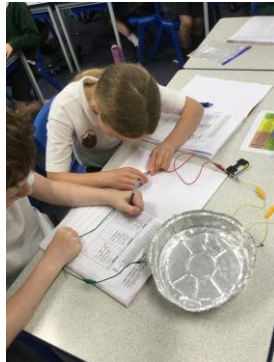


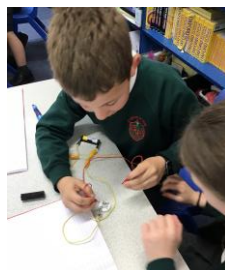
Focus on.....Year 4



Year 4 have had great fun in Science learning all about Electricity. In class, we have been experimenting with batteries, wires and bulbs to make different types of circuits. We have made bulbs light up and this week we have tested different materials to see if they will conduct electricity. We are really looking forward to using our Scientific knowledge to help with our DT project next half-term too.

In Art, we have been inspired by animals of the rainforest to create pictures focusing on pattern. We chose our favourite animals and using a view finder to look very closely at the photographs, created detailed images using pastel and coloured pencil. We are also loving learning about the Romans and how they have had a lasting legacy on Britain. Did you know the Romans brought us apples, rabbits and even stinging nettles?

We have also been spending a lot of time outdoors. Each Monday we have been having cricket sessions with Ben the cricket coach. We have practised throwing, bowling, catching, batting and fielding – he was very impressed with Year 4's talent! In Forest School, we studied different types of food chains and also looked at plants to find out how they grow and survive. It was great fun using water colours to paint pictures to demonstrate our knowledge.



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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
Compassion.

In Monday's assembly we had a focus on this gospel value. Compassion is about putting oneself in someone else's shoes and feeling empathy for their struggles. Christian values teach that showing compassion is a way to help others and demonstrate God's love. With our children we talk about the many ways we can demonstrate compassion and here are a few that are frequently lived out in school each day.

- Acts of kindness
- Charity donation
- Being kind to everyone
- Follow the example of Jesus
- Treat others as we would wish to be treated
- Put yourself in others' shoes and think about how they might be feeling
- Talk to people about how they are feeling
- Pray for those who need it.



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: Compassion	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Robyn	Reggie	Theo – Fantastic Work on addition in Maths.
Year 1	Lyra	James	Jack – Amazing effort with his handwriting.
Year 2	Theo M	Joe	Leo – Working hard with Miss Taylor learning his spellings.
Year 3	Noah	Oliver C	Zara – Having an amazing attitude to all learning.
Year 4	Freddie	Conor	Judy – For excellent letter writing in R.E.
Year 5	Joel	Emma	Lottie – For continuing great progress in Maths
Year 6	Georgie	Daniel	Mikolaj – For working incredibly hard in his narrative writing.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where did the sun go!! This week was 'Walk to school week', I managed walking from Legh Road every day with sunshine on Monday and Tuesday and very wet for the remainder of the week, but I did persevere! Did you manage to walk to school?

It's hard to believe that another half-term has come to an end and only seven weeks left this academic year! Since Easter we have had Year 3 and 4 residentials, cricket coaching, Rock Steady concert, SATs, parent stay and learns, ARTIS, trips and lots of different visitors into school, so the chance to relax and recharge will be welcomed by all. I do hope you have an enjoyable break and that the sun comes out and follows you wherever you go.

Have a wonderful half term holiday making happy memories with your family and friends.

God bless,

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

Reception – Rex and the Dinosaur

During this half term the Reception children have been enjoying visits from Mr Clay from the Love Music Trust. He has introduced us to Rex the Dinosaur and his very special adventures. The children have learned a whole range of songs with actions and learned to play percussion instruments. This week the children had the opportunity to perform their songs and music to an audience of children and their parent/carers. We thought they were absolutely amazing and are so very proud of them. A big thank you to Mr Clay at the Love Music Trust for all his hard work!



Year 3 Forest Schools

This week in Forest Schools, Year 3 completed a range of different activities. They did a scavenger hunt to find different insects and plants in our green area, made dens in groups and also made bug hotels. A great time was had by all with the free flow of activities on offer.



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
20	19	18	21

Well done to this week's winning house is – St Patrick.

Attendance

Reception	96.8%	Year 4	98.1%
Year 1	96%	Year 5	90.3%
Year 2	93.3%	Year 6	96.9%
Year 3	97.7%		

WELL DONE YEAR 4 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Year 5 Artis

On Wednesday we performed in front of Key Stage 2 and the parents. In the hall we did an Artis play where we each got a different role. The main roles were director, host, dancing group, camera people. We all enjoyed it and hope to do it again.

By Alice and Gianna – Year 5



Staffing Changes

As I'm sure many of you already know, Miss Liddy will sadly be leaving us at the end of this year to pursue new challenges and opportunities. She has been a valued member of our staff team and we thank her for all she has done and contributed to the education of all the children in our school. We wish her all the very best for the future.

We are delighted to be able to tell you that last Friday, we appointed Mrs Clare O'Keefe as a new member of our KS2 teaching team in September. Mrs O'Keefe is an experienced teacher and I am sure you will all make her feel very welcome.

Class teachers for next year will be confirmed when school reports go out in July.

School Football Team – St Vincent's 5 v Mobberley 0

Last night the school team continued their unbeaten start to the Spring League. It was a great performance against a good Mobberley team. I was really proud of the effort and determination of the team. Harry E with a goal of the season contender, a lovely strike from 25 yards into the top corner. Matthew McH with his second hat trick in 2 games!

Goal Scorers – Matthew McH (3), Harry E (1) & Harry P (1) **By Coach Dave**



Fencing



The children were excited to attend a Sword Fencing demonstration earlier this week. An afterschool club will be starting on Tuesday 4th June. The classes are limited to 28 children and it is on a first come, first served basis. Anyone who has already handed in their form has a place and there are currently 6 places left – so be quick if your child wishes to attend!

"The Fencing was really good, I enjoyed all of the games and I thought the teacher was really nice. It was interesting, I enjoyed wearing the special clothes and leaning all of the positions."

By Connie & Finley – Year 6

E-Safety

The digital world is vast and children need monitoring on it. There are many steps you can take as a parent or carer to monitor your child's behaviour in the digital world: Check websites that children are visiting. Check your child's social media pages (*they really shouldn't be on any!*), photos, comments, etc. Regularly look through your child's phone messages and records. Use parental control for blocking, filtering or monitoring children's online activities. **All** parents need to check their child's behaviour online regularly at home.

In school we are doing lots of work linked to esafety and our digital footprint throughout Year 5 and 6, especially as children will have more freedom as they move into Year 7. It is vital that parents ensure your child understands the implications of the things they write online. Ask them would they say this to a person's face? Do they understand that, just because they delete a comment, it does not simply 'go away' as it can be screen shot by another person before it is deleted and then kept forever? Some of the content of Whatsapp or other messaging sites go far beyond 'banter' and we suggest you look closely at your child's device and speak to them as soon as possible if you are concerned. **It is vital that parents play an active role in monitoring their behaviour online and in messages - and then deal with them accordingly.**

Please see the attached Whatsapp guide and parental control guide and our website for help.

<https://www.stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/page/safeguarding-and-e-safety/29365>

A Poem written by Jacob H (Y6)

Love is like a life it comes and goes,
Love is like blood in your veins it flows,
Love is the opposite of the word called hate,
Love is the only thing that stops fate,
Love is a candle in the night,
Love can make you reunite,
Love is like God, he's there but you can't see,
Love grows, it's like a tree,
Love is a gift sent from above,
Love is like Jesus's dove,
Love is like a warm glove,
Now you know what's love.

Quad Kids On Thursday 16th May a group of 4 boys and 4 girls from Year 5 and Year 6 took part in 'Quad Kids' athletics at Knutsford Academy. In total there were 4 events: 400 metre run, an 80 metre sprint, a nerf-ball throw and a long jump. Overall, the boys came in second place and the girls came third. **By Alice W – Year 6**



Netball

Please note that the Netball practice has now concluded for this School Year.

Polite Reminders

PE Kit's – Please check/ wash the PE Kits over the half term holidays – we would appreciate if they are brought back into school on Monday 3rd June.

Hair– All long hair must be tied up. Please ensure your child's hair is tied up before they come to school. We are running out of School provided hair bobbles! Hair bobbles and clips should be in line with School colours please.

REMINDER: Outstanding Payments

Please could parents/carers ensure that all outstanding dinner, swimming and residential/trip monies are paid online via ParentPay, and in advance deadline dates. All finances **MUST** be settled prior to the end of the school year - this especially applies to our Year 6 families. All children in Reception and KS1 receive free dinners as part of the Government Universal Free School Meal Scheme. Free School Meals are also available for children whose parents who are in receipt of certain state benefits. If a parent thinks they may qualify for FSM entitlement, they should contact the school office for further details, or contact the Cheshire East School Meals Services on 0300 123 5012 or online at [Free School Meals \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk)



Nerf Tickets Congratulations to Edward H (Year 2) who was the proud winner of the 4 Nerf Tickets Xperience! £111 was raised!

PTA Cake Sale An amazing £234.00 was raised from the PTA Cake Sale last night – thank you to all the bakers, helpers and cake eaters!

PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery

Two week's worth of 'Fun Ball' will be drawn when we return from the half term break You have until 5pm on a Thursday to buy (via ParentPay) your PTA Fun Ball for Fridays 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!!

KNUTSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL'S BALL – Friday 16th June 2024 - Our summer ball is fast approaching! Do you have your tables booked? We're aiming for at least one table per year group. This is a brilliant event and always such fun. It also raises much needed funds for all our schools.

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week and during our half term break:

LOOK WHO IS 5 Henry	LOOK WHO IS 6 Chase Peyton Narla-Rae	LOOK WHO IS 7 Benjamin Ian Stanley	LOOK WHO IS 8 Matthew Ella	LOOK WHO IS 9 Molly	LOOK WHO IS 10 Theo
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The Week Ahead – Walk to School Week	Start Time	End Time
Monday 3rd June		
Back to School – All Classes	08:55	
Cricket Y2-Y6		
KS2 Maths Escape Room	AM	
Y4 Wider Opportunities Music	PM	
Year 2 Forest Schools	PM	
D.R. Sports After School Club	15:25	16:30
Tuesday 4th June		
PTA Uniform Sale	8.30	
Afterschool Fencing Club	15:30	16:30
Wednesday 5th June		
R/KS1 Stay and Read	09:05	09:15
ARTIS	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – After School Club	15:25	16:30
First Holy Communion Meeting at Church Hall	19:00	20:00
Thursday 6th June		
Rock Steady Music Lessons	ALL	DAY
Y4 tennis coaching	PM	
Y5/Y6 Booster Swimming Lessons	14:00	14:30
Football Tournament		
Friday 7th June		
Y1 Class Trip to Kenyon Hall Farm	AM	14:30
D.R Sports – KS2 Football after school club	15:25	16:30
Saturday 8th June		
First Holy Communion at St Vincent de Paul Parish Church	11:00	
Sunday 9th June		
Presentation Mass at St Vincent de Paul Parish Church	11:00	

* 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.

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.

Catenians' Drinks

Join us at the Old Sessions House for an evening of light camaraderie on Thursday May 30th starting at 8 pm. It's a chance to bond over our shared experiences and see the lighter side of life. St. Vincent parishioners, family, and friends are all welcome. For further information contact be events@knutsford.p17catenians.org or talk to John Long (Daisy Y4 Grandad) or Stuart Jones