

Focus on ... Year 5

What a fantastic start we have made to the year! We had our first Forest School session on Monday afternoon and it was filled with scientific learning, creativity and fun! Our current topic in Science is 'Forces' and we spent the session making parachutes, kites and paper aeroplanes. We then tested these and discussed different forces at play. We considered how the different designs would impact on air resistance as well as the weight of the sticks impacting on how quickly the parachutes might be dragged down to the ground. In History we have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons, where they came from and where they settled. This week we looked at what village life would have been like for the Anglo-Saxons and why they designed their settlements as they did. Using their historical knowledge and creative skills, the children then designed amazing Anglo-Saxon villages. The drawings were amazing and also historically accurate! In RE, we have been looking at Creation. We made story wheels to explain the story of Creation and were so excited to meet with our Year 1 buddies and share our work with them, what a lovely way to end another marvellous week!



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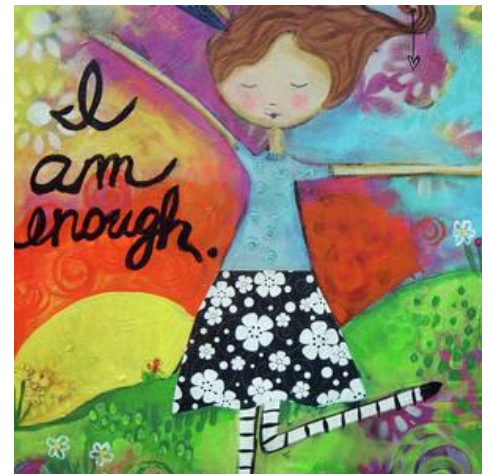


Believe, Trust and Be Ready
"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Gospel Values

Our gospel value this week is
Integrity

Being sincere and truthful in all aspects of our lives is what it means to live a life of integrity as Christians.



This week, our gospel focus was Mark 8: 27-35. The message was the importance of understanding who Jesus was and what His mission was. We also talked about who we are, how individual we all are, and how we try to follow Jesus' example.

Behaviour Awards

Conduct and Courtesy Award – Great attitude with good manners and behaviour.

Merit Award – Super work and effort in a particular area of the Curriculum.

Year Group	Gospel value: Integrity	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Caden	Beth	James - for fantastic phonics work.
Year 1	Aurora	Amelia	Reggie – for an amazing contribution to class discussions.
Year 2	Dora	Oscar	Henry - for always contributing and making 100% effort with his work.
Year 3	Alfie	Ariah	Ethan – for an amazing first week at St. Vincent's!
Year 4	Thomas	Loughlin	Amelia – for working hard and participating well.
Year 5	Alissa	Daisy	Edward – for always contributing to class discussions with enthusiasm.
Year 6	Michael	Ayla	Lottie – a beautiful Lost Words poem about a Panda.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The year has certainly got off to a great start and there is a real sense of purpose and positivity about the place. On my many visits to the different classes this week, I have had the pleasure of sharing and being part of all the wonderful work that has been going on. I have also given out many Head Teacher awards for Maths, writing, reading and great sportsmanship.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

Miss Groarke and all the staff at St. Vincent's.

Wall of Fame

Well done to all the children who had their work chosen for the Wall of Fame for September. This will stay up for the half term. Do come in and have a look.

Reception – A picture of all our Reception class as they have settled so well.

Year 1 – The Colour Monster by Aurora.

Year 2 – Creation by Dora.

Year 3 – Our Physical and Spiritual Body by Pippa.

Year 4 – Character description of the Paperbag Prince by Oliver TP.

Year 5 – Creation Prayer by Judy.

Year 6 – Lost Words poem about a Panda by Lottie.



Year 6 Prefects



Wow! What an amazing group of Year 6 prefects we have. We had the challenging job of assigning roles within school. On Wednesday, Miss Groarke announced their jobs to a very excited Year 6 class. Next Monday, they will be presented to the school community and will receive their badges in assembly. They have all taken on their new roles with a real sense of responsibility. They certainly are great ambassadors for our school. I am sure you will join the staff and children in wishing them luck in their new prefect positions for the year ahead.

School Councillors

Last week, children from Year 2 to Year 6 stood for election to our School Council.

The votes were counted and our School Councillors for 2024-2025 are:

Year Group	School Councillors
Year 2	Jack and Gracie
Year 3	Eva and Theo M
Year 4	Huey and Loughlin
Year 5	Hattie and Grace F
Year 6	Theo and Olivia Co

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
19	20	17	19

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

Attendance

Reception	99.67%	Year 4	91.54%
Year 1	96.94%	Year 5	95.17%
Year 2	99.67%	Year 6	84.84%
Year 3	98.67%		

WELL DONE Reception and Year 2 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

European Day of Languages

Next Thursday, we will be celebrating the European Day of Languages in school and children will be able to take part in a variety of activities involving different languages. If you speak a language other than English with your child at home, please make sure we know about it so we can celebrate it in school.

Residentials 2025

We have now finalised the residential visits for Years 3 to Y6 for 2025. They will be:

Year5/Year 6	Robinwood, Wrexham	19th March 2025-21st March 2025 (2 nights)	Cost per child £308
Year4	Petty Pool Vocational College & Outdoor Centre, Sandiway	28th April 2025-30th April 2025 (2 nights)	Cost per child £207
Year 3	The Conway Centre - Delamere, Fox Howl, Frodsham	21st May 2025-22nd May 2025 (1 night)	Cost per Child £124

You can pay for these in instalments via ParentPay – this will be live by the end of the day on Monday, 23rd September. Please make an appointment to see Miss Groarke if you need financial support.

Parent Governor Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor on our governing body. The governing body is asking for nominations of someone with parental responsibility for a child at the school. If more than one nomination is received, then a ballot will be held. Please contact Mrs Watson for more information closing date will be Friday 27th September.

Applications for Secondary School Places – Year 6

31st October 2024 is the deadline for applications for secondary school places for September 2025. Please ensure you register your preferred schools by this date via the Cheshire East website –

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/apply-for-september-2025-school-place.aspx>

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:



Open Afternoon

We will be holding an open afternoon on **Thursday 3rd October from 1.30pm until 3.00pm** for parents of children who are looking to change school or are due to start in Reception in 2025 and 2026. Please pass on this information to neighbours and friends in Knutsford. To book a slot please email

admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk



The Relic of Blessed Carlos Acutis

The relic of Blessed Carlos Acutis will be visiting St Anthony's, Wythenshawe from today, the 20th to the 23rd September. This remarkable teenager was a gamer and computer programmer who loved football, with a gift for empathy. He had a great devotion to Our Lady and a deep love of the Holy Eucharist which he described as "his highway to Heaven". The visit is an opportunity to spend time in prayer venerating the relic of Blessed Carlo. Confessions will be available, and Mass will be celebrated each day. There will also be inspirational talks from Mgr Anthony Figueirdo who has followed the life of the soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/relic-of-blessed-carlo-acutis-tickets-1010321086567>

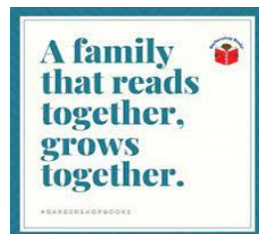
Thank you to all who came to Mass

On Tuesday, Father David came into school to celebrate Mass. All the children sang beautifully and were impeccably behaved. Thank you to Father David and all the parents and parishioners who were able to come and join us. It was lovely to see you all in school.

Reading for Pleasure

We cannot stress enough how important the sharing of reading is, no matter whether your child is in Reception or Year 6; the benefits for both of you are immeasurable. Over the past three weeks I have given out many Head Teacher Awards to children who completed the Summer Reading challenge. Well done everyone who took part! If you haven't had your Head Teacher Award, please bring in your certificate next week and come and see me.

This year, we are once again asking for book recommendations from everyone. What books are you reading at home with your child? Please email in suggestions for books you have enjoyed reading together and a photograph of you reading as a family to admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk Every recommendation with a photograph will get a Head Teacher Award and some pictures will appear in the newsletter.



Y4, Y5 and Y6 Open Evening at St Nicholas Catholic High School

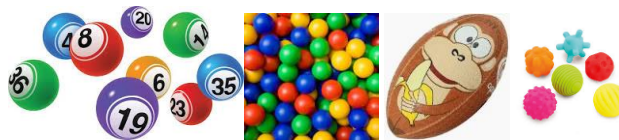
The Open Evening at St Nicholas Catholic High School will be taking place on Wednesday 25th September between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. A letter has been emailed to all Year 4, 5 and 6 Parents and Carers with more details.



Barclays Volunteers

On Thursday, we had five volunteers from Barclays that included Rhea's (Y3) mum and AyoOluwa (Y2) and AraOluwa's (Y4) dad helping Miss Hughes with some gardening tasks, including moving tyres, emptying the raised beds in the allotment area, relining the pond and clearing paths in the Forest School area. They all worked extremely hard and did a magnificent job. Thank you so much.

We now are looking for volunteers who would like to look after our allotment area. We are looking for a keen gardener who would like to sow vegetables and tend them in the raised beds so that the children can watch them grow. If you can spare regular time to tend the allotments, please email Mrs Watson or Mrs Lees in the office admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk



Fun Ball Friday will be back on 27th September and will run until the Christmas holidays!

Each number costs £2 a week, purchased via ParentPay - **buy now, you pay £22 upfront for the 13 draws, which means you get 2 free!** It's such an easy fun way to raise money for our school and each week someone wins a cash prize and a child wins a ball. What's not to love?! Please sign up and enter the draw today via ParentPay. Termly tickets will be available until **Thursday 26th September at 4pm** and after this date, tickets can still be purchased for £2 each week via ParentPay. Good Luck!

Reminders...

We sent out a Save the Date email, for our **PTA AGM**, at the beginning of the week. Please diarise the **17th Oct from 6:30pm - 7:30pm**. Our meeting shouldn't take longer than an hour and we will also be providing a child-minding service, so please bring your kids along if they cannot be left supervised at home. We'd like the opportunity to tell you all a bit more about our school PTA, the events we run and the resources and enrichment activities we provide school with. Some wine & cheese will also be served. We look forward to welcoming you all.

We have a **Roberts Recycling collection** coming up on **Monday, 7th Oct**. We ask that each family please try and fill at least one bin bag full of previously loved clothes and shoes, that you're happy to part with. This is another easy way for us to raise much needed funds for our school. The more bags that are collected, the more money we make! You have until Friday, 5th Oct, to fill your bags and bring them into school. If bringing bags to school during the week proves difficult, we will also keep school open between 10am - 11:30am on Sunday, 6th Oct, for drop-offs. Thank you.

We are holding a **2nd-hand school uniform sale** on **Tuesday, 22nd October, from 8:30am - 9:30am in the school hall**. If you are looking for any extra school uniform items, please come along, we'd love to help.

Please can we ask that all our families keep up to date with messages that come through on their **Year Group WhatsApp**. We have a centralised St. Vincent's Rep WhatsApp Group where we share a lot of information, notices and reminders of school related events. It would be enormously helpful to have all our families in each Year Group up to speed with what's going on and when. Many thanks.

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 23rd September		
Y4 Forest School	AM	
Reception Forest School		PM
Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Lesson	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30
Tuesday 24th September		
Year 1 'Stay and Learn' – Parents/Carers welcome, School Hall	09:00	10:00
Music Ninjas – Piano lessons		PM
Coding Club - after school club	15:30	16:30
Wednesday 25th September		
ARTIS performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
Stay and Read – Year 1 & 2 come via main office at 3.05pm until 3.20pm		PM
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30
'Timid to Tiger' Session, School Hall	17:00	18:30
Thursday 26th September		
Year 2 visiting Church	AM	
Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
Y4-Y6 Cross Country Competition , Knutsford Academy	15:45	17:00
Friday 27th September		
Y3/Y4 Swimming – sign up via ParentPay. Don't forget swimming kits!	PM	
Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Netball with Mrs Davies, Coach Dave and Mrs O'Keefe - email School office if your child wishes to join (Boys and Girls)	15:30	16:30
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30
Sunday 29th September		
Fr David's 40th ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY, Parish Centre	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.

SVP APPEAL: Can you donate any old foreign coins or notes to support the SVP Children's Holiday Camps for those families living in poverty that cannot afford a holiday. Please place them in the containers provided in the porch at Church.

40th ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY: Message from Father David "I can hardly believe it but on 29 September I will celebrate 40 years as a priest! After the 11am Mass that day I hope you will join me in the hall for a drink to celebrate. On Monday, 30 September I will celebrate Mass at 7pm when I hope you will join me and my family and friends and afterwards for a buffet in the hall."