

## Focus on ... Reception

The final week of term has been a very busy one for Reception. We started with our amazing KS1 Nativity Performance. The children sang and performed brilliantly and we were so proud of them all!

This week we have also been busy doing some lovely Christmas activities. We've had our Christmas Party, met Father Christmas, spent time with our buddies and made some beautiful Christmas cards and decorations for our families.

In RE this half term, we have been learning all about the Birth of Jesus and the true meaning of Christmas. We have been using our small world characters to act out the story and have enjoyed dressing up to retell the story with our friends. We have completed some beautiful artwork to represent different parts of the story including when Mary was visited by the Angel Gabriel and when the Shepherds were told all about the good news about Jesus's birth. We've also really enjoyed taking home the Travelling Crib to share this very special story with our families.

We would like to wish all the families at St Vincent's a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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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 Forgiveness.**



## 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: Forgiveness	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	James	Albie	Caden – amazing performance in our nativity.
Year 1	Hugo	Robyn	Amelia – for always trying her best and being so helpful.
Year 2	Chase	Dora	Peyton – Always tries to be the best she can be.
Year 3	Lola	Eva	Joe – fantastic persuasive letter!
Year 4	Beatrice	Matthew	Loughlin – trying really hard with his extended writing.
Year 5	Daniel	Annie	Jane – for showcasing her talents and confidence during the Rock Steady Concert.
Year 6	Caylem	Albin	Theo – a fantastic piece of descriptive writing.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe it – the end of the autumn term and Christmas is on Wednesday! As this is the last newsletter of the term and of 2024, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. Thank you also to all the staff who have gone that extra mile to make this term and Christmas so special for all your children - they are all tremendous. It has been such a busy and festive final week filled with lots of plays, parties, Rock Steady Concert, Clarinet recitals and a carol service. It has been lovely seeing lots of happy, smiling children at all these events.

Many thanks indeed to everyone for your wonderful generosity– your help and support is greatly appreciated. Wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas with your families and loved ones. Stay safe and we'll see you back in the New Year on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Have a lovely holiday. God bless,

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

## Travelling Cribs

We have celebrated the third week of Advent in school. The travelling cribs have been taken home and it has been lovely to see that the true meaning of Christmas is being discussed. We have had a lot of amazing pictures with our travelling cribs and the prayers written have been very thoughtful. Here are just few:



## KS1 Christmas Performance – The Little Angel

This week in the infants, there really was 'something special going on!' The youngest children in our school blew us away with their dazzling costumes, beaming smiles and enthusiastic singing. We could not have been any prouder of our children as they acted out the journey of 'The Little Angels' to find out what made this time of year so special. I hope you will agree, they all did an amazing job and it has truly warmed our hearts ready for Christmas! Thank you to all the staff who put so much into this production and thank you to the children who did us proud.

## Reception and Year 1 Christmas Reading competition

Congratulations to all the children in Reception and Year 1 who took part in a very special Christmas reading challenge. Over 25 children sent in pictures of them reading their reading book in front of either a Christmas tree or a Christmas decoration and had them uploaded onto Tapestry. I loved seeing all the Christmas trees and decorations – well done parents for embracing this competition. All the children who took part received a certificate and a treat in assembly this week. They then had their names put into a lucky dip for a special prize of a book voucher which was won by Ethan (Rec) and Reggie (Y1).



## 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
17	17	25	18

Well done to this week and Term winning house – **St George**



All of St. George can come to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January wearing red and bring a game to play. They will be having special time in the hall playing games in the afternoon for an hour. They will be led by House Captain – Harrison and Vice-Captain - Harry

## Attendance

Reception	98.8%	Year 4	86.8%
Year 1	89.5%	Year 5	85.7%
Year 2	96.3%	Year 6	86.9%
Year 3	93.3%		

**WELL DONE YEAR RECEPTION – EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!  
AND A SPECIAL WELL DONE TO YEAR 2 FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE THIS TERM – 97.8%**

## Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our reverse advent calendar. We collected lots of food and treats from every class and this was collected on Monday to be distributed to families in need locally. Thank you for all the donations we received.



## Literature Donation



This week we received a very kind donation of 2 copies of the children's edition of Shakespeare's First Folio from the Knutsford Literature Festival Committee. The books have been given to our Y5 and Y6 classes.



## Christmas Parties

Wednesday was Christmas party day! Reception, Year 1 and 2 played lots of different games such as musical statues and pass the parcel and had a surprise visit from Father Christmas.



## Rock Steady Concert



It was another fantastic Rock Steady Concert with 8 bands all performing in front of the school and their families. We had audience participation with Mexican Waves and responses to chants. If your child is interested in joining Rock Steady, please follow the link to sign them up:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

## Year 4 Music Concert



'Since September, year 4 have loved playing the clarinet. We have learned a lot of notes in a short amount of time. The seven notes we have learnt and played are F#, F, E, G, A, D and C. We loved the concert and it made us have lots of confidence with our playing through the rest of the year. We have learnt lots of songs which we couldn't have done without our amazing teacher, Mrs Howard', by Thomas and Henry.

## Reception, Y1 and Y2 'Stay and Read'

Going forwards, we will only be holding 'Stay and Read' on the last Wednesday of each half term between 3pm till 3.20pm. The session for next half term will be on 12<sup>th</sup> February. We appreciate that some parents find the afternoon difficult to attend however, when held in the morning, it takes up the time when we have the most TA support and the prime time to teach English, Maths and Phonics. We hope you understand our decision.



**Fun Ball Friday** - Today was the last PTA Fun Ball Friday draw of the Autumn Term. Today's lucky ball was number 24. Congratulations to the parents of Lara (Rec) who won!

## Christmas Hamper Raffle

A big thank you to all Year Group parents for their generosity, tremendous time and effort that went into organising their Christmas Hampers. They all looked amazing! The winning class for raising the most was Year 6 - £412 so they received a treat in assembly this morning.

Hamper winners were:

Reception – Rafe (Rec)

Year 1 – Daisy (Y5)

Year 2 – Olivia (Rec)

Year 3 – Mrs Watson

Year 4 – Miss Quinn

Year 5 – Eddie (Rec)

Year 6 – Sadie (Y5)

The Christmas hampers made a whopping £1,462.

## The Catenians - New Year Disco Party theme for children

The Catenians would once again like to invite the children of St. Vincent de Paul school and parish to this year's children's event in the New Year. Last year there was such a demand for places that we are repeating the New Year Disco Party theme. It will be a fun packed afternoon of music, dance and games. The event will take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm to 4pm, at Charlton Lodge on the Moor. The event, as always, is free for St. Vincent de Paul school children but there are limited places available so booking is essential at [events@knutsford.p17catenians.org](mailto:events@knutsford.p17catenians.org) The event is open to all year 1 to year 6 pupils. Attached to the newsletter is a flyer with all the details.



## The Week Ahead

Start Time	End Time
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### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

<b>Back to School</b>	08:55	
<b>Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Concert</b> – Don't forget instruments!	14:45	
<b>Year 6 Forest School</b> (Bring Forest schools clothes in a bag – no shorts)	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6)	15:30	16:30

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Music Ninjas – Piano lessons		PM
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### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

ARTIS Performing arts workshops – all classes		
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6)	15:30	16:30

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Rock Steady Music		
Reception 'Little Champions', Knutsford Academy – sign up via ParentPay	16:00	17:00

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January

D.R. Sports – KS2 Football	15:30	16:30
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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)

**Birthday Wishes!** Many happy returns for this week and over the Christmas Holidays to:

LOOK WHO IS <b>5</b> Felix	LOOK WHO IS <b>6</b> Georgia	LOOK WHO IS <b>7</b> Charlie	LOOK WHO IS <b>8</b> Evelyn	LOOK WHO IS <b>9</b> Stanley Layla AraOluwa	LOOK WHO IS <b>10</b> Darcy Grace F Ethan	LOOK WHO IS <b>11</b> Sofia Elliot Mae
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## 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.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES:** St Vincent's - there will be a Vigil Mass at 5pm and Midnight Mass at 9pm on Christmas Eve and Mass on Christmas morning at 11am. There will be a Vigil Mass at 7pm on Christmas Eve and 9am on Christmas morning at Lymm.

**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.

**THE SAFEGUARDING** of vulnerable adults and children in our Church is an absolute priority. The Safeguarding Officer in Church is Sharon Lloyd who can be contacted on 07840 918263 or see the poster in the Church porch for more details.