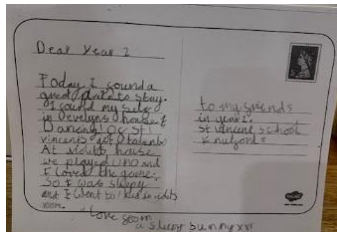


## Focus on.....Year 2

Another full and busy week for Year 2! As part of our English, we have welcomed a new member to our class: Sunny the meerkat. After Sunny returned to school following his Half Term adventures around Knutsford, we have been taking him home with us for some more adventures. He is having a great time!



In RE we are learning about the first Christians and how the Church began. This week we talked about how Peter and the apostles, after they had received the Holy Spirit, went out and told crowds of people about Jesus. These people were told to repent and be baptised and became known as Christians. We all belong to the Church family and thought about how we can show we are followers of Jesus.



In Science we have been looking at food chains. We looked at what food different animals eat and whether they were an herbivore, omnivore or carnivore. We made sure that each food chain started with a producer and had fun sorting the pictures into different food chains. In Art we have finished our unit of work on sculpture and 3D using clay. We have produced pinch pots and clay houses. Our work was inspired by Rachel Whiteread. We used a range of tools to turn a drawing of a home into a 3D clay tile, by working positively and negatively in clay. We are really impressed with the results!

We have also been practising a song in preparation for our visit to The Bridgewater Hall, next Tuesday: 'I never saw a Dinosaur!' We are all very excited!

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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:

### Gentleness



The quality of doing things in a quiet and careful way.

Jesus is our gentle king, and he works in us through his Holy Spirit to bring about gentleness in our lives! Gentleness means that we work toward the welfare of those around us, rather than being rude and inconsiderate.

The opposite of gentleness might be rudeness, being mean, or not considering other people's feelings.

## 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: Gentleness	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Aiden	Sylvia	Albert -for a positive attitude to his work.
Year 1	Dora	Chase	Lillie – for beautiful singing during Mass.
Year 2	Theo F	Theo M	Benjamin – for amazing progress in reading.
Year 3	Carys	Beatrice	AraOluwa – amazing English work!
Year 4	Bobby	Amelia	Edward W – working hard to write and present a speech.
Year 5	Elliot	Ethan B	Santi – for a very entertaining reading from Coraline.
Year 6	Eoin	Harvey	Lexie-Mae – for always being helpful around school.

Dear Parents and Carers,

School as usual has been incredibly busy and next week promises to be the same. On Tuesday we had a Beatboxing and Breakdancing Workshop. On Wednesday we had a whole school Mass on the theme of 'Friendship'. Thank you to Father David and all our parents, grandparents and parishioners who were able to join us for this special event. On Wednesday evening we had our new Reception Intake meeting with parents. It was a lovely evening meeting new parents for Reception 2024. On Thursday Year 4 went and played with the Hallé – what an amazing experience! We have also been practising for Sports Day, which is next Thursday. Today it's been a fun day in school with 'Break the Rules Day' with over £650 raised for PTA funds which will go back into school to support all children.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

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

## First Holy Communion

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June our Year 3 children celebrated their First Holy Communion at St. Vincent's Church. The day was wonderful, the children looked beautiful and were very prayerful and reflective throughout the Mass. A huge thank you to everyone who supported them on their special journey; Father David, Catechists – Mrs Whitworth and Mrs Makin, all school staff especially Miss Hyland, Mrs Cox, parents and Mr Galligan for the music, ladies who did the flowers and Judy and Thomas our Year 4 altar servers. You all helped to make their day very special. It was lovely to see all the children at the Presentation Mass on Sunday with the whole parish, where they sang again 'Children of the Light' for the parishioners. Well done Year 3, Caylem and Michelle, we are very proud of you all.



## Year 4 Come and Play with the Hallé

Yesterday, Year 4 took part in the 'Come and play with the Hallé' event which was held at The Bridgewater Hall in Manchester and involved around 1600 children! This was a once in a lifetime fantastic opportunity for our children to play with such a famous orchestra. As well as playing their musical instruments, the children also sang and danced. A great time was had by all and the atmosphere was amazing!



## 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
23	16	20	18

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

## Attendance

Reception	88.4%	Year 4	99.4%
Year 1	96.7%	Year 5	98.1%
Year 2	98.7%	Year 6	97.3%
Year 3	95.4%		

**WELL DONE YEAR 4 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!**

**Birthday Wishes!** Many happy returns for this week to:



## Breakdancing and Beatboxing

On Tuesday, we welcomed Jack and Callum from 'CreActive' to our school. Each class from Year 1 through to Year 6 took part in a Beatboxing and Breakdancing Workshop designed to promote physical and mental-wellbeing and boost children's confidence.

At the end of the day, the whole school got together and children from Year 5 and Year 6 volunteered to perform a short routine to their own Beatbox sounds! They did a great job!



## Sports day – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June

We have been practicing the activities for our Sports Day this week. Sports Day this year will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June. We have an exciting sports day planned for children and parents to enjoy. Coach Dave and Mrs Cox have organised for there to be 2 separate key stage Sports 'half' Days. We will be having Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports in the morning 9.05am -11.30am, and KS2 in the afternoon 12.45pm -3.15pm. All children can come to school on the day in a t-shirt of their house colour and their PE shorts. They will also need to bring a named water bottle, a hat and be wearing suncream if sunny and have a coat if drizzly. The PTA will be selling drinks and pastries/cakes so please bring some cash or card as payment. We hope you will all have a great day.

## Altar Servers

On Wednesday, Father David talked to the children about altar serving. If your child is in Year 3 or above and has made their First Holy Communion, they can become an altar server. We already have some children who currently altar serve within school, and some who have left who are altar servers. These children will help train the new altar servers. As an altar server, Father asks that your child commits to serving at Church at least once a month. This is a wonderful way for children to take part in our Church community. This group will be trained in school and at Church. If your child is interested, please talk to Miss Groarke.

## Pre School-Open Afternoon

We are holding an Open Afternoon on July 10<sup>th</sup> from 1.30pm till 3.00pm, this is for all the children due to start with us during the autumn term or for anyone who might be interested in their child attending our setting. If you are planning on coming along, please contact us either by telephone 01565 651948 or by email [cath@stvincentspreschool.co.uk](mailto:cath@stvincentspreschool.co.uk).

## Year 6 After School Clubs

Y6 children are running some after school clubs over the next few weeks. Places are booked via ParentPay.

- Arthur and Elliott – Stop Motion – Friday 21st June and Friday 28th June – donations to Cancer research for Y2 and Y3.
- Lexi, Elise and Kyra - Sports club – Monday 24th June and 1st July – donations RSPCA for Reception, Y1 and Y2
- Audrey and Lily – dance club – Thursday 11th July and 18th July – Heart research for Year 2, 3 and 4

## Break the Rules Day

The children had great fun today with our 'Break the Rules day". The rules that could be broken for one day only: Bring in crisps, cake, chocolate, sweets at break time or in your lunch box. Wear what you want for the day. Bring in toys or trading cards. Have any hair style with or without colour. Bring in juice in water bottles only for the day. Wear face paint or make up into school. This also got the thumb-ups from PCSO Carlos this morning. But remember on Monday all rules are back in place!





## Fun Ball Friday Lottery

Today we drew the Fun Ball numbers from the last few weeks. Congratulations to the winners, who are: Number 6 – Parents of Harvey (Y6). Number 15 – Parents of Theo (Y5), Sebby (Y3) and Annabelle (YR). Number 18 – Parents of Evelyn (Y2) and Lily (YR). Number 11 – Mrs Watson 😊 and Number 16 – Parents of Lottie (Y5) and Ella (Y3). 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!!

On Saturday, 6th July from 12pm - 4pm we will be hosting our summer fair fundraiser, **Family Fun Day**. More than just a means of raising funds, it is also a wonderful opportunity for our kids to have some fun and for our families to get together and socialise. We are delighted to be able to host our fair again and we do hope that you all, past and present St. Vincent's families are able to join us. **This year, funds raised from our Family Fun Day will go towards the purchasing of a new school marquee.** Our target to raise is £2000! In addition to our usual school event fundraising, we also like to extend our **ASK** to all our school families, where there may be a potential opportunity to obtain some extra financial support and/or sponsorship. If there are any companies, small businesses or individuals that are able to/would like to make a donation to our summer fair & fundraising efforts towards a new marquee, we would be enormously grateful. Any amount, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to your Year Group Reps if you're able to help. Many thanks.

By now we're certain that all Year Groups have had some communication via WhatsApp regarding the stall that they will be responsible for at our Family Fun Day. We are grateful to you all for your support in making this day a fun day for all.

Even if you are unable to attend the event on the day, your help in the preparation and organising of your stall for the day is much needed and appreciated. Volunteer support is what makes events like this possible so if you can help, our fair will no doubt be a success!



## St. Vincent's Got Talent

The much loved 'St. Vincent's Got Talent' show will take place on **Tuesday 16th July, 2:00pm**. Some acts will also be performing at our **Family Fun Day** on **Saturday 6th July**. Auditions will take place in the school hall on the following dates: **tonight, Friday 14th June and Monday 17th June** If any children from Reception would like to audition, please speak to Miss Quinn as these auditions will be arranged during school time. Children can work together on an Act with children from a different class but must co-ordinate with each other, as they will need to sign up as an Act on the **SAME** night to audition.

All auditions will take place between 3:25pm and 4:30pm in the school hall. If your child wishes to audition, please ensure that they come equipped! Audio/backing tracks must be emailed before the day of the audition so that they can be downloaded in time, as I will not be able to check for links on emails on the day itself. All props for the Act also need to be brought into school on the day of your child's audition. Costumes are not necessary unless essential for the Act, e.g. gymnastics. Mrs Cox

## The Week Ahead

**Start  
Time**

**End  
Time**

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Y5 Activities Day at St. Nicholas	ALL	DAY
Y4 Wider Opportunities Music	PM	
Year 6 Forest Schools (remember your Forest School Clothes/ Shoes)	PM	
St Vincent's Got Talent Auditions	15:30	16:30
D.R. Sports After School Club	15:25	16:30

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Y2 visit to Bridgewater Hall - Hallé Concert – The Dinosaurs Are Coming		PM
Afterschool Fencing Club	15:30	16:30

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

R/KS1 Stay and Read	09:05	09:15
D.R. Sports – After School Club	15:25	16:30
After School Choir	15:25	16:25
Y1 & Y2 History Explorers Club – Sign up via ParentPay	15:25	16:15

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Sports Day - Rec/KS1	09:05	11:30
Sports Day – KS2	12:45	15:15
Rock Steady Music Lessons	ALL	DAY

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

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](http://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.