

Focus on ... Year 1

Wow we cannot believe we are nearly at the end of Autumn 1!! We have been so busy!

In English, we have been reading the story Peace at Last. Yesterday, we found a teddy bear trying to sleep in our classroom, he said our classroom was the quietest. So we went on a sound walk around school to find out why Mr Bear could not sleep. We are going to write our own Peace at Last story next week!



In Music, as well as singing we have been learning how to play the chime bars and next time we are going to have a go at playing the Glockenspiel. We are really looking forward to this!



In Geography we are learning all about maps. We have been drawing aerial plans of our tables, the classroom and the whole school. We have also had a go at using basic symbols in a key to identify objects. This week we have been learning how to use a compass.



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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:
Humility.

This week we reflect on Mark's gospel, Mark 10:17-30 and the main focus is all about giving to those who have less than us. Our children have been focusing on our Harvest Festival, and how we can share what we have with those less fortunate than ourselves. This week could we all try to share our time, energy or something we own with someone who may need it.

Thank you for your generous donations for our Harvest Festival – they will be donated to our local food bank and we know they will be greatly appreciated.



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: Humility	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Sophie	Flynn	Leon – amazing work on his phonics and reading.
Year 1	Lily	Georgia	Christian – fantastic maths work.
Year 2	Henry	Max	Isabella P – an all-round super worker!
Year 3	Harry	Stanley	Theo M – Being a star baker making seasonal tarts.
Year 4	Jenson	Layla	William – writing a beautiful harvest prayer.
Year 5	Max	William	Martha – for her enthusiasm with singing at the St. Nicholas Music Festival.
Year 6	Albin	Harry	Charley – beautiful R.E. work inspired by the book of Revelation.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we have just finished our seventh week at school – it really has flown by so quickly! One more week until half term! We've had another very busy week in school. I was privileged to watch the Music Festival at St. Nicholas High School on Wednesday evening where our Year 5 class sang beautifully. Thank you to Mrs O'Keefe for all the preparation that went into the performance and to Mrs Hales and Miss Davies for supporting on the night. Well done Year 5 you sang and behaved amazingly and were all great ambassadors for school.

On Sunday, Year 4 will be leading at the 11 o'clock Mass. This is a special Mass to welcome our new Reception families. I hope that as many families as possible can make it. There will be cakes and biscuits after!

God bless,

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

Diocesan Building Fund

Thank you to those families that have donated so far – at the moment we have collected £525 on ParentPay for this year's Diocesan Building Fund. Our optimum amount is **£3,000** if everyone contributed. If you are paying by standing order, please let the office know. Please contribute, no matter how small, via ParentPay. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Year 4 and Reception Buddies

Year 4 and Reception are very excited about introducing their buddies to their parents and families after 11 o'clock Mass this Sunday.



Year 5 Music Festival



'It was a great experience to sing with the older students at St. Nicholas. As a class we sang 2 songs on our own, then one with all the other schools. We listened to students from St Nicholas including their choir and they were amazing. All the other schools were amazing too and they did excellent' by Hattie, Sadie, Maya and Chloe.

Harvest Festival - Thank You to all our families

A huge thank you for the generous gifts you sent in for our Harvest Festival. All the gifts will be taken to Hope Central on Monday. Hope Central provide food parcels for local households who are struggling. It was lovely that so many of you were able to join us for our Harvest Festival celebration. It was lovely being able to gather and enjoy performances from all our amazing children.



Global sustainability goals

This week in assembly, we discussed the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. They recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests. We can keep this in mind as we think about our gospel value this week of 'humility' as we put other people's needs in front of our own.



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	18	18	22

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

Attendance

Reception	98.4%	Year 4	90.4%
Year 1	90%	Year 5	98.7%
Year 2	98%	Year 6	96.9%
Year 3	99.3%		

WELL DONE YEAR 3 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Reading for Pleasure



Seb reading with his little sister and trying to find the tricky word 'is'.

Don't forget to 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 pictures will appear in the newsletter.

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO IS

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Bess
Olivia

LOOK WHO IS

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Isabella

LOOK WHO IS

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Evie

LOOK WHO IS

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Beatrice

Football v Mobberley



The school football team faced off against Mobberley Primary School on Friday 11th October. We delivered, winning 4-1 on the first game of the season. Scorers: Thomas (2), Albin (1) and Sofia (1). Well done team!

School Open Afternoon

We will be holding our second open afternoon at school on **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 and surrounding areas. To book a slot please email admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk



Fun Ball Friday - Congratulations to the winner of the fourth draw of this year: Number 22 – Miss Groarke! 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.

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents and teachers who joined us for **the PTA AGM** last night. It was wonderful to see such a great turnout, with a special shout-out to the dads who made it too! We're thrilled to share some exciting news – we now have a fantastic new PTA core committee in place! We're delighted to introduce our new Chair, Fiona Simister, alongside Vice Chair, Colette Makin. Helen Isherwood has been appointed as Secretary, with Faye Ingles stepping in as Vice-Secretary. Claire Ingles will continue as our trusty Treasurer, and James Taylor-Pyett will manage our social media, keeping everyone up to date. We're so excited to have this energetic and enthusiastic team leading the way, organizing fun events for our children and supporting our school. We can't wait to see what they have in store! Please see attached the PowerPoint slides from last night's meeting.

Our **next PTA meeting** will be after half term on Thursday 7th November at 7:30pm at The Angel. As always, all are very welcome.

Next Tuesday 22nd October we will be holding a **second-hand uniform sale** in the school hall from 8:30-9:30am.

Next Friday 25th October Year 3 will be holding a **Cake Sale** after school in the playground. Please come and support us.

Pre-School Open Morning

St Vincent's Pre-school is holding an Open Morning on Saturday 9th 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 or via our website – www.stvincentspreschool.co.uk We look forward to meeting you!

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 21st October		
Year 6 Forest School		PM
Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Lesson – Don't forget instruments!	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6)	15:30	16:30
Year 6 Parents Evening	15:50	18:30
Tuesday 22nd October		
Music Ninjas – Piano lessons		PM
Parents Evening Year 1 – Year 5	16:00	18:30
Wednesday 23rd October		
ARTIS performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
Stay and Read – 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 24th October		
Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
Y1/Y2 Dance Taster, Knutsford Academy	16:00	17:00
Y5/Y6 Rugby Taster, Knutsford Rugby Club	16:00	17:00
Parents Evening – all classes except Y1	16:00	18:30
Friday 25th October		
Y3/Y4 Swimming (last one) - Don't forget swimming kits!	PM	
Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Netball with Mrs Davies, Coach Dave and Mrs O'Keefe LAST ONE	15:30	16:15
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football	15:30	16:30
PTA Cake Sale, playground	15:25	
Break up for half term	15:25	

* 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.