

Focus on ... Year 6

What a busy week Year 6 have had to begin our second half term! On Tuesday and Wednesday, we all brought our bikes into school for two days of Bikeability training, which involved heading out onto the roads of Knutsford to learn how to cycle safely in order to protect ourselves and those around us. Our instructors said we were an amazing group! We have also used our English lessons to begin a unit of work linked to Remembrance for November. We have impressed Mrs Bullen with our writing linked to the short animation *Beyond The Lines* and we are excited to do lots of poetry work on this topic next week, as poet Paul Delaney will be visiting us for a day of writing workshops. We have also begun to learn about the important role of many women in the Old Testament in our new RE unit *Prophecy and Promise*, as well as getting started on our new History unit linked to wars/battles that have been significant turning points throughout British history. Mrs Bullen was very impressed by what we already knew, so now we're excited for our Battle of Hastings full-day workshop in less than 2 weeks! Phew – what a busy start, especially now that we all know our parts for the Christmas play and are already busily making preparations for that!



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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 focus is
Compassion.



The Gospel this Sunday is John 2:13-22, it reminds us of the need to recognise that people, not buildings, not places, are what's important. This weekend is Remembrance Sunday, a time when we remember all those men and women who put other people before themselves.



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: Compassion	Conduct & Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Frances	James	Noah – for great sounds and blending this week.
Year 1	Walter	Sofia	Ethan – for working hard to improve his handwriting.
Year 2	Theo	Thomas	Isaac – for a wonderful, insightful response in RE.
Year 3	Gracie	Lillie	Florence O – for wowing us with how well she has learnt her lines for our class assembly, showing dedication.
Year 4	Lola	Pippa	Ian – working with prepositions.
Year 5	Sebby	Robyn	Huey – amazing independent research on the Rosary.
Year 6	Edward W	Max	Bobby – for putting his hand up more and trying hard in all lessons.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful half term. This week began with a reflective assembly on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, reminding us of the lives of ordinary people who showed extraordinary faith, and giving us space to remember loved ones who have passed.

We also had a fantastic turnout for Bikeability on Tuesday and Wednesday, with 58 children taking part. Thank you for your support in getting bikes to and from school — and please do ensure your child wears a helmet for their safety.

We were delighted to welcome Mr Mountcastle and Mrs Millward from Our Lady Help of Christians Academy Trust for a visit to our school. They thoroughly enjoyed touring the classrooms, meeting our wonderful children and dedicated staff. Our pupils made a fantastic impression with their exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm for learning— a true credit to our school community.

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

Odd Socks Day – 10th November

In November every year, Anti-Bullying Week takes place. In 2025, this week will kick off on Monday 10th of November. To mark Anti-Bullying Week, a super special day called 'Odd Socks Day' takes place. Odd Socks Day is all about embracing and celebrating people's differences. The children are being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. The rest of their school uniform should remain the same. Socks can be as colourful and as whacky as you like!

Netball

On Thursday, our netball team faced off against Bexton — and delivered an incredible performance with a 10–1 win! A huge well done to all the players for their teamwork, skill, and determination. You've made us proud!



On Thursday our netball team played against Bexton. It was a tough match but we still came away with a score of 10–1 to us. They are a challenging team and will be when we play them again. Definitely the team to beat this year! Chloe + Martha

School Disco – Friday 14th November

We're thrilled to announce the return of our two favourite resident DJs — Hughes & Hales — who will be hosting our school disco in the hall on Friday 14th November.

Updated Disco Times:

KS1: 17:00 – 18:00

KS2: 18:15 – 19:30

Tickets are £6 and include juice, crisps, and a biscuit. Available now via ParentPay.

🚩 Please note: these times differ slightly from those shared in the original WhatsApp communication.

Headlice

We've had a few reported cases of head lice (nits) in school. While this is common in school settings, we kindly ask all parents and carers to check their child's hair regularly and treat promptly if needed.

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
20	26	15	16

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

Attendance

Reception	91%	Year 4	96.7%
Year 1	93.3%	Year 5	99.1%
Year 2	96.7%	Year 6	98.8%
Year 3	100%		

WELL DONE YEAR 3 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole School Attendance for this week – 96.8%

Reading for Pleasure

We cannot stress enough how important the sharing of reading is, no matter whether your child is in Reception or Year 6; the benefits for both of you are immeasurable.

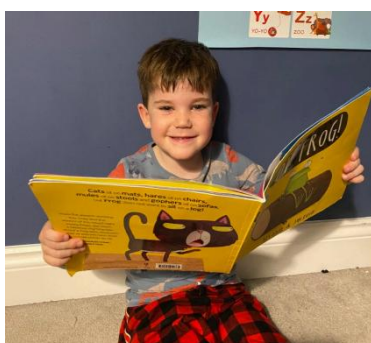
This year, we are once again asking for book recommendations from everyone. What books are you reading at home with your child? Please email in suggestions for books you have enjoyed reading together and a photograph of you reading as a family to admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk Every recommendation with a photograph will get a Head Teacher Award and some pictures will appear in the newsletter.



Over the holidays, Miss Quinn was busy enjoying lots of books with her family. Her niece and nephew absolutely loved reading **Hippobottymus** with her and they laughed lots at it!



Freddie enjoyed reading with his mummy and daddy and his brother. One of his favourite books is **Aliens**.



Brenen's favourite book to read is **Oi Frog!**

Children in Need 2025 – Friday 14th November



We're excited to support Children in Need 2025! Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes, or wear something yellow or spotty to help raise awareness and show their support. **Donations can be made via ParentPay**, and all contributions will go towards helping children and young people across the UK.

Christmas light switch-on

The children from school will be singing at the Christmas light switch on Saturday 15th November at 5pm. If you would like your child to take part in this school and community event please sign up on ParentPay – numbers will be limited.

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.



Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse. As a school we have ensured that three members of our staff have been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care. The trained adults are Designated Safeguarding Lead, Miss Groarke, and Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Davies, and ELSA, Mrs Hales. The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS
6	8	9
Beth	Isabela M	Pippa Arianh



Save the Date:

The Fashion and Fizz event will return **Thursday 27th November**, further details to follow.

Christmas Fair The School Christmas fair will take place on **Friday 5th December**. There will be a PTA meeting Thursday 13th November to discuss plans. All are welcome to attend The Angel at 19:30.

🎄 Class Christmas Hampers 🎄

As Christmas can be an extremely busy time for everyone, we have decided to organise the Christmas hampers slightly earlier this year. Please can all class reps email pictures of their completed school hampers by **Thursday 27th November**. Tickets for a chance to win one of the hampers will then be available on parent pay, and the winners will be drawn **Friday 12th December**.

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 10th November		
KS2 - Glow in the Dark Dodgeball with Coach Dave	AM	
Y6 Forest School	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3.30	4.30
Tuesday 11th November		
Love Music Trust - Y4 Clarinet Lesson	PM	
Mad Science – After school club	3.30	4.30
Wednesday 12th November		
ARTIS performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3.30	4.30
Thursday 13th November		
Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
Friday 14th November		
BBC Children in Need 2025 – Own Clothes Day	ALL	DAY
Y3 Class Assembly	9.05	
Y5/Y6 Swimming – sign up via ParentPay. Don't forget swimming kits!	PM	
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3.30	4.30
School Disco (See above for details)		
Saturday 15th November		
Knutsford Christmas Lights Switch-on (Canute Square)	5pm	

* 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 - Information

[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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RETURNS! We're delighted to announce that Children's Liturgy will be starting again this **Sunday, 9th November at the 11 am Mass**. All children are warmly invited to take part and learn about the Gospel in a way that's fun and engaging. Mums and Dads are very welcome to come along and assist with their children as we share faith together as a parish family.

ENQUIRY GROUP: Please come along each Thursday evening at 7pm in the hall where we will explore our Catholic faith.

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.

CATENIAN BURSARY: Every year the Catenians give financial support to young Catholics from all over the world who volunteer to do something wonderful and help those less fortunate than themselves. Whether this is on an individual project, with others or if you are planning to travel to Lourdes to help an assisted pilgrim – we would like to help you to achieve your aims. You can find out more at <https://catenianbursary.com/> or contact Stuart Jones of Knutsford Circle at secretary@knutsford.p17catenians.org.