

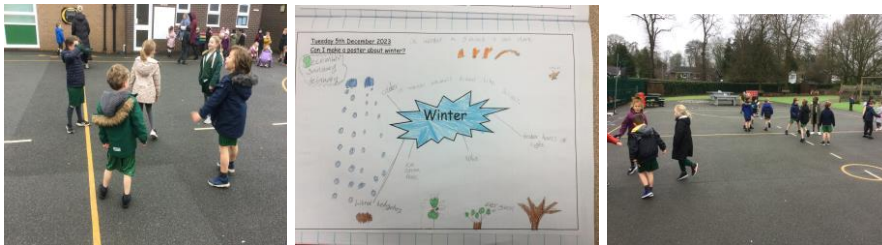
Focus on.....Year 2

This week has been so busy! Not only have Year 2 worked hard completing their English and Maths assessments, but they have still managed to find the energy to practise their lines ready for our KS1 and Reception Christmas Nativity and take part in many other Curriculum activities!

In DT we have been designing and making moving monsters. We made linkages by connecting levers and pivots. We decorated our monsters and made sure that they followed our design criteria. We think they all look great!

In Science this week we have been looking for signs of winter. We made posters to show all the changes that happen during winter from the clothes we wear to how animals hibernate to stay warm and the types of plants that grown in colder conditions.

In PE, Coach Dave took us all outside to be Sports Leaders. We all had lots of fun leading our group in different physical activities.



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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

We are now in the first week of Advent and our children have already started to think of others with their 'reverse Advent calendar' in each class.

Generous God, you prepare a banquet for us all. Help us to play our part so that all people may share in this bounty you have provided. Amen.

Over the coming weeks, let us all take time to think of those who may need a little of our time and prayers.



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	Sylvia	Henry	Aurora – for always being a kind friend to others.
Year 1	Milan	Oscar	Gracie – working hard on joining in and taking turns.
Year 2	George	Pippa	Isla – has wowed Mrs Cox in her reading assessment!
Year 3	AraOluwa	Jenson	Matthew – amazing attitude towards assessments.
Year 4	Judy	Edward W	Edward C – excellent attitude to all aspects of school.
Year 5	Harry	Joel	Gianna – fantastic attitude on our school trip.
Year 6	Leland	Douglas	Maison – for having such a positive attitude during assessment week.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The excitement is certainly building here in school! Our children and staff continue to amaze me at how hard they work, not only in the work they do in class but also in their efforts for the extra events that happen at this time of year.

Tonight our PTA are hosting the Christmas fair from 4.30pm until 7pm in the school hall. Tomorrow, 30 of our juniors will be singing at the Crib service outside Lost and Found at 4pm. So many lovely events that I hope you can attend.

Have a lovely weekend, God Bless,

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

Travelling Cribs

It has been lovely to see that the true meaning of Christmas has been discussed at home. Reception and KS1 children have been reading the Nativity story at home and our KS2 children have written an 'Advent Prayer' focusing on love and kindness for us all. The prayers have been read out in class and placed on our prayer table in the main entrance. We have had a lot of amazing pictures with our travelling cribs, here are just a few pictures:



Diocesan Building Fund

We have now collected **£1,130** for this year's Diocesan Building Fund. Thank you to those that have paid via either ParentPay or standing order. Our optimum amount is **£2,970** if everyone contributed, which therefore makes a shortfall of **£1,840**. Any shortfall must be made up out of the school budget, which has a direct impact on the school finances. Please contribute via ParentPay, no matter how little.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you for all the kind donations we have received so far. The Foodbank will be collecting all our gifts on Friday 15th December.

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
16	18	23	19

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

Attendance

Reception	97.9%	Year 4	100%
Year 1	96.2%	Year 5	98%
Year 2	99.3%	Year 6	93%
Year 3	99.2%		

WELL DONE YEAR 4 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

KS2 Carol Service

KS2 children will be walking to church on Tuesday morning to rehearse for their Carol Service which is on Wednesday evening. The forecast is cold and wet so please ensure all children wrap up warm, have sensible shoes and a waterproof coat.

Reception/KS1 Christmas Performances and KS2 Carol Service 2023

Information regarding this year's performances and how to get hold of tickets was emailed out on Wednesday to all parents and carers. Please check ParentPay for information and to get your tickets.

Menu Change for 13th December

As we are having Christmas Dinner on Thursday 14th December, the menu for Wednesday 13th December will be changed to either Homemade Italian Pasta Bake or Jacket Potato with choice of fillings.

Advent Mass

Thank you to Father David and everybody who was able to join us on Tuesday for our Advent Mass. It was so lovely to receive such positive comments and emails from parents and Parishioners of how well the children behaved, spoke and sang during the service.

Year 4 Brass Musical Instrument Performance

This Monday at 2.45pm in the school hall there will be a short musical performance led by Year 4. Parents and Carers of our Year 4 children are welcome to join us to celebrate the wonderful work they are doing in their Wider Opportunities Music lessons.

Reception and Year 1 Christmas Reading competition

Reception and Year 1 are running a very special Christmas reading challenge again. They want all Reception and Year 1 children to have a picture of them reading in front of either a Christmas tree or a Christmas decoration and have it uploaded onto Tapestry. Here are a few that have already been taken:



Knutsford Christmas Light Switch On

Thank you to all staff and families who attended the Christmas Light Switch on, last Saturday. The children performed brilliantly, singing a selection of songs from their upcoming Christmas Performance.



Year 5 trip to Jodrell Bank



On Wednesday, Year 5 went to Jodrell Bank as part of our 'Earth and Space' topic in Science. The children had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the space dome and the different exhibitions learning all about our solar system.

REMINDER: Dinner Money

School dinners for KS2 children should be paid for in advance via ParentPay and the maximum in arrears amount you can be in is one week (£12).

Y3/Y4 Little Champions



The GCSE sports students from Knutsford Academy put on a brilliant range of sports last night for our Y3/Y4 'Little Champions' event at Knutsford Academy. All the children had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed taking part. This was the last Knutsford School Sports Partnership event until the New Year.



PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery

Today was the sixth PTA Fun Ball Friday draw of the Autumn Term. Today's lucky ball was number 4. Congratulations to the parents of Harvey (Y6). 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!

PTA Christmas Wreath making

On Monday evening, 23 people had a delightful evening making a Christmas wreath for their homes. Thank you so much to everyone who organised this event.



Christmas Hampers Raffle

Tickets for the class raffles are now available to buy through ParentPay until Wednesday 20th December. One ticket will cost you just £2 and you can buy as many tickets as you want, for whichever class you want to. The year group that manages to sell the most number of tickets will win a surprise from Miss Groarke.

These Hampers are luxurious and filled with surprises you won't want to miss out on. This is your chance to win big! We encourage you and your families to get involved. GOOD LUCK!

Support at home?

Please remember if you need any financial or food support at this time please come and see Miss Groarke. She can make referrals for support to The Welcome, the SVP at church and Caritas charity so if you are struggling, please come and see her.

Cheshire East Council's [Preventing and relieving homelessness \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](http://cheshireeast.gov.uk) also have staff available to deal with homelessness prevention; the officers can give advice to families on a variety of issues e.g. concerns relating to rent and mortgage arrears, debt and the fear of losing their home. Early intervention is something they encourage. They have leaflets and a website. For a referral into appropriate advice and support. Phone: 0300 123 5017

Email: housingoptions@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week:



The Week Ahead

Start Time	End Time
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Christmas Fair – Friday night 4.30 – 7pm

Saturday 9th December

KS2 Crib Service , outside Lost and Found – sign up via ParentPay	15:45	16:15
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Monday 11th December

Year 1 Forest Schools		PM
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Year 4 Wider Opportunities Music Concert – parents/carers welcome.	14:45	15:15
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Year 1-6 After School Sports Club – Multi sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
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Recorder Club	15:25	16:00
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Tuesday 12th December

KS2 Walk to church for Carol Concert practice	09:15	11:30
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Wednesday 13th December

KS2 LMT Choir (last one)	15:30	16:30
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D.R. Sports After school Club	15:25	16:30
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KS2 Carol Service, St Vincent's Church – parents/carers welcome.	18:00	19:00
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Thursday 14th December

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day		
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Rock Steady Music Concert, School Hall	14:30	15:20
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Friday 15th December

D.R. Sports – KS2 Football	15:30	16:30
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* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at www.drsportsclubs.co.uk

School Places for September 2024

If you, or anyone you know has a child due to start school in September 2024 please ensure all applications are done through Cheshire East by 15th January 2024.

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/apply-for-september-2024-school-place.aspx>



Father David and St. Vincent's Church

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.

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.