

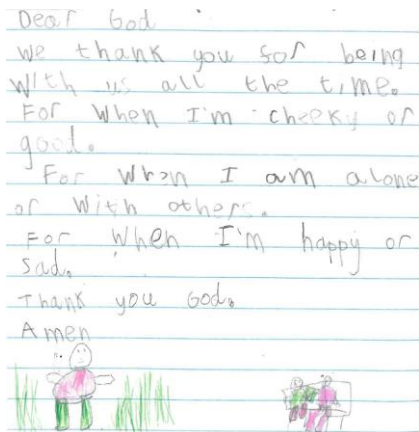
## Focus on ... Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed exploring their creative side by composing their own accompaniment to the song 'Music is in my soul!' As a class, we used Charanga and composed a 3-note tune, and then used it in an enthusiastic performance of the song!



In English, we have continued our focus on the story 'The Pirate Cruncher' by Jonny Duddle and finally discovered what the scary sea monster looks like. We are now in the process of writing our own stories with an alternative ending.

In RE, following our visit to Church, we have been learning about the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism and writing prayers to God to say 'thank you' for always being there for us.



In History the class used a range of sources to answer questions about the Gunpowder Plot. They worked well in teams and showed super History detective skills. In Art this week, we have been using textured paper to make an autumn collage. Everyone has made a great start; we will be completing them next week and adding the final details.

## Newsletter 6

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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.**

In school, we have a focus on the gospel values, what they are and what they mean to us. Each week we will focus on a different value and at the end of the week each teacher will award a certificate to a child who has shown an example of the gospel value.

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

**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: Gentleness	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Bess	Tudor	Eliza – fantastic singing and performing in music.
Year 1	Amelia	Aiden	Patrick – excellent effort with his handwriting.
Year 2	Peyton	Narla	Elora – for excellent contribution in class.
Year 3	Joe	George	Lola – for giving everything 100%.
Year 4	Robyn	Huey	Carys – excellent engagement with our reading challenge.
Year 5	Jane	Daniel	Hattie – for her effort with writing a newspaper report.
Year 6	Freddie	Sofia	Heidi – a fantastic PowerPoint on the importance of rivers.

Dear Parents and Carers,  
 We've had another very busy week in school and it's good to see how enthusiastic and hard-working the children are. A date for all your diaries - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 11 am Mass, we would love to welcome all our Reception class families to a very special Mass at St Vincent's Church. This will be a Mass shared with their Year 4 Buddies from school. It will be a lovely opportunity to welcome everyone to St Vincent's Parish Community. Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall after Mass. All families are very welcome (including grandparents, aunts and uncles). We hope that as many of our families can make it to welcome our new Reception children.  
 Have a lovely weekend with your family and friends.  
 God bless,  
 Miss Groarke and all the staff at St. Vincent's.

## Poetry Assembly – Paul Delaney

About - Paul Delaney ([pauldelaneypoetry.co.uk](http://pauldelaneypoetry.co.uk))

On Tuesday, author and poet, Paul Delaney made an extraordinary return to our school, to inspire us as he does so every year, with his jokes, books and much more! One of his mind-boggling tales occurred when he was still a teacher (around 20 years ago), his little brother told him, "You'll never be able to write a book, you have to be famous and popular and intelligent, and you're neither!" And Paul completely and utterly ignored him! He ended up writing over 10 books and poems, one even with a comment from Michael Morpurgo, on his most popular story, *Norris Street*. Paul Delaney is one of the most inspirational characters to ever step foot in our school. He was a pleasure to have and everybody enjoyed his assembly. We're going to share with you some of his best work.

"ASK your Mum!"  
 "Hey Dad, can I go to bed late?"  
 "ASK your Mum."  
 "Hey Mum, can I go to bed late?"  
 "ASK your Dad."  
 "Already have."  
 "Well ask him again then."  
 "Hey Dad, can I go to bed late? It's a Friday remember, no school tomorrow."  
 "ASK your Mum."  
 "But Dad I already have."  
 "ASK her again."  
 "Mum."  
 "NO!"

And one of his amazing songs called, "God Made you"  
 "God made you, God made me, God made the wings on a bumblebee. God made the Sun, the moon and the stars, and everything all around me."

By Thomas and Ethan B, Y6.



In Year 1 and Year 2 Paul Delaney helped us to write a poem based on what we love. Everyone had such a fun session writing their own poem. In the afternoon the whole class focused on performing their poem to everyone else. They did a great job; we will be choosing some of the poems to go in a book and some children to perform their poem at an exciting evening of performance poetry.



## 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	18	21	15

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

## Attendance

Reception	99.2%	Year 4	96.5%
Year 1	98.4%	Year 5	99.3%
Year 2	99%	Year 6	99.1%
Year 3	100%		

**WELL DONE YEAR 3 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!**

## Parents Evening

An email was sent out yesterday with instructions on how to access the School Spider Parent's Evening portal. The booking system is now live and will remain open until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm. Please email Mrs Watson in the school office with any issues logging into the parent's part of the website/app.

## Applications for Secondary School Places

Please note the deadline for all Year 6 applications is 31st October 2024. Apply online at <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/apply-for-september-2025-school-place.aspx>. If you need assistance applying for a place then pop into the school office and Mrs Watson will gladly assist.

## School Photos

The school photographer will be visiting St. Vincent's on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October to take individual and family group photographs. Any parents who would like their pre-school children to be included in the family group photo, please come along to the school hall from 8.30am.

## Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 18th October in the school hall at 2.15pm. Each class will contribute a small piece; this may be a class song, poem or a reflection. We will be joined by Father David and we invite you to join us too. An important part of our celebration will be the distribution of gifts, these will be donations of food to organisations within our community. Therefore, we are asking for donations of the following items:

JAM	DESSERTS - JELLY, RICE PUDDING	TINS OF MEAT (ie STEW, CURRY)
CEREAL	TEA BAGS (ESPECIALLY 80'S)/COFFEE	LONG LIFE MILK (UHT)
SOUP	CUSTARD	DEODORANT
PASTA/PASTA SAUCE	TINNED/MASHED POTATOES	BARNS OF SOAP
RICE	LENTILS, BEANS AND PULSES	SHAMPOO
LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE	BISCUITS	SHOWER GEL
UHT MILK	SAVOURY SANDWICH SPREADS	TOOTHPASTE
TINNED-FRUIT, MEAT,VEGETABLES,TOMATOES	TINNED VEGETABLES	WASHING POWDER/LIQUID

If you can donate, could you please do so **by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**. Children may bring their donations into class where their class teacher will direct them to a harvest box.

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



## Science and Maths

Year 1 children have had great fun investigating whether the oldest child was the tallest child and the youngest child was the shortest. This was all part their science topic – Animals including humans. All the children had great fun measuring and recording each other's heights. We found out that the tallest was the oldest but the youngest wasn't the shortest.



## Netball v Mobberley

'Yesterday after school we played netball against Mobberley. We won 9-6. They were a great team and hard to beat but with a little encouragement from Mrs Davies and our parents we managed to score 9 goals. The team was made up of Year 5 and 6 players who were all amazing and brilliant. Everyone played their part, and we showed great teamwork. Mobberley team picked the player of the match to be Sofia – Sofia scored 5 of our goals!' report written by Emma and Sofia.



## Hockey Taster

William did a fantastic job representing the school at the Knutsford Primary School Partnership hockey taster session at Knutsford Academy last night. He took part in various activities focusing on passing and dribbling. Well done William.

## Open Afternoons

We will be holding our second open afternoon at school on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 and surrounding areas. To book a slot please email [admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk)

## Reading for Pleasure

This is a picture of Oliva reading "I Spy Fairytales"



Amandine and Lucie wanted to send a picture of them reading one of their favourite books for the school newsletter.

Amandine is reading 'Kindness is my Superpower' by Alicia Ortego. She loves how the young boy does random acts of kindness to help other people, such as welcoming and befriending a new boy at school. Lucie is reading 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin. Amandine and Lucie enjoyed talking about their grandad's journey to England, and how he has grown to love England and call it his home.

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](mailto:admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk) Every recommendation with a photograph will get a Head Teacher Award and pictures will appear in the newsletter.



**Fun Ball Friday** - Congratulations to the winner of the third draw of this year: Number 7 – Parents of Thomas (Y1). 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.

PTA will be holding a **second-hand uniform sale** in the school hall on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 8:30am - 9:30am. Come along and see whether we can help you with any of those extra items you may need to stock up on.

PTA will be holding their **AGM** next Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the school hall. We'd love to see more of our parents attend this event. It's a great opportunity to learn more about our fundraisers and the way in which we support our children and school. Teachers will be available to look after any children that you may need to bring. Cheese and wine will be served.

Year 3 will be hosting a **CAKE SALE** on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> Oct, break up Day! Celebrate half term with a sweet treat after school in the playground. Your support is always greatly appreciated!

## Pre School Open Morning

St Vincent's Pre-school is holding an Open Morning on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00am – 12.00pm. Booking is advised, but walk-ins are welcome. We have dedicated, long serving, experienced staff, are Ofsted rated 'Good' and have Achieved Gold Standard 'Just Quality Award'. We are piloting running a holiday club, starting during spring half term in February 2025. Please contact Cath Davies 01565 651948, [cath@stvincentspreschool.co.uk](mailto:cath@stvincentspreschool.co.uk) or via our website – [www.stvincentspreschool.co.uk](http://www.stvincentspreschool.co.uk) We look forward to meeting you!

## The Week Ahead

Start Time	End Time
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### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Year 1 Forest School</b>		PM
<b>Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Lesson</b> – Don't forget instruments!	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6)	15:30	16:30

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Music Ninjas</b> – Piano lessons		PM
Coding Club - after school club	15:30	16:30

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Individual and sibling photographs</b> – School Hall	08:30	
<b>ARTIS</b> performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
<b>Y5 St Nicholas Music Festival</b> – collect children from St Nicholas at end	14:15	19:00
<b>Stay and Read</b> – Year 1 & 2	15:05	15:20
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6)	15:30	16:30
'Timid to Tiger' Session, School Hall	17:00	18:30

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Rock Steady Music</b>	ALL	DAY
<b>SEN Coffee Morning</b> , School Hall	09:00	11:00
<b>ECO Committee with Miss Hyland</b>	15:25	16:15

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Y3/Y4 Swimming</b> - Don't forget swimming kits!	PM	
<b>Harvest Festival</b> , School Hall – parents/carers welcome	14:30	
Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Netball with Mrs Davies, Coach Dave and Mrs O'Keefe - email School office if your child wishes to join ( <b>Boys and Girls</b> )	15:30	16:15
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football	15:30	16:30

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Mass at St. Vincent's Church	11:00	
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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.

**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.

**A SPECIAL VISITOR:** You have often heard me (Father David) talk about my links with a parish in Siem Reap in Cambodia. I am delighted to say that, due to the generosity of one of our parishioners, Fr Totet, the Parish Priest, will be staying with us over the weekend of 19/20 October and then will return in November. He will talk about his work in Cambodia and will invite us to link with the communities he serves and so support his work.