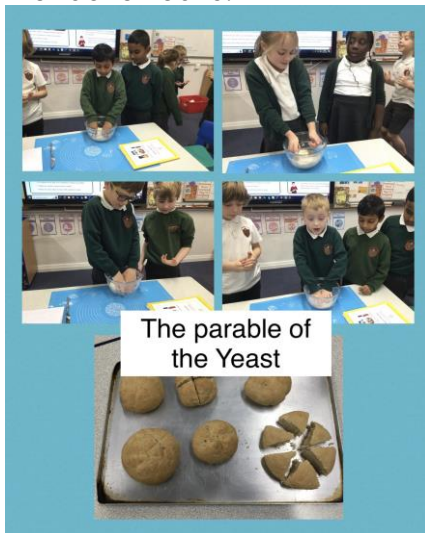


Focus on ... Year 3

We have been working very hard this half term in Year 3. Our science topic this half term is all about rocks. We have been doing lots of experiments to try to group different rocks. We have grouped them based on their colours, based on if they are hard or soft, and we have also grouped them based on if they are permeable or not. In Year 3, we always enjoy a practical lesson and getting our hands dirty! In History, we are learning about the Stone Age and have learnt about the different time periods and about some adaptations some animals had to help them survive this time. We are ready to go to Tatton Park soon to learn even more!

We have also started preparing for our Sacrament of Reconciliation and had our enrolment mass on Sunday. To help us with this, our RE topic this half term is called 'Galilee to Jerusalem' and we have learnt about lots of different parables. Our favourite one so far has been about the parable of the yeast as we got to make bread to help us to understand the teaching.

Well done Year 3!



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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

To have humility is to recognise that everyone has different strengths, and that these are gifts from God. Humility is the first step towards learning, you can't learn until you are humble enough to realise there is something for you to learn. We should remember to apologise to others, accept advice and receive compliments graciously in life. True humility is not looking down on yourself but looking up to God.

"Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart."

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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	Emily	Lucie	Arthur – fantastic engagement and participation in Chinese New Year activities this week.
Year 1	Annabelle	Christian	Georgia – Amazing effort in artwork.
Year 2	Amandine	Amy	Tyler – for working so hard this week for Miss Taylor – especially in maths!
Year 3	Violet	Leo	Eva – fabulous setting narrative and attitude towards learning.
Year 4	Matthew	Amelia	Roisin – careful work and efficient editing skills.
Year 5	Amelia	Martha	Bobby – amazing effort ensuring the writing was his best work.
Year 6	Joel	Lottie	Ethan M – super dual narrative in creative writing.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Time is going quick as we have completed four weeks of this term already and tomorrow is the start of February with the nights getting a little lighter. Last Sunday, I was so proud of all our children who attended 11 o'clock mass. It was a pleasure to be at the enrolment mass for this year's Sacramental Programme where 29 children from school and 5 children from other schools were enrolled, 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. I must say an enormous thank you to Father David, Mrs Makin and Mrs Whitworth our parent helper and Miss Hyland who were all their to support the children. A special mention must also go to the volunteers from Year 4 and 5 who were confident, eloquent readers at the mass - they all spoke so clearly. Well done.

Have a lovely weekend, with your friends and family,

God Bless.

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



Next week

Next week is Mental Health awareness week in school. <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/> This year's Children's Mental Health Week theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.' It is through knowing ourselves and speaking with others, that we can build resilience, grow and develop. The more we can understand about ourselves, the more prepared we are to express our emotions and take on life's ups and downs. Being self-aware means getting to know and understand what we are good at, what we find difficult, our likes and dislikes, what makes us feel JOY and what may cause us SADNESS. It is also about understanding what makes us unique and our fears, hopes and dreams. As we build a sense of self, we grow in our ability to connect with others, as well as develop our skills and talents. It is with this basis we can form strong and healthy relationships, from early childhood right through to adulthood and are equipped to cope with the challenges that life brings our way

Reception – Chinese New Year Celebrations

Reception have been celebrating Chinese New Year this week.

'I liked the fortune cookies. Inside there was a note. It had a special message. I'm from the year of the pig', by Beth. 'I loved the dragon – I liked moving it around. I'm from the year of the rat', by Ralph. 'I liked eating the food. We had cookies with notes in. They were called fortune cookies', by Arthur. 'I liked trying the food. The prawn crackers were my favourite. It's the year of the snake', by Caden.



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
11	21	25	21

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

Attendance

Reception	95.4%	Year 4	97.4%
Year 1	97.1%	Year 5	95.2%
Year 2	98%	Year 6	94.1%
Year 3	97%		

WELL DONE YEAR 2 – EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Birthday Wishes

Many happy return this week to:



Movie night

Thank you to the Year 5 team from the PTA who organised and manned movie night last Friday night. The children had a great time watching Wild Robot.



St Vincent's Pre-school Holiday Club

St Vincent's Pre-school are starting up a holiday club which will be running during the spring half term in February. Please could you let them know as soon as possible if your child is going to be attending.

admin@stvincentspreschool.co.uk or 01565 651948.

Starting Pre-school

If any parents have younger children who are due to start Pre-school before September 2025, please ensure that their child's name is on their waiting list. Please contact 01565 651948 or email

admin@stvincentspreschool.co.uk

The Week Ahead – Children’s Mental Health Week	Start Time	End Time
Monday 3rd February		
Y2 Forest Schools (Bring Forest schools clothes in a bag – no shorts)	PM	
Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music – 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 4th February		
Music Ninjas – Piano lessons		PM
OLHOC Academy Trust Informal meeting for all parents/carers about academy conversion – school hall	18:00	19:00
Wednesday 5th February		
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 6th February		
Rock Steady Music		
Y5/Y6 After School Sports Club – sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:30
Y1/Y2 Little Champions event – Knutsford Academy	16:00	17:00
Friday 7th February		
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 Disco Night – Rec and KS1, School Hall – tickets via ParentPay	16:45	17:45
PTA Disco Night – KS2, School Hall – tickets via ParentPay	17:50	19:00

* 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.

INTRODUCTION TO THE HOLY YEAR: A special day will be held at St Joseph's, Stockport on Saturday, 1 February to introduce the Jubilee Year 2025. The day will begin with Mass at 10am and will include presentations by our catechetical, Marriage and Family Life, Cafod and Caritas Teams. All are welcome.