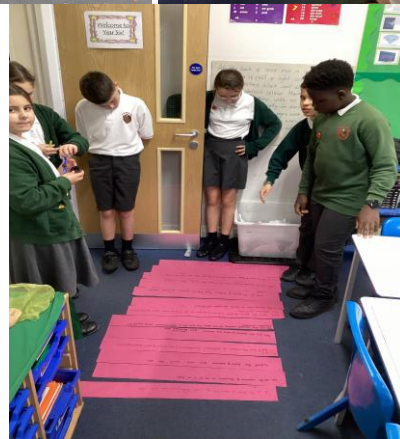
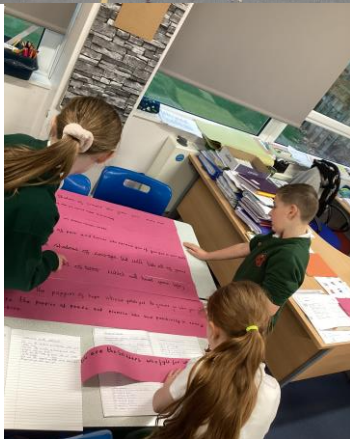


## Focus on ... Year 6

Another super busy week on the Year 6 rollercoaster! We had a great couple of days on Tuesday and Wednesday doing our Bikeability level 2 training course. Our instructors were very impressed with how sensible we were cycling out and about on the roads of Knutsford. We also impressed Mrs Bullen with how we planned, conducted and wrote conclusions for our pattern-seeking investigations about shadows in Science this week. But that's not all! In English, we have watched a very thought-provoking animation called Beyond The Lines linked to the topic of Remembrance for November. We then worked collaboratively in groups to produce some stunning poetry work. Together with learning about the inspirational example of St Therese of Lisieux in RE and working on our long multiplication and arithmetic skills in Maths, we've definitely earned a restful weekend!



## Newsletter 9

08.11.2024



*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:  
**Compassion**



This week we reflect on Mark's gospel, Mark 12:28-34, and the question, 'Which commandment is the most important?' The answer tells us to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves.



## 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: Compassion	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Marcus	Ethan	Lucie – for great sound work and writing.
Year 1	Henry	Patrick	Aurora – super phonics.
Year 2	Leo	Florence O	AyoOluwa – for his enthusiasm and super response to the story of Zachariah.
Year 3	James	Theo C	Milan – for an amazing letter explaining why we go to church.
Year 4	George	Oliver C	Harryett – working hard on the presentation of her work.
Year 5	Alice	Edward C	Molly – excellent effort with the start of our topic on fractions.
Year 6	Harrison	Ethan M	Olivia Ch – for working extremely hard on Learning Village.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has this week gone! I hope you are all refreshed and recharged after half term, ready for one of the busiest times of the school year as we journey towards the festive season. This week we have had 58 children with bikes in school doing bikeability on Tuesday and Wednesday! Thank you to all parents and carers for the transporting of bikes to and from school. Please remember to make your child wear a helmet for their safety. On the 17<sup>th</sup> November, the 11am Mass will be led by Year 6 and Year 2 buddies. It will be a lovely opportunity for Year 2 and Year 6 to lead the celebration of Mass. 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 as possible.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

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

## 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
16	18	18	25

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

## Attendance

<b>Reception</b>	98.5%	<b>Year 4</b>	98.1%
<b>Year 1</b>	96.1%	<b>Year 5</b>	97.1%
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>99.2%</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>99.2%</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	98.8%		

**WELL DONE YEARS 2 and 6 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!**

## Diocesan Building Fund

We have now collected **£1020** on ParentPay for this year's Diocesan Building Fund. Please contribute (a minimum of) £15 for each child you have at the school. Thank you so much for your continued support – your contributions mean that less money will have to be taken from the school budget to make up our optimum amount of £3000.

## School Visits

Please ensure that all payments and permission for children to go on class visits are given via ParentPay at least a week before the visit is due to take place. Currently this includes the following visits:

13<sup>th</sup> November - Year 3 visit to Whitworth Art Gallery

14<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4 visit to the Catalyst Discovery Centre

26<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5 visit to Jodrell Bank

Without permission, your child CANNOT take part in the visit.

## Diwali

The children in Reception have been learning about Diwali. They have made rangoli patterns, Diya lamps and read stories.



## Odd Socks Day – 12<sup>th</sup> November

Next week it is National Anti - Bullying Week with the theme: Choose Respect. Odd Socks Day is taking place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, with children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. The rest of their school uniform should remain the same. Socks can be as colourful and as whacky as you like!

**OPERATION ENCOMPASS**  
In every force. In every school. For every child.



**Cheshire Constabulary**

Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse. As a school we have ensured that three members of our staff have been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care. The trained adults are Designated Safeguarding Lead – Miss Groarke and Deputy Safeguarding Lead Mrs Davies and ELSA Mrs Hales. The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

## Seasonal Changes

Year 1 have been outside investigating the changes in the school environment as part of their Science topic.



**Fun Ball Friday** - Congratulations to the winner this week: Number 8 – parents of Harry (Y3). 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.

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

**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!

<b>The Week Ahead</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>End Time</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>Remembrance Day – 2 minutes silence</b>	11:00	11:02
<b>Year 5 Forest School</b>	PM	
<b>Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Lesson – Don't forget instruments!</b>	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6)	15:30	16:30
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>PTA Second Hand Uniform/Christmas Jumper Sale, School Hall</b>	08:30	09:30
<b>Music Ninjas – Piano lessons</b>		PM
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>ARTIS performing arts workshops</b>	ALL	DAY
<b>Year 3 visit to Whitworth Art Gallery</b>	ALL	DAY
<b>Stay and Read – Reception, Year 1 &amp; 2</b>	15:05	15:20
<b>Mad Science after school club</b>	15:25	16:25
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6)	15:30	16:30
'Timid to Tiger' Session, School Hall	17:00	18:30
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>Rock Steady Music</b>	ALL	DAY
<b>Year 4 visit to Catalyst Discovery Centre</b>	ALL	DAY
<b>Y3/Y4 mixed football tournament, Knutsford Academy</b>	15:45	17:00
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>Children in Need – children can wear own clothes. Donations via ParentPay</b>		
<b>Year 3 class assembly, School Hall – parents/carers welcome</b>	09:05	
<b>Y5/Y6 Swimming – Don't forget swimming kits!</b>	PM	
<b>KS2 Choir with Mrs Cox – School Hall</b>	15:30	16:15
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football	15:30	16:30
<b>PTA Disco – Rec/KS1, School Hall – tickets via ParentPay</b>	16:45	17:45
<b>PTA Disco – KS2, School Hall – tickets via ParentPay</b>	18:00	19:15

\* 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.