

Focus on.....Reception

In Reception we have started our new topic "Mad About Minibeasts". This week we have been reading the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We have really enjoyed this book and have been very busy retelling the story, writing lists of food and creating some beautiful artwork.



In topic this week we have been learning all about the lifecycle of a butterfly. We have been watching some real-life videos of this cycle and the changes that the caterpillar makes. We are lucky enough to have our very own class caterpillars and are enjoying seeing them grow and change before our eyes. The children have loved making real life observations of our caterpillars and we love hearing the daily updates. We have started to make our very own lifecycle plates using pasta to represent the different stages of the cycle.



In Music we have had a visitor called Mr Clay from the Love Music Trust coming to visit us to introduce us to Rex the Dinosaur and his adventures at the beach. We have been learning some new songs and playing instruments. We are looking forward to performing in front of our friends and family at the end of this half term.

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

Gospel Values

Our gospel value this week is
Dignity.

Dignity means showing mutual respect. This week our Year 4 children were away on residential, and they lived out this value brilliantly.



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	Gospel value: Dignity	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Jessica	Aiden	Thomas – fantastic drawing club (and independent writing).
Year 1	Isabella	Henry	Elora – lovely reading!
Year 2	Ariah	Milan	George – effort in writing and joining up his letters.
Year 3	Robyn	Matthew	Loughlin – great attitude to maths.
Year 4	Darcy	Alissa	All of Y4 – showing amazing resilience and perseverance on our residential.
Year 5	Charley	Imogen	Sofia – making great progress in maths this week.
Year 6	Daisy	Elliott	Leland – fantastic effort to improve his writing.

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy four days we have had! We have been very lucky with the weather, especially for our Year 4 residential to Petty Pool. I hope the sun continues to shine this weekend as it is the Royal May Day parade on Saturday. We are truly blessed with all that Knutsford has to offer families.

Remember tomorrow is an INSET day for children and therefore no school for them. Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and see you on Tuesday.

God bless,

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

Year 4 Residential – Petty Pool

On Monday, Year 4 set off on their residential to Petty Pool. The children tried many different activities including: abseiling, archery, stream walk, high ropes, leap of faith, zip wire and bush craft. Many children said that they felt they had grown in confidence over the three days. At mealtimes, they took on the role of serving the food and ate brilliantly – even clearing the tables was a popular job! It was only their second residential, so organising their rooms and being responsible for getting themselves ready for each activity was a new experience, which they did brilliantly. We are so proud of them all, they were resilient, hard-working, and showed fantastic teamwork. The Petty Pool team were most impressed with their behaviour and attitude. Well done Year 4! Thank you so much to Mrs Davies, Mrs Beaver, Mrs Brown and Coach Dave who without them the trip couldn't go ahead.

Jim Davy, Head of Outdoor Education at Petty Pool emailed and said, "Thanks for bringing such an awesome bunch of kids, and thanks to you all for getting stuck in and being a great staff team. Feedback from our end (instructional staff, catering, etc.) has been great - everyone has mentioned how kind, considerate and polite your whole crew were."

Year 4 on the Dragon in the Woods



Year 5/6 Football Vs Bexton Primary School

Last Friday we travelled to Bexton primary school in our first fixture in the spring league. It was a really good game and after leading 3 times we eventually drew 3-3. Matthew scored 3 goals and a special mention to Theo who was outstanding in goal making his first appearance for the school team. The team worked hard and we are looking forward to the next fixture.



St Vincent's Tree

St Vincent's staff and pupils planted a tree in Tatton Park back in 1999 and can now be identified by the name plaque. All trees in Tatton are written in a book in the Mansion House. Next time you are in Tatton Park, please go and have a look at it. From Knutsford entrance gate, walk along the right-hand side of the main drive. Head towards the cattle gate. The tree is a horse chestnut tree at the end of the lake. If you go over the cattle grid, you have gone too far.



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	24	24	20

Well done to this week's winning houses are – **St. Andrew and St. George**

Attendance

Reception	96.1%	Year 4	99.2%
Year 1	96.3%	Year 5	97.2%
Year 2	97.1%	Year 6	97.6%
Year 3	96%		

WELL DONE YEAR 4 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!



Parental Conflict

A new app called 'Separating Better' has been launched for parents who have recently separated. It is completely free with no in-app payments and is available to download on Android and IOS.

Key features include:

- An emotional readiness assessment to determine a parent's readiness for the separation process.
- A personalised parenting plan with co-parenting agreement options to help shape the practicalities in a parent's life post-separation.
- A budget planner to help parents gain control of their finances as a new co-parent and to plan ahead for any shared or split expenses for the children.
- *Work it out* scenario videos to help identify any poor communication skills or disagreements between co-parents and demonstrate how to improve upon them.
- Expert advice and guidance articles on a wide range of separation topics, from communication and living arrangements to finances and practical legal advice.

Separating Better is designed to offer self-guided support for parents who are considering separation or are in the early stages of separation. This early intervention app offers emotional support and practical guidance. Separating Better is an early intervention support tool and progress tracker and therefore is **NOT** designed to offer support and guidance to parents who are involved in entrenched, high-conflict separation or dealing with post-separation issues such as parental alienation, interpersonal violence, or domestic abuse.

You can find more information here - [Separating better \(oneplusone.org.uk\)](https://oneplusone.org.uk)

PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery

The second PTA Fun Ball draw of the Summer Term will be drawn tomorrow and the results emailed out to you. You have until 5pm today to buy (via ParentPay) your PTA Fun Ball for tomorrow's draw, at a cost of £2 per ball. Staff, parents, governors and relatives aged 18 and over are all eligible to join. There is no limit to the number of balls which can be purchased. Each ball is given a unique ball number, which is entered into the weekly draw, once payment is confirmed. Weekly prize announced in Friday's newsletter and the cheque to be collected by the winner on the following Monday from the office. The prize money will be 50% of the total weekly subscriptions. The remaining amount will go directly to St Vincent's PTA for school funding. Each week, the family of the winning ball will also receive a ball – the child can choose from a variety of balls which includes netballs, table tennis balls, tennis balls and spikey balls to name a few!!

The Week Ahead

Start Time	End Time
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Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday – School closed

Tuesday 7th May

Back to School

Y6 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter

ALL	DAY
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Wednesday 8th May

R/Y1/Y2 – Stay and Read

09:05	09:15
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Rec – Love Music Trust ‘Rex the Dinosaur’ Workshop

PM

LMT After School Choir Club – sign up via ParentPay

15:25	16:25
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D.R. Sports – After School Club

15:25	16:30
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Thursday 9th May

Y3 residential to Delamere Fox Howl

Whole School Mass, school hall – everyone welcome

09:30

Rock Steady Music Lessons

ALL	DAY
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Y5/Y6 swimming booster lessons

PM

Friday 10th May

Y3 residential to Delamere Fox Howl

D.R Sports – KS2 Football after school club

15:25	16:30
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* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at www.drsportsclubs.co.uk

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week:

LOOK WHO
IS

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Elsie
Edward
Harrison

LOOK WHO
IS

10

Caylem
Imogen

LOOK WHO
IS

11

Alice
Finley



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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS each Saturday from 11.30am-Noon