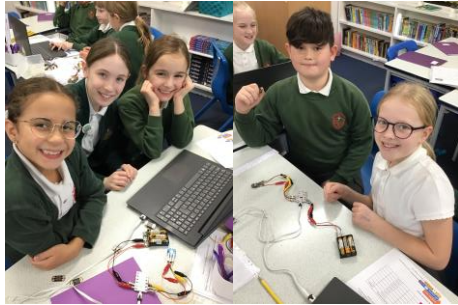


Focus on ... Year 5

This week Year 5 have worked incredibly hard. During maths the children have mastered bus stop division, even giving remainders as fractions and decimals. During English we have been reading the classic version as well as the graphic novel of The Hound of the Baskervilles. The children have written amazing poems describing the creepy moor which is the setting of the story. Mrs O'Keefe was blown away by the poetry skills and the way the children used the old-fashioned language to create descriptive poems. During RE lessons, we have discussed what it would have been like to be a disciple of Jesus and we learnt all about the inspirational saint, St Damien – what an amazing life he led!

We began our new Computing topic, programming. We programmed the crumble kits to turn on different colour LED lights. We adapted the codes to change the colours and to turn the lights on and off for different lengths of time. Although it was a little tricky at time ensuring all of the wires were connected correctly it was incredibly satisfying when it worked!



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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 **DIGNITY**



Last Sunday, the gospel focus was 'The Baptism of the Lord' and John the Baptist Luke 3:15-16, 21-22. When we are baptised we join God's family. We are all God's children and God loves us very much. In School, we teach our children to show that same love and kindness to each other.

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: Dignity	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Tudor	Albie	Marcus – for a fantastic week and trying his best at everything.
Year 1	Jessica	Anton	Charmaine & Hinav – for joining our school and settling in well.
Year 2	Elora	Milan	Leo – for having a great sense of humour and always being cheerful.
Year 3	Theo Fo	Harry	George – for great work in maths.
Year 4	Amelia	Ayden	Layla – for her enthusiasm in French and with her English work.
Year 5	Daisy	Evie	Yasmin – for being such a wonderful new member of Year 5.
Year 6	Charley	Emma	Olivia Co – a fantastic report on how animals helped in WWI.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of another busy and successful week. I can't quite believe that it's Friday already. I hope you've had an enjoyable week and are looking forward to relaxing at the weekend.

Last week was very eventful due to the snow. I now need your help in preparation for if we get snow again. Manor Park South and Higher Downs are still not on Cheshire East gritting plan. Every year I request being put on the gritting route but we are still not on it! Please could I ask all parents and carers to either call Cheshire East Highways on 0300 123 5020 – option 1 or go online and ask for Manor Park South and Higher Downs to be gritted. This junction and the hill are very dangerous and many cars got stuck again last week. The more people who request for it to be gritted the better chance we will have of getting it on the gritting plan.

[Gritting and snow clearance \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](http://cheshireeast.gov.uk), select report a problem online and then add details.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

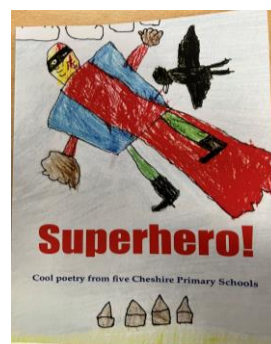
Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless.

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

Jubilee Mass – Everyone welcome

We will be celebrating our first Mass of 2025 on Wednesday 22nd January with Father David in the school hall. It will be the start of the celebration of the Jubilee year of Hope. It would be lovely to see everyone at Mass in the school hall. Mass will start at 9.30am and all family members are welcome to join us.



Poetry Buzz

In Year 1 and 2 we have been lucky enough to work with the poet Paul Delaney during the autumn term. He ran a workshop with both classes helping us to write our own poems and gave tips for how to perform as well. Last night a few children were chosen to perform their poems at the poetry Buzz Festival at Norley C of E Primary school. They were all super stars and performed with great confidence and enthusiasm. The children received a signed copy of Paul's new poetry book which has their poems inside.

'We got awards – a pencil, a notebook to write in, a certificate and a book of our poems', by Henry.

'It made me happy when I did my poem because I liked performing', by Isabella P.

'I Felt nervous at first but when I did it, I felt okay', by Lyra.

'I liked getting the award and reading my poem', by Florence.

Sacramental Programme First Meeting – Year 3

The first of our Parish meetings for parents and carers of children taking part in the Sacramental programme this year will take place on Thursday 23rd January at 7pm in St. Vincent's Parish room.

Enrolment Mass

The Enrolment mass for the Sacramental programme is on Sunday 26th January at 11am Mass at St. Vincent's. This will be a lovely event which would be made even better with lots of support from children in other year groups, so please do come along to this Mass if you can.

St. Vincent's out of school club – 8am – 6pm (run by Pre-School)

They provide a breakfast and after school club each weekday during school term time for children aged 2 and above. [St Vincent's Pre-school - Out of School Club \(stvincentspreschool.co.uk\)](http://stvincentspreschool.co.uk)

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	20	18	20

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

Attendance

Reception	96.7%	Year 4	99.2%
Year 1	97.6%	Year 5	97.4%
Year 2	99.7%	Year 6	97.2%
Year 3	99.3%		

WELL DONE YEAR 2 – EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Birthday Wishes

Many happy return this week to:



Many thanks to everyone who attended last night's PTA meeting. A copy of the finance update is attached to the newsletter for reference.

PTA Movie Night – 24th January

🏠 Year 5 Parents Host School Movie Night 🏠 The movie will be: The Wild Robot

Arrival time is 17:15. Please collect children from the school hall at 19:15. Tickets available via Parent Pay.

Upcoming PTA dates for your diary:

Pre-loved uniform sale Friday 24th January 08:30-09:30 in the school hall.

♻️ **Roberts Recycling Collection 27th January** ♻️ Items can be donated during the week, alternatively school gates will be open on Sunday 26th January 10:00-12:00. Please see the attachment for the items that can be donated.

♥️ **Disco** ♥️ Friday 7th February. More information will follow.

Next PTA meeting Thursday 27th February 19:30 at The Angel, King Street.

Save the date: PTA Summer Fair 🌞 Saturday 5th July

Knutsford Catenians Disco

Knutsford Catenians held their annual disco last Sunday in the new Scout Hut. There were 46 children from St Vincent's there. Mr Long said, 'all the children behaved very well and enjoyed themselves'.



The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 20th January		
African Hand Drumming Workshops – all classes		
Y4 Forest Schools (Bring Forest schools clothes in a bag – no shorts)	AM	
Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Concert – Don't forget instruments!	PM	
Reception Forest School (Bring Forest schools clothes in a bag – no shorts)	PM	
Rec/Y1/Y2 After School Dance Club	15:30	16:30
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6)	15:30	16:30
Tuesday 21st January		
Y5 'Numbers at Work' Workshop	AM	
Music Ninjas – Piano lessons		PM
Wednesday 22nd January		
ARTIS Performing arts workshops – all classes		
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6)	15:30	16:30
Y3/Y4 After School Sports Club – sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:30
Thursday 23rd January		
Rock Steady Music		
Y5/Y6 Sports Hall Athletics Competition, Knutsford Academy	14:45	17:00
Y5/Y6 After School Sports Club – sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:30
Friday 24th January		
Y3/Y4 Swimming – Please remember costumes/towels/caps/goggles	PM	
Mrs Cox's Choir – KS2	15:25	16:15
Y3-Y6 After School Netball Club – sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:30
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football	15:30	16:30
PTA Movie Night – tickets via ParentPay	17:15	19:15

* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at www.drsportsclubs.co.uk

Reminder – FREE After School Sports Clubs

We still have some spaces available for the KS2 clubs (Rec/KS1 club is full). The clubs will be free for this half term and will run from the end of the school day until 4.30pm. Please check the email sent last week or ParentPay for details of the clubs available for your child. As the clubs are free, you must commit to all weeks, or you will not be eligible to apply for the next set of free clubs. If children are unwell and therefore not attending the club, it is essential that you let me know via email or phone call on the morning of that club. If a child doesn't turn up for a club or there is no reasonable explanation for the absence, then there will be a charge of £5 to parents/carers for the 'no show'. **Sign up is ONLY via ParentPay**



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.