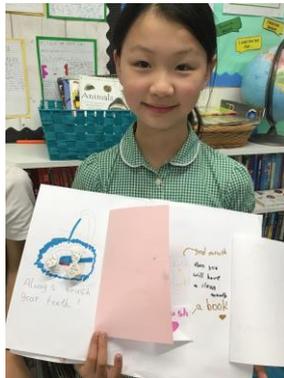
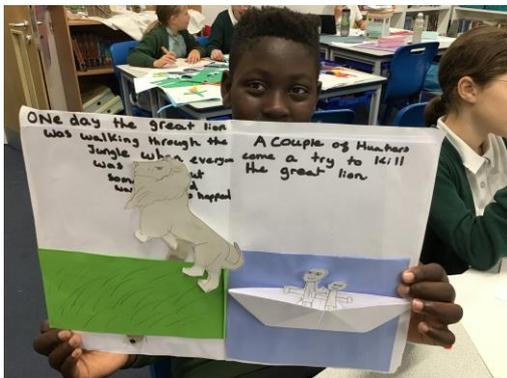


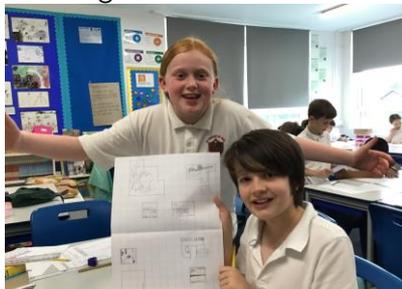
## Focus on.....Year 5

It has been an incredibly busy few weeks in year 5 as we hurtle towards the end of the school year. In DT, we have designed and made pop-up books for young children. We worked hard to include a variety of structures and mechanisms. We're looking forward to sharing them with our reading buddies in Y1 next week.



In English we have been writing our stories about adventures inside a painting and making our own books.

Our mini maths project is to design and cost the building of a theme park – Year 5 have produced some amazing ideas!



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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:

**Mercy**

Jesus showed mercy many times in his life. Mercy is kind treatment by someone who has some power over another or something to be thankful for. Let us all take a little time to think about what it means to us.



## 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: Mercy	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Lily	Patrick	Theo – for a great attitude in phonics this week.
Year 1	Florence O	Sophia	Narla-Rae – for always trying her best in Year 1.
Year 2	George	Benjamin	Evie – for effort in writing.
Year 3	Ella	Thomas	Harryett – for showing a positive attitude in all lessons.
Year 4	Daisy	Michelle	Molly – for an excellent positive attitude to school.
Year 5	Ferreira	Malachy	Theo – for an amazing attitude to everything he does.
Year 6	Elise	Leland	Harry – for incredible achievements this year.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! We only have five more teaching days left this academic year – one week! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful, hardworking and dedicated staff who work at our school, kitchen staff, middays, cleaners, caretakers, office staff, teaching assistants, teachers, and governors. These people go 'above and beyond' each day for the good of your children. Our school would not be the special place it is today without them; not only do they educate our children, but they nurture and guide them to be the very best they can be.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

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

## Parent/Carer Questionnaire

An email will be sent out tonight with a link for you to complete a parent/carer questionnaire. Please complete the questionnaire to give us your feedback about school by 12pm on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July**. All your feedback is important to us; both in celebrating what a wonderful school community we have and in reviewing current practice. Once we have analysed your feedback, we will share the results in the Autumn term.

## Year 4 Musical concert



Year 4's Summer Music Concert on Monday showcased their amazing musical talent. They played four different pieces:

'Tango' - a 4-note tune played in two parts 2.

'St. Vincent's Blues' - a 12-bar blues

'Tudor March' - a 3-part piece which is ostinato based – this means it is a repeated pattern.

'Springtime' - a 4-part piece.

We would like to thank Mr Harrop for teaching us this year. We have learnt so much; playing an instrument and being able to read music. Many of these skills we will use in our future Music curriculum and may even go on to be famous musicians!

## Year 2 visit to Lower Moss Wood

Year 2 had a great trip to Lower Moss Wood this week. We went there as part of our science topic on animals and their habitats. We learnt how to identify the birds by their song, fed the ducks, found out about the tallest tree in the world and took part in pond dipping. It was a fantastic day, the children learnt so much and behaved brilliantly. A lovely way to end our time together in Year 2. Thanks so much to the parent and grandparent helpers! 'When we got there, we went to a classroom, then we went for a walk. We saw the tallest tree! After, we learned that there is water underground and when we jumped, we could feel it. We went pond dipping and caught a tiny fish', Lola



## 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
11	23	20	23

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

## Attendance

Reception	98.4%	Year 4	97.7%
Year 1	97%	Year 5	95.8%
Year 2	99.7%	Year 6	96.7%
Year 3	97.7%		

**WELL DONE YEAR 2 – BRILLIANT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK**

## Science



Last week, as part of our commitment to broadening the children's experiences in science, we were delighted to have four visits to school from parents who work in occupations involving STEM. A big thank you goes to Dr Booth (GP), Mrs Dinizulu (Oncologist), Mrs Isherwood (Pharmacist) and Mrs Simister (Ophthalmologist) who came to talk to the children about their roles.

It was so interesting for the children to take part in the parents' different presentations and respond with such intelligent questions. In particular, it was especially valuable for our Year 6 pupils who will hopefully continue to develop their love of STEM as they move into high school. This was such an inspiring learning experience for the children and we are very grateful to all our wonderful volunteer parents.

## Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO  
IS

5

Aiden  
Nathan

LOOK WHO  
IS

8

Oliver

LOOK WHO  
IS

10

Mia



## Family Fun Day Thank You's...

What a terrific Family Fun Day! Thank you to all our families that bought tickets and were able to join us. Despite the on-off rain, the afternoon turned out to be a cracker! We will share our fundraising figures in next week's newsletter but we want to say a bunch of big **THANK YOUs** to the people whose extra effort made our Family Fun Day such a special event.

A massive Thank You to our extremely generous sponsors: Darren Ingles, Guy Ward, Coach Dave and Louise Grieves (King Street Dentist). Your generous contributions enabled us to hire Gemma from The Voice Box who sang so beautifully. We were so lucky to have her there.

To all our parents and teachers who volunteered their time at a stall or on the gate throughout the afternoon. From the setting up, to packing away, we are grateful. We wouldn't be able to have an event if we don't have people to look after the stalls and gate, so thank you so much for helping out and making it such fun for the kids.

To all our amazing volunteers who helped us set up on Friday afternoon, lent us their gazebos and then came back on Sunday to take them down. Thank you, that was an enormous help! First year in 7 years where we've had more gazebos than we've needed! Also, a special mention to Graeme Ellis and Steve Makin for all their help with clearing up on Sunday.

To Joe and his Rock Steady musicians, including the staff band! What a fantastic addition to our summer fair line-up. You were all amazing! Thank you so much.

To Mrs Cox and her ever brilliant St. Vincent's Got Talent children, thank you so much for all the organisation that went into that. The children were terrific as usual! Let us not forget our beautiful Irish dancers who were also amazing and so talented.

It's always difficult asking for raffle prizes but we are so lucky every year to have such generous parents happy to donate gifts for us to raise money for our school. Thank you.

To Claire Ingles, our 'cannot live without' PTA Treasurer. You have gone above and beyond these past weeks to help us with so much that has been going on. You have done an enormous amount and we could not have pulled any of this off without your help. James Taylor-Pyett, our easy-going, social media go-to-guy, together with your tribe of beautiful helpful boys, who have also helped an enormous amount. We are so grateful for your 'always happy to help' demeanour. Thank you so much, to all of you.

Lastly, a very heartfelt thanks to all the St. Vincent's teachers who bought Kirstie, Becky and I the most beautiful bouquets of flowers. That was unexpected and very generous. We are so grateful.



**Ice-creams on Monday!!** The PTA have organised an **ice-cream van** to come to school on Monday as a treat for our Year 6 Leavers. The rest of our school children are invited to come along after school for an ice-cream too if they fancy. You will however need to pay for them! The van will be situated on the school car park. All are welcome.

## Fun Ball Friday Lottery

Congratulations to the winner this week: Number 13 – Parents of Edward (Y2). Don't forget 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. Next week will be the final draw of 2023/2024...you've got to be in it to win it!!

## St. Vincent's Got Talent Show

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm in the School Hall, you are all welcome to join us for our St. Vincent's Got Talent Show. This is always such a wonderful celebration and the chance to gain a small insight into the amazing talent we have in our school. Arrive early to guarantee a seat!

## Rock Steady Concert

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm, you are all welcome to join us in the school hall for our Rock Steady Concert led by Joe.

## Mini Vinnies at Sharston House



'Yesterday, half of the Mini Vinnies went to Sharston House. We all enjoyed spending time with the elderly and making their day. We all brought our teddies and books for them to have a cuddle and a read. They're all really kind and friendly to have a chat with. We all definitely had a great time and would love to go again!!', by Chloe and Annie (Y4).

## Football News!

Congratulations to the School Football team who have been crowned league champions for 2024! After finishing runners up in the Autumn league 2023, the children were determined to kick on and improve in 2024, feeling that they had more to give, and that they did! It has been a fantastic 2024 for the Football team adding this title to the Football tournament win in June. This year's football league was a very high level in terms of ability across the schools. St Vincent's managed to remain unbeaten in the spring season. I just want to congratulate everyone who represented the team in 2023/24, the determination, teamwork and effort was simply outstanding. Thanks also to all the parents who attended the matches. Coach Dave.



## Artis Awards



Crunchie from Artis awarded a selection of children a special award this week. These children have stood out over the last year in the Artis sessions for their fantastic attitude and imagination. Well done children!

<b>The Week Ahead</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>End Time</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
<b>Year 2 Forest Schools</b> (remember your Forest School Clothes/ Shoes)	PM	
<b>D.R. Sports After School Club</b>	15:25	16:30
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
<b>St Vincent's got Talent Show, School Hall</b>	14:00	
<b>Y6 Leavers Mass followed by party, School Hall</b> – parents welcome for the Mass. Children only at the party.	18:00	21:00
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
<b>New Reception 2024 transition afternoon</b>	13:30	14:45
<b>D.R. Sports – After School Club</b>	15:25	16:30
<b>After School Choir</b>	15:25	16:25
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
<b>Rock Steady Music Concert</b>	14:30	
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
<b>Y6 Leavers Assembly</b>	14:00	
<b>Break Up for Summer Holidays</b>	15:25	
<b>D.R Sports – KS2 Football after school club</b>	15:25	16:30

\* 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.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE:** On **Sunday, 14 July**, Fr John will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood and will preside at the 11am Mass. Afterwards there will be a chance to meet with Fr John for cake and refreshments in the hall.

**SHORT RAMBLE AND PUB LUNCH:** Come and explore the Macclesfield countryside with the Knutsford Catenians. All are welcome. A short 5km (3.5 miles) ramble on **Saturday 13th July** starting at 12pm from Church House Sutton, Church Ln, Sutton, Macclesfield SK11 0DS. It is an easy circular walk and lunch will be served at the same pub from 2 pm. If the walk is not for you can still join us for lunch. Please email [events@knutsford.p17catenians.org](mailto:events@knutsford.p17catenians.org) (or tell Stuart Jones) to let us know you are coming.