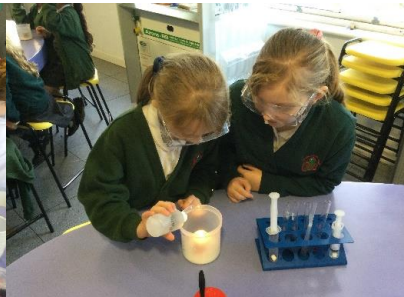


Focus on ... Year 4

Monday was an incredibly busy day and we had plenty to carry into school that morning – instruments, Forest School kit, bags and lunchboxes. We had a fabulous time in Forest School using our Geography knowledge of physical and human features to create our own mini settlements. We worked in teams using natural resources and our imagination. We were all very grubby but had a great time!

On Monday afternoons, we have our Love Music Trust lessons, and we are becoming much more confident when playing our clarinets. Our music teacher is very impressed with our progress. On Monday 16th December we will be performing for parents and other classes in the school!

Our trip to the Catalyst Discovery Centre last week was fantastic and we loved learning about Science in the Glorious Gases workshop which took place in a real-life laboratory, complete with goggles. We also took part in a plastics workshop where we made our very own keyrings out of a new biodegradable plastic. Later, there was lots of fun to be had in the hands-on experimental interactive zone. It was such a fun day!



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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:

Did you know Wednesday 20th November was World Children's Day? This was first celebrated to help everyone focus on ways to improve children's lives. The Declaration of the Rights of the Child is one way the United Nations tries to help us remember that children are important. Here is a prayer we say in school for all children in the world. Maybe you could say it with your child at home?

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



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: TRUTH	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Ralph	Heidi	Olivia – for always having a fantastic attitude and trying her best.
Year 1	Anton	Nathan	Hugo – brilliant maths work on the 8 fact families.
Year 2	Narla	William	Jude – great effort writing his postcard from Traction Man.
Year 3	Leo	Juliet	Evelyn – amazing attitude towards learning.
Year 4	Oliver	Roisin	Huey – excellent contributions in class.
Year 5	Edward W	Judy	William – positive attitude towards fractions.
Year 6	Elliot	Daniel	Alice – a fantastic reverse poem about refugees in R.E.

Dear Parents and Carers,

How the weather has changed! Please be careful around school and on the pavements around as they are slippery. This week I have been teaching in Reception and Year 4 and have had a great time seeing how magnificent our children are in class and how much they enjoy learning. Life is certainly getting more hectic by the day in school, as we consider all that must be done before Christmas! Please make sure you have pencilled in all the important dates for our end of term festivities. Should you have mislaid the Looking Further Ahead summary you will find it on the school website within the newsletter tab https://www.stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/serve_file/31252612

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

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

Reception 'Stay and Learn'



On Tuesday, Reception welcomed parents and carers to our latest Stay and Learn session. The focus of this session was all about early maths and how it is taught at St Vincent's. After a short presentation, parents and carers were invited to the classroom to engage in some Maths activities with the children. We all had lots of fun! Thank you to everyone who was able to make it, we hope you found it useful.

Year 4 Class Assembly



Today our amazing Year 4 children led an assembly that celebrated all the wonderful things they have done in class so far this term. They were so confident and had learnt their parts brilliantly. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us. Well done Year 4!

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
21	19	16	21

Well done to this week's winning houses – **St. David and St. Patrick**

Attendance

Reception	85.8%	Year 4	93.1%
Year 1	94.7%	Year 5	97%
Year 2	96%	Year 6	95.9%
Year 3	94%		

WELL DONE YEAR 5 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Knutsford Lights Switch On On Saturday 30th November there will be great excitement in Knutsford town centre as the Christmas lights are switched on. A group of Reception, Year 1 and 2 children from St. Vincent's will be singing at the event and it would be lovely if you could come along and support them. They will be on stage at approximately 2pm.



Fun Ball Friday - Congratulations to the winner this week: Number 1 – parents of Loughlin (Y4) and James (Y2). 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're still asking for any good quality Christmas jumpers/clothing/pyjamas for an upcoming **Christmas jumper sale on 26th November**. If they could be dropped off at the office please.

We are having an **own clothes day on Friday 29th November**. The children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a bottle and some chocolate for our Christmas fair tombola. The bottle can be anything -Tomato ketchup and fairy liquid have always gone down well in the past! The deadline for the photographs of the **Christmas hampers** is Friday 29th Dec. We have some brilliant ideas this year!

We still have tickets available for the **Wreath Making event on Thursday 5th Dec**. It would really help us out if you could buy your tickets ASAP as the florist needs final numbers for her planning. It's a really lovely, festive evening and your ticket includes mulled wine and mince pies.

Our school **Christmas Fair is Friday 6th December** from 4.30pm-6.30pm in the school hall. The plans for the class stalls are taking shape nicely and it promises to be a great evening for all the family. Rotas for managing the stalls will be going out in the class PTA WhatsApp groups so please consider helping out for half an hour if you are able to.

The **school disco** last week, organised by the Year 3 parents, made a massive £636.57. Thank you so much to all the Year 3 parents who planned the event, and all the teacher and parent volunteers who helped out. It was a huge success!

Diocesan Building Fund

As of this morning, we have now collected **£1430** on ParentPay for this year's Diocesan Building Fund. This is still a long way off our optimum amount of £3000. 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 for this.

Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has donated second hand uniform to school. We are now inundated with clothes and therefore can we ask that for the time being no more donations are brought in. We will start collecting again in the new year once we've had a chance to organise what we have. Thank you.

Children due to start Reception in September 2025

The closing date to make an application for a child to start primary school in September 2025 is Wednesday 15th January 2025 – this is for children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021. Late applications may be disadvantaged. Parents who are unable to apply online can apply by telephone on 0300 123 5012. <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/apply-for-september-2025-school-place.aspx>

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

LOOK WHO IS
7
Lillie Mae
Milan

LOOK WHO IS
11
Ayla

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 25th November		
Year 3 Forest School (Bring Forest schools clothes in a bag – no shorts)		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
Tuesday 26th November		
PTA Christmas Jumper/School Uniform Sale, School Hall	08:30	09:30
Year 5 visit to Jodrell Bank	ALL	DAY
Music Ninjas – Piano lessons		PM
Wednesday 27th November		
ARTIS performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
Stay and Read – Reception, Year 1 & 2	15:05	15:20
Mad Science after school club	15:25	16:25
Year 1 and 2 Junk Modelling Afterschool Club	15:25	16:25
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6)	15:30	16:30
'Timid to Tiger' Final Session, School Hall	17:00	18:30
Thursday 28th November		
Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
Mini Vinnies at Sharston House	PM	
Y5/Y6 Girls Football Tournament, Knutsford Academy	15:45	17:00
PTA Meeting, The Angel – everyone welcome	19:30	20:30
Friday 29th November		
Y5/Y6 Swimming - Don't forget swimming kits!	PM	
KS2 Choir with Mrs Cox – School Hall	15:30	16:15
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football	15:30	16:30
Saturday 30th November		
Knutsford Christmas Lights switch on – Rec/KS1 children	14:00	14:15

* 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.