyond. The PTA has received over £2,500 so far, it really adds up, so whether you're using EasyFundraising for the first time, or haven't used it in a while, please look! Scan the QR code below to get started.



Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week:





Father David and St. Vincent's Church

Masses at Knutsford: Sunday – 9:00 am and 11:00 am (Next weekend Mass changes to 10.45am)

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.

PARISH DINNER will be at Knutsford Golf Club on **28 November** 6.30pm for 7pm. The cost will be £20 for a 2-course meal payable on the night. Roast beef, lamb or pork or salmon with seasonal veg followed by a choice of sticky toffee pudding, Bakewell tart, fruit crumble or chocolate torte. If you want to come, email events@stvincentsknutsford.org or speak to John Long.

THE LADIES GROUP The Ladies Christmas Lunch is planned for Tuesday 12th December at 1pm in the Church Hall. The cost is £12 payable by 30 November. Forms available after Sunday Mass from Sheila Flynn or Andrea Ross.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS each Saturday from 11.30am-Noon

CLOTHES FOR REFUGEES: We would welcome donations of Autumn and Winter men's clothes particularly jumpers, socks and footwear. Leave at back of Church.

The Week Ahead

**Start
Time**

**End
Time**

Monday 27th November

Vyson Anxiety Workshop for Parents/Carers – email school office to sign up	09:00	10:30
Year 3 Forest Schools		PM
Year 4 Wider Opportunities Music – Love Music Trust - remember instrument		PM
Year 1-6 After School Sports Club – Multi sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Recorder Club	15:25	16:00

Tuesday 28th November

KS 2 walking to Church	AM	
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Wednesday 29th November

R/Y1/Y2 Parents/Carers 'Stay and Read' (last one this term)	09:05	09:15
Y5 Forces Workshop	ALL	DAY
KS2 Choir after school	15:30	16:30
Mad Science After School Club	15:25	16:25
D.R. Sports After school Club	15:25	16:30

Thursday 30th November

Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
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Friday 1st December

PTA Own Clothes Day – KS1 bottles donations; KS2 chocolate donations		
Y5/Y6 Swimming – payment via ParentPay (last one)		PM
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football	15:30	16:30

* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at www.drsportsclubs.co.uk