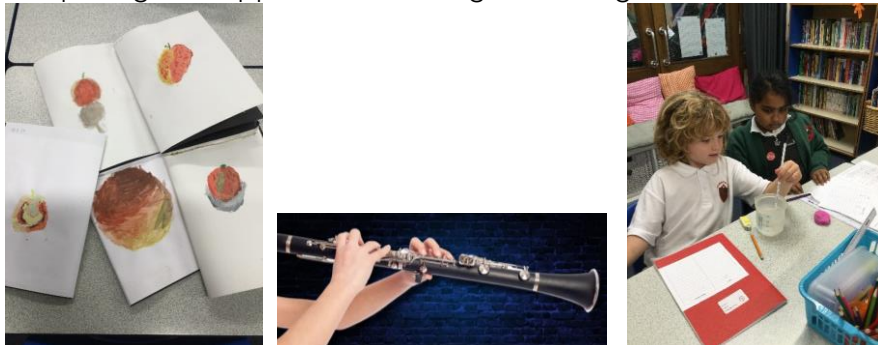


Focus on ... Year 4

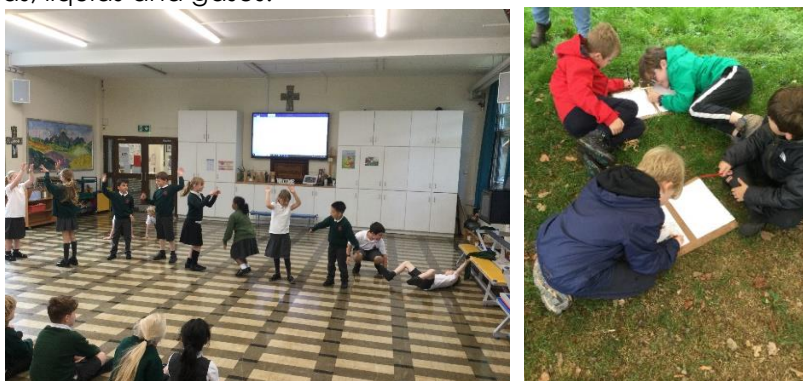
Year 4 have had a busy few weeks starting the year and we have been delighted with how well they have settled into the new school year.

In Art, we have been looking at painting techniques and colour mixing in preparation for some still-life work that we are going to be completing. Our apples look almost good enough to eat!



Our Music lessons have got off to a great start and this week, we have all been able to take our instruments home to start practising. We can't wait to hear the tunes and watch the progress as the year continues!

Our knowledge of States of Matter has developed during our science lessons and as well as doing experiments using scientific equipment such as thermometers, we have also loved exploring the topic through Artis and Forest school to help us understand all about solids, liquids and gases.



Newsletter 4

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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.



In the gospel this week, Mark 9:30-37, tells us about Jesus teaching his disciples the principle of humility and servanthood, emphasising that those who wish to be the greatest in the kingdom of God must be willing to be the servant of all. We remind ourselves that being the greatest is not what is important, it is putting other people first that counts.

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	Seb	Olivia	Sofia – for her fantastic attitude to school.
Year 1	Nathan	Henry	Annabelle – 100% effort into all her work.
Year 2	Sophia	Mia	Chase – tried really hard to write about the story of Noah.
Year 3	Evelyn	Harrison	Rose – beautiful poem about creation in R.E.
Year 4	AraOluwa	George	Sebby – fantastic ideas and vocabulary in his writing.
Year 5	Darcy	Maya	Dominika – for making a fantastic start to Year 5.
Year 6	Olivia Co	Jeswin	Ferreira – for giving 100% in everything she does.

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week we have had in school, and we are so blessed with the support we get from our parents and carers. On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of being part of the Year 1 Stay and Learn led by Miss Billington. It was wonderful to see so many parents taking such an active interest in how to support their child at home. On Thursday, I had the delight of walking to Church with Year 2. It was lovely seeing so many parents walking with us. In Church, the children impressed me with their knowledge of baptism and it was lovely to see Father David baptise Elsa Mary Cox (Mrs Cox's special doll) with the children. Last night I joined Coach Dave at the Cross Country - all the children who attended were amazing – it was a great atmosphere, and all the children did brilliantly. We were awesome! And I was so proud of every single one of them for putting themselves forward to represent school. Thank you to all the parents who supported us. On Sunday, after 11 o'clock mass Father David will be celebrating 40 years as a priest with a drink in the Parish rooms. It would lovely to see as many of our families there to celebrate with him. Have a lovely weekend.

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



St. Vincent de Paul Today, 27th September, it was the feast of St. Vincent de Paul.

Vincent de Paul (24 April 1581 – 27 September 1660), commonly known as Saint Vincent de Paul, was an Occitan French Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. He was renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity. Our children display many of these qualities and have certainly been following in his footsteps this week.

Forest School

Reception children had their first Forest School session which included some fun starter games, an exploration of the field and forest school area. They all had a great time.



CAFOD Family Fast Day

Next Friday it is Family Fast Day, a day when we try to go without a small treat and donate the money to charity instead. As a way of supporting this, our Year 6 children will be making and selling paper biscuits, at playtime, for the rest of the school to buy. The paper biscuits cost 50p each (children can buy more than one if they wish) and are a reminder of the sacrifice made in giving up a treat. All money raised will be donated to CAFOD. CAFOD - £10 helps a child to read, £33 supplies a family with safe clean water, £150 gives a family one cow which provides milk to drink and sell and £300 buys a mobile health team for remote communities. Please support us in our fundraising. Thank you.

Pupil Premium Funding/Free School Meal entitlement

All children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free school meal under current Government policy; this is known as Universal Free School Meals. However, you may be entitled to Income Related Free School Meals if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit. If this is the case, please apply for this even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1. The school can then claim additional funding for resources, known as Pupil Premium, which can be used to help your child when they are in school. The financial benefit of Pupil Premium will remain with your child throughout their school years. Phone 0300123 5012 for further information and help or apply online: https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx or contact Mrs Watson in the school office

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
15	26	14	22

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

Attendance

Reception	98.8%	Year 4	95.4%
Year 1	96.3%	Year 5	96.3%
Year 2	98%	Year 6	97.4%
Year 3	98%		

WELL DONE RECEPTION – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Mission Together

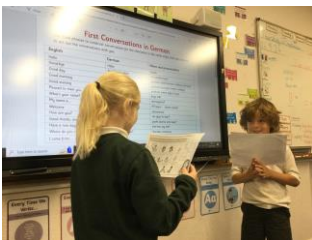
Next Tuesday is the 1st of October. October is the month where we think about the various missionaries around the world. We invite you to pray the Mission Together prayer with your child at home. In the Catholic Church, May and October are months traditionally dedicated to Our Lady and the Holy Rosary. Mary, the mother of God, was a loving mother and a model for missionaries.

Mission Together Prayer

May all children
In the world
Share love
Share friendship and live
In the peace
Of God's love
Now and forever
Amen




European Day of Languages



In Year 3, we learnt some simple words and phrases in German to have a conversation with each other for European day of languages!



In Year 6, we have made bunting to show people how to say "Hello" in lots of European languages



Year 2 - We have used different languages to say 'Hello' each morning and afternoon when we have taken the register in class. We also sang a French song about saying 'Hello' to our friends and Amandine taught us some more French words, and also read a book to us in French!



Year 1

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

**LOOK WHO
IS**

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**William
Oliver**



Blessed Carlos Acutis

To celebrate the visit of the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis to the Shrewsbury Diocese, a bookmark has been produced for all children in Catholic schools from the Shrewsbury Diocese Youth Mission Team and the Education Department.

Ruby the tortoise visited Year 3

The Year 3 science for this half term is all about animals including humans and different skeleton types. To help us learn more about animal skeletons, Miss Hyland brought in her tortoise Ruby as an example of an animal with both an exoskeleton and an endoskeleton!



Ruby also went to visit Reception. Miss Hyland told them all about what Ruby gets up to including what she eats and how she hibernates in the garden over the winter. She then let us all touch Ruby's shell which Ruby definitely enjoyed.



Reception Stay and Learn

Reception 'Stay and Learn' for parents/carers will be next Tuesday 1st October at 9am in the school hall. Miss Quinn will be holding the information session in the school hall for parents/carers on Phonics and early reading. Following this, the parents/carers will get the chance to engage in activities with the children. The session will finish at 10am.

Year 1 Stay and Learn

On Tuesday Miss Billington gave an informative talk to the Year 1 parents about all that is covered in Year 1. Thank you so much to Miss Billington and also all the parents who were able to make it.

New Menu

Our new dinner menu is attached and will start from Monday 7th October.

Cross Country

Well done to the Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children that took part in last night's Cross Country event at Knutsford Academy.

Year 4: 1st place – Carys W-W. 3rd place – William.
Year 5: 1st place – Molly. 3rd place – Hattie.
Year 6: 2nd place – Lottie & Elliot. 3rd place – Harry.
Relay: 1st place Girls team – Carys, Molly, Lottie.
2nd place Boys team – William, Ethan, Elliot.



Open Afternoons

We will be holding 2 open afternoons at school on **Thursday 3rd October and Thursday 7th November 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

Reading for Pleasure



Anton, Y1, would love to share his book recommendations. We read every day at least once before bedtime and those books are recently his favourite choices. Learning English every day at school we try to develop his polish language skills at home reading polish books. The books he recommends now are about dinosaurs, history of aviation, animals adventure on Noah's Ark (eng title is "Meet at the ark at Eight!" by Ulrich Hub) and about yeti who no one believed so he can't believe in himself and Big book of adventures.

We're reading 'You can't take an elephant on the bus' by Patricia Cleveland-Peck. It's really funny and we've been taking it in turns to read a page each. The pictures are hilarious too – Christian Y1.



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.

Y2 Walk to Church

On Thursday, Year 2 walked to St. Vincent's Church to visit Father David and find out more about the Sacrament of Baptism. We have been sharing our Baptism photographs with each other in class, and also the memories our families have of this special day. Father David took us through a Baptism and we 'baptised' our 'baby': Elsa Mary Cox! The 'parents' and 'god-parents' did a fabulous job of looking after the baby, especially Mia who managed not to drop her!



Fun Ball Friday - Congratulations to the winner of the first draw of this year: Number 5 – Parents of Tudor (Rec). 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!!

The Week Ahead

Start Time	End Time
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Monday 30th September

Skipping Workshops – all classes	AM	
Year 3 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
Fr David's 40 th Ordination Celebration, Mass then Parish Centre – EVERYONE WELCOME	19:00	

Tuesday 1st October

Reception 'Stay and Learn' on Phonics – Parents/Carers welcome, School Hall	09:00	10:00
Music Ninjas – Piano lessons		PM
Coding Club - after school club	15:30	16:30

Wednesday 2nd October

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 3rd October

Open Afternoon	13:30	15:00
Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY

Friday 4th October

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	16:15
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30

* 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."