

Focus on ... Year 4

What a busy week we have had!

Year 4 have certainly had lots to keep them busy this week. On Monday, it was Forest School, where we used our Geography knowledge of how a river is formed to make our very own working models. It was great fun, even though we did get wet and muddy! A quick change of clothes and we were ready for our drumming workshop, where we all got a chance to play a variety of drums and percussion instruments. It was very interesting; we learnt lots of facts about how groups should play together and we didn't sound too bad either!

In Science, our topic is all about Sound and so far, we have learnt how sounds are made by vibrations, trying out different string telephones which was lots of fun, as well as looking at how the pitch of a sound can change depending on the size of an object vibrating. This week we worked together using dataloggers to measure how the volume of a sound changes the further you are away from it. We all displayed good teamwork and cooperation to gather our results and prove our predictions right.

In PE, Coach Dave has been very impressed with our levels of energy and stamina during our fitness session, showing how well we can work effectively in teams. We have also been learning all the names for members of the family in French.

Phew! We'll certainly be ready for a rest this weekend.



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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 think about what it means to trust Jesus. We do not need to be clever or pass exams to know what is important.



Reminder: Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Academy Trust Meeting

We will be holding an informal meeting on Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 6pm in the school hall. At this meeting, the CEO of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Academy Trust, Mark Mountcastle will give a presentation about the Trust. All parents and carers are invited and encouraged to attend to find out more.

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	Eddie	Felix	Seb – for his fantastic independent writing.
Year 1	Reggie	Theo	Henry – such a huge improvement in his handwriting.
Year 2	Florence O	Henry	Oliver – for his independent writing of his 'sorry prayer'.
Year 3	Evie	Evelyn	Rose – amazing writing in English!
Year 4	Loughlin	Araoluwa	Sebby – thoughtful contributions during class celebration of the word.
Year 5	Maya	Dominika	Edward C – fantastic scientific observations and during our science lesson
Year 6	Ferreira	Freddie	Santi – great history work on family life during WWI.

Dear Parents and Carers,
Time is going quick as we have completed three weeks of this term already. Yesterday evening it was lovely to be at the first meeting for this year's Sacramental Programme. It really shows the strength of 'The three pillars of support' that our children get in their faith journey - Home, School and Parish all working together for our children. We have 29 children within school on the journey this year. Please try and make it to the 11 o'clock mass on Sunday when this year's children will be enrolled in the Sacramental Programme.

Have a lovely weekend,
God Bless.

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



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

On Wednesday, Father David celebrated Mass in school to mark the year of Jubilee.

Pope Francis has decreed that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, a holy year which happens every 25 years in the Catholic Church.

Pope Francis has declared that the theme for this Jubilee Year will be "pilgrims of hope". Let's think a little bit more about what this means. The gift of hope is greatly needed in our world, where we are daily faced with the challenges of poverty, injustice, violence and the destruction of the environment.

Hope is transformative. It widens our vision and fills our hearts, inspires our imagination and creativity, strengthens our resolve and helps us to live differently. But what does it mean to be a pilgrim? The difference between a pilgrim and a traveller is openness to God. A pilgrim seeks God not just in their ultimate destination but in all that they encounter along the way. So in this Jubilee Year, we are called to our own journey – a journey in which we become "tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind."

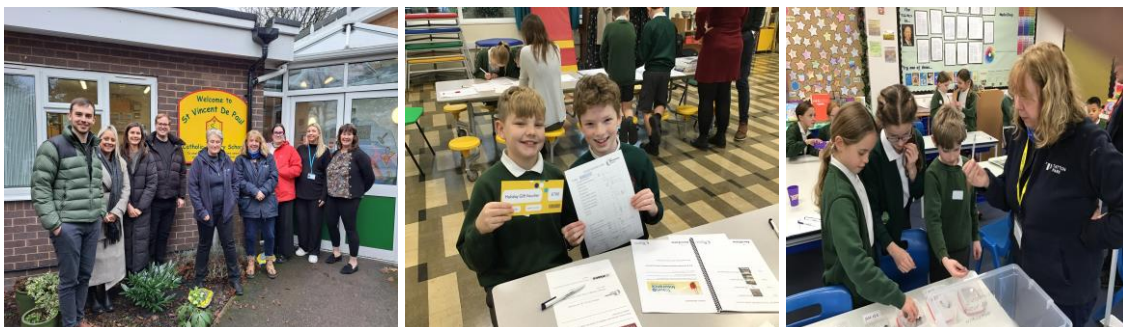
African Drumming Workshop

On Monday, we welcomed Tim, from Rhythmicity Drum Workshops, into our school. Tim worked with each class and during the workshops, children learned techniques and rhythms and a little about the role of the Master Drummer and how rhythm fits into African culture. The day was noisy, but fun!



Y5 Numbers at Work

'Different people came in to show us that maths is important in everyday life. One of the activities was where we constructed models out of cocktail sticks and marshmallows and some of us even got to eat some! Another activity we did was where we had to pick a card with a budget of money that we had to spend on a holiday but we would have to stay within the budget. The third activity was about Tatton Park farm and how they look after their animals and keep them safe. We had to calculate how much medicine piglets need when they are born and measure this using syringes. Thank you so much to all of the wonderful volunteers who gave their time for us', by Judy and Alissa.



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	20	16	24

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

Attendance

Reception	93.3%	Year 4	97.7%
Year 1	95.7%	Year 5	97.1%
Year 2	97.7%	Year 6	98.1%
Year 3	97.3%		

WELL DONE YEAR 6 – EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Birthday Wishes

Many happy return this week to:



Y5/Y6 Sports Hall Athletics

St Vincent's has once again demonstrated its sporting prowess by winning the highly competitive Knutsford School Sports Partnership Athletics event for the fourth year in a row. The team delivered an outstanding performance, dominating the events by securing victory in seven out of ten track races. Their impressive display of speed, teamwork, and determination left a lasting impression on spectators and competitors alike. Well done team! Last night's results:


- 1st St Vincents
- 2nd Egerton
- 3rd Bexton
- 4th Mobberley
- 5th Manor Park



🎯 Dads Darts - Save the date 🎯

Step right up for another unforgettable night of *dodgy darts* and UNCONTROLLABLE LAUGHTER at **The Lord Eldon!**

 **When: Friday, 14th March, 6:30pm**

 **Cost:** £10 per ticket (includes a shot at winning the world-famous raffle prize—a mystery worth... something!)

New dads welcome! No skill? No problem. If you can hold a pint, you're already halfway there.

 Tickets available on **ParentPay from March**—don't delay!

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 27th January		
PTA Roberts Recycling Collection	AM	
Y3 Forest Schools (Bring Forest schools clothes in a bag – no shorts)	PM	
Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Concert – Don't forget instruments!	PM	
Rec/Y1/Y2 After School Dance Club	15:30	16:30
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6)	15:30	16:30
Tuesday 28th January		
Y5/Y6 parents information meeting for Robinwood residential	09:00	
Y6 information meeting for SATs	09:30	
Music Ninjas – Piano lessons		PM
Wednesday 29th 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 30th January		
Rock Steady Music		
Y5/Y6 After School Sports Club – sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:30
Friday 31st 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

* 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.

Sacramental programme

On Sunday 26th January there will be the Enrolment Mass for all the children involved in this year's Sacramental programme, at 11am in St Vincent's church – you are all very welcome to join us. Please remember to keep all the children and their families in your prayers.