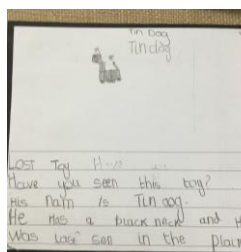
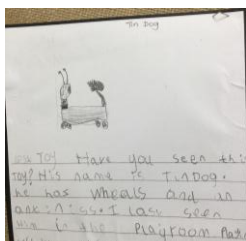


Focus on ... Year 1

Wow, what a busy and exciting time we have had in Year 1! In RE, we have been learning all about the wonderful world that God created. The children have been thinking about how we can take care of our planet and have come up with some fantastic ideas on how we can all play our part in looking after it.

In English, we have been exploring the story *Old Bear*. Earlier this week, we had a very special surprise: a letter from Tin Dog, who is now stuck in an attic! The children have been designing 'Lost Toy' posters to help find him. Keep your eyes peeled in case you spot him!

On Monday, we had a fantastic time at Forest School. As part of our Geography topic on maps, we used our outdoor time to create a giant 'messy map' of the whole school grounds. It was muddy, creative, and lots of fun! In Science, we have started learning about the season of Autumn. We have been observing the changes in nature and talking about what happens as the weather turns cooler. We cannot wait to share more of our adventures with you soon!



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Believe, Trust and Be Ready
"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Time to reflect

This week, we've been reflecting on a powerful message from Luke's Gospel—Luke 17:11–19—which reminds us of the importance of saying thank you. Gratitude is something we teach our children from the very beginning: to recognise kindness and respond with appreciation. Saying "thank you" isn't just good manners—it's a way of showing that we value the gifts we've been given. And when we think about it, we are surrounded by so many of God's gifts every day: the warmth of sunshine, good health, loving families, tasty meals, fragrant flowers, clean water, a beautiful seashell, a smile from a friend, and the cheerful songs of birds.

Let's take a moment this week to pause and say thank you—to God, to one another, and to those who show us kindness. Gratitude opens our hearts and helps us see the beauty in everyday blessings.



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 & Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Matilda	Leo	Albie – for fantastic Autumn artwork
Year 1	Leon	Caden	Sophie – for working hard to improve her writing
Year 2	Christian	Henry	Jessica – for trying really hard in all her work and super handwriting improvement
Year 3	Oscar	Amy	Jack – for always challenging himself across the curriculum
Year 4	Stanley	Isla	George – super handwriting improvements
Year 5	George	Narin	Noah – excellent space-themed writing
Year 6	Grace F	Molly	Darcy – for always trying his hardest in lessons

Dear Parents and Carers,
What a busy and brilliant week it's been! We've celebrated lots of achievements, with many Headteacher Awards handed out to children who have gone above and beyond—well done to all of them!

On Thursday, I had the pleasure of welcoming prospective parents to our school alongside Mrs Dowler and our fantastic Year 5 and 6 school councillors. It was a joy to show off our amazing school, filled with enthusiastic children and dedicated staff who make it such a special place to learn and grow.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It's lovely to share these moments with you.
Have a lovely weekend.

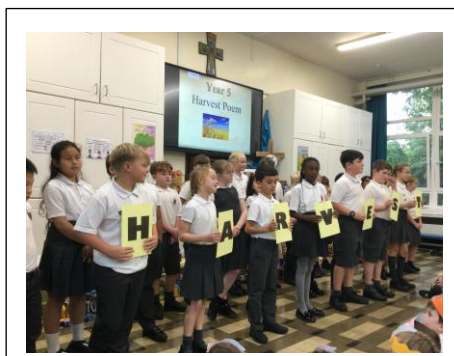
God bless,
Miss Groarke and all the staff at St. Vincent's

Harvest Festival

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our families for the incredibly generous gifts you sent in for our Harvest Festival. Your donations will be delivered to Hope Central Food Bank, where they'll go directly to supporting local households in need. It's a wonderful way for our school community to show kindness and care to others.

This afternoon, we celebrated our Harvest Festival in school. It was a joyful celebration, filled with music, poems, smiles, and togetherness. It was so special to gather as a whole school and enjoy the children's performances—each one was full of heart and enthusiasm!

Thank you also for your lovely messages and kind words. We're so glad you enjoyed the event as much as we did. Your support means the world to us.



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
16	23	17	21

Well done to this week's winning house – **St Andrew!**

Attendance

Reception	96 %	Year 4	97.1 %
Year 1	97.5 %	Year 5	97.3 %
Year 2	95.3 %	Year 6	94.3 %
Year 3	96.2 %		

WELL DONE YEAR 1 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Parents' Evening – Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October

An email was sent out last week with instructions on how to access the School Spider Parents' Evening portal. Please email Mrs Lees in the school office if you have not yet made an appointment.

Changes to Menu

Please note the following changes to our menu next week:

Wednesday 22 nd Oct	Thursday 23 rd Oct	Friday 24 th Oct
Roast Chicken	Classic Beef Burger	Fish and Chips
Roast Quorn Fillet	Quorn Burger	Veggie Fingers
Ham or Cheese Sandwiches	Cheese Panini	Tuna and Cheese Panini

All other days are unchanged.

Bonfire Night Menu – 5th November

On 5th November, we will be having a special menu – please see menu attached.

Y5 & Y6 Swimming

Swimming lessons for Year 5 and Year 6 will start on the afternoon of Friday 7th November and run every week up until 12th December. The swimming fees for the Autumn term are £17.90 per pupil. This consists of 6 swimming sessions, coach hire, hire of the swimming pool and the swimming tutor. Please ensure you log into ParentPay to give your consent and payment as soon as possible and before 3rd November. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO
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Olivia
Bess

LOOK WHO
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Isabella

LOOK WHO
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Evie

LOOK WHO
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Beatrice

Applications for Secondary School Places – Year 6

31st October 2025 is the deadline for applications for secondary school places for September 2026. Please ensure you register your preferred schools by this date via the Cheshire East website – <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/start-school-september.aspx>

Safeguarding

We have a dedicated Safeguarding and E- Safety page on our website in the Virtual Office.

<http://stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/page/safeguarding-and-e-safety/29365> This provides you with information to support keeping safe, including keeping safe online, together with key contacts. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss Groarke, and Mrs Davies and Mrs Dowler are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Online safety

As a school, online safety is always a top priority. We understand that, in this constantly changing world of technology, it can be challenging to keep up with the latest ways to keep our children safe online. That's why, on **Tuesday, 11th November at 5:30 pm**, we are holding our biannual Online Safety Evening for all parents and carers lead by Cheshire East Police.

Feedback from previous sessions has been extremely positive, with parents finding the information shared both eye-opening and invaluable. We expect at least one parent from each family to attend this session, as outlined in our Online Safety and Acceptable Use Agreement for Parents, Carers, and Pupils. We will also be offering childcare during this time. Please confirm that you will be attending via Parent Pay to help us ensure we have enough space and resources for everyone.

IS YOUR CHILD SAFE ON SOCIAL MEDIA?
DO YOU KNOW THE RISKS?

Do you know what your child is watching, what your child is doing online, who they are following, who they are talking to, who is influencing them, what they are sharing on Social Media?

A Hard-Hitting Parent Session, 'that pulls no punches' you can't afford to miss with Cheshire Police Detective Andrew Kevan from the Cyber Crime Team

The Reality Behind the Screen

Join us for a powerful, no-holds-barred session that looks at the **real online world your children are navigating** — often without your knowledge.

- The National Picture** – What's really happening online across the UK
- Legislation** – What laws protect children and where gaps exist
- Sextortion & Cyber Flashing** – What every parent needs to know
- AI & Online Harm** – How regenerative AI has changed everything in the last 24 months
- Q&A session included** – Ask what you need to know.

This session is designed to:

- ✓ Equip you with facts
- ✓ Challenge assumptions
- ✓ Help you make informed choices for your family

PLEASE NOTE This is a frank and essential discussion for parents, carers, adults — not suitable for children.

Tuesday 11th November
5:30 – 6:30pm

One adult from each family should attend. Confirm attendance on Parent Pay.

Cheshire Constabulary
CEOP Education Ambassador



♻️ Roberts Recycling ♻️

Roberts will be collecting the bags on Monday 20th October from school, so if you have any unwanted items, If you haven't already dropped them off, the PTA will be opening up school on Sunday 19th October between 10am and 11.30am if you wish to drop off any bags then. Thank you for your support - this is an easy and environmentally friendly way for the PTA to raise funds - so get decluttering everyone!!

Save the Date:

Cake sale after school on **Friday 24th October** (led by Year 4)

Christmas Fair Please SAVE THE DATE of **Friday 5th December** for the fair - more details to follow nearer the time.

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 20th October		
YR Forest School		PM
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30
Tuesday 21st October		
Play in a Day - Black History Month assembly	PM	
Y4 Clarinet Lesson	PM	
Parents' Evening	EVE	
Wednesday 22nd October		
ARTIS performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30
Thursday 23rd October		
Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
Parents' Evening	EVE	
Y3/Y4 Hockey Taster	16:00	17:00
Friday 24th October		
Y3/Y4 Swimming – sign up via ParentPay. Don't forget swimming kits!	PM	
Y4/Y5/Y6 Netball with Mrs Davies, Mrs O'Keefe and Mrs Clarke - email School office if your child wishes to join (Boys and Girls)	15:30	16:15
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30
PTA – Cake Sale after school (Playground)	PM	
Break up – Half term		
Monday 3rd November		
INSET DAY – No children in school		
Tuesday 4th November		
Bikeability – Year 6 and Year 4		

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

Open Afternoon

We will be holding another open afternoon on **Thursday 13th November** for parents of children who are looking to change school or are due to start in Reception in 2026. Please pass on this information to neighbours and friends in Knutsford. To book a slot please email admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk

Preschool Open Afternoon

Looking for the perfect early years setting for your little one? Join us for our **Open Afternoon on Thursday, 21st November, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm**. Explore our welcoming environment, meet our caring staff and discover our play-based learning approach.

Here are a few recent comments from parents:

Thank you so much for the love, care and support you've given our son this year. It's been such a joy to watch him grow, learn and thrive and that's all thanks to the wonderful environment you've created.

The decision to move our son to St Vincent's Pre-school to support his transition to school was absolutely the right one. With plenty of opportunities to meet his new teacher, try school lunches and take part in other exciting activities, he started 'big school' completely unfazed.

If you are planning on coming along, please contact us either by telephone 01565 651948 or by email cath@stvincentspreschool.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.

NOVEMBER SOULS: November is the month where traditionally we pray for Holy Souls, especially our loved ones. If you would like the names of relatives/friends included on our November List, please hand in with your donation. Masses will be celebrated throughout November.

SPUC On Sunday 2 November SPUC are hosting a screening of the DVD "Unplanned" in the Parish Hall, starting at 6pm and followed by Q & A and tea and biscuits. All welcome. Unplanned is an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry through the eyes of Abby Johnson, a former director of Planned Parenthood who became the most pro-life advocate in America. This is for 15-year-olds and older.