

Focus on ... Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed another brilliant week of learning. We began with an exciting session of Glow in the Dark dodgeball with Coach Dave - it was brilliant! In English, we are continuing our work on *FARTHER* by Graham Baker-Smith. Pupils have identified language and structural features in the text and used these to inspire some wonderful poems using personification. We were also fortunate to have a visit from poet, Paul Delaney, where we impressed him with our poetry and performing skills! In RE, we have been learning about Samuel, Saul and David. The children explored why God chose David to be King and created expressive tableaus showing how David's brothers might have reacted to the news. We also combined our History and Maths skills by learning about the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons during the reign of Alfred the Great. Children worked together to sort statements into a Venn diagram, comparing how each group lived. In Science, we have launched our new Space topic and excitement is already building for our upcoming trip to Jodrell Bank. As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we also enjoyed spending quality time with our buddies, playing games and building positive, supportive friendships. A fantastic week, Year 5!



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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 think about the gospel value of Compassion.

In the gospel, we're reminded that true discipleship means leaning on God's presence, not for comfort, but for courage.

This trust opens our hearts to compassion—loving others with the same mercy and tenderness that God so faithfully shows us.



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	Benen	Wynter-Thea	Joshua – For an amazing attitude to all his work
Year 1	Tudor	Marcus	Florence – for settling into Year 1 so beautifully
Year 2	Hugo	Robyn	Annabelle – for amazing work on symmetry in Maths
Year 3	Peyton	AyoOluwa	Freddie – for always having a positive attitude towards his work
Year 4	Rhea	Milan	Leo – working really hard with his writing
Year 5	Carys	Stanley	Marissa – for always being an excellent friend to all
Year 6	Amelia	Mark	Jane – for lighting up our days with her great sense of fun

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a whirlwind of activity, inspiration, and community spirit as we embraced Anti-Bullying Week under the theme Power for Good. We've been fortunate to welcome a host of visitors who have enriched our learning and helped us reflect on how we can all make a positive difference.

On Tuesday, Year 6, staff, and parents had the opportunity to hear from the Cyber Security Police, who delivered a powerful session on online safety and digital footprints. They reminded us that our mobile phones are essentially mini-computers—packed with potential but not without risks. Also on Tuesday, representatives from Barclays visited KS2 to talk to pupils about the importance of being safe and savvy with money.

Wednesday brought the return of the ever-popular Paul Delaney, who had the whole school laughing and learning during a lively assembly, followed by workshops with Years 5 and 6. On Thursday, we opened our doors to prospective parents during our Open Afternoon. Our Year 5 and 6 school councillors did a fantastic job showing visitors around and sharing what makes our school so special.

Today, we were treated to a brilliant Year 3 assembly that left everyone smiling and proud. And the week isn't over yet—with the school disco tonight and our children performing at the town's Christmas light switch-on tomorrow, the energy and excitement continue!

What a fantastic week it's been—thank you to everyone who helped make it so memorable.

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

Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday, all the children and staff came to school wearing odd socks to show that we are all individual and unique. All the classes came together with their buddies to make Friendship Bracelets and play games.



Congratulations to our winners of the Anti-Bullying poster competition: Freddie (Rec), Sophia (Y3) and Grace F(Y6). Thank you to the school council who helped judge the posters and thank you to everyone who entered.

Barclays Bank

On Tuesday, we had an exciting Maths lesson in Year 3! We had a Barclays Money Skills Session. We looked at financial terminology, the value of money and how to manage and use money. We had to work as a team to solve the birthday budget challenge to work out where the missing money may have gone. We also looked at understanding the difference between wants and needs. By the end of the session we were asked what we would do with a set amount of money. AyoOuwa - "I would like to save up so when I grow up I can make my own company." Oscar - "I would save half and spend half." Gracie - "I would keep my money safe."



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	25	20	15

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

Attendance

Reception	98.3%	Year 4	98.9%
Year 1	96.9%	Year 5	95.9%
Year 2	94.4%	Year 6	98.6%
Year 3	98.9%		

WELL DONE YEAR 3 and 4 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole School Attendance for this week – 97.5%

Reading for Pleasure

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.



Albie has been enjoying *Dracula Spectacular* from Knutsford library. He has also enjoyed reading *You Choose* to Millie, his sister.



James (Rec) practising his reading – Mum said he did really well!



Maggie loves reading *The Teeny-Weeny Tadpole*!

Freddie really wanted to share more photos of his stories from bedtime.



Y3 Class Assembly



This morning, it was Year 3's class assembly. We heard all about the amazing work they have been doing in French, RE, English, Geography and Science – they have learnt so much in the last 10 weeks.

They all spoke beautifully and performed so well in front of the school and their families. Well done Year 3, you were all brilliant!

Christmas light switch-on

St Vincents will be performing on stage at 5:05pm tomorrow Saturday the 15th November. Please come and support us!

Remembrance

On Tuesday 11th November, Year 3 took part in a live lesson to explore the role of animals and the Blue Cross during World War I. We examined different sources and pieces of evidence that showed how animals were vital to the war effort. Dogs were used to carry messages, help dig telephone lines, and provide comfort to soldiers who were far from home. Pigeons flew at speeds of up to 60mph, delivering important messages across dangerous battlefields. Horses worked hard pulling carts filled with food, water, and medicine to support the troops. We also learned that purple poppies are worn to remember the animals that served and helped during the war.



This week, our school took part in a special Remembrance activities to honour those who have served and sacrificed. We observed a respectful two-minute silence and took part in thoughtful activities to reflect on the importance of remembrance. It was a meaningful opportunity for pupils to learn, remember, and show their respect.



Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO	LOOK WHO	LOOK WHO	LOOK WHO
IS	IS	IS	IS
7	8	9	11
Jessica	Leonardo	Eva	Daniel

St Vincent's Triumph at the Girls Football Tournament



We are incredibly proud to share that our Year 5/6 girls' football team delivered an outstanding performance at the recent Knutsford Schools Partnership Tournament. The team played eight matches—and won every single one without conceding a single goal! Their teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship were second to none, and they represented St Vincent's with pride and passion throughout the tournament. A huge congratulations to all the players involved—you were phenomenal! And thank you to the Coach Dave and everyone who came along to support.

Last night, Thursday, we competed in the Year 5/Year 6 yearly football tournament. It was held at Knutsford and sponsored by Knutty Movers. The teams we competed against were Egerton, Bexton, Mobberley & Peover Superior. We had so much fun and loved playing against all the other teams. We showed great sportsmanship and determination. We won all of the matches: 1-0, 2-0, 2-0, 4-0, 2-0, 1-0, 2-0, 2-0.

Coach Dave said: "I am very happy with my choices and proud of the girls."

Evie, captain of the team, was proud and lifted the cup with her team. Also, a very big well done to Robyn as the youngest, being in Year 5, but still one of the strongest. Well done to all the girls and thank you Dave for your continuing support.



Report by Evie Tagore – Captain (Y6) and Judy Whitworth – Sports Correspondent (Y6)

Poetry Buzz!



Author, teacher and musician Paul Delaney came on Wednesday and did a fun writing workshop with Year 6 and Year 5. We had to write about a person from heaven who fought in the war from his perspective. It was very enjoyable and exciting. We also had the choice to make it a poem or not. Before he came to do a workshop with us, he did an assembly about his books and his life. It was very good. By Year 6



Save the Date:

Thursday 20th November

🎄 School uniform and Christmas jumper/ t-shirt sale in the playground 8:45-9:15. Donations of Christmas tops can be dropped off with Colette Makin or with the school office.

Thursday 27th November

👗 The return of our Fashion and Fizz event at 7pm with the lovely Fiona from Redress. Tickets priced at £7.50 are available on ParentPay early next week.

Friday 28th November

Own clothes day- please bring donations of any bottle and chocolate. Bottles can be shampoo, ketchup, wine etc 🍷🍫

Keep your eyes peeled on ParentPay for the infamous Christmas hamper raffle tickets. Can all year group reps please email the office with a description of their hamper by Monday 24th November, and send in a picture of the hamper by Thursday 27th November.

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 17th November		
KS1 - Glow in the Dark Dodgeball with Coach Dave	AM	
Y5 Forest School	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3.30	4.30
Tuesday 18th November		
Y6 – Battle of Hastings Experience Day	ALL	DAY
Y5 – Jodrell Bank School Trip	ALL	DAY
Love Music Trust - Y4 Clarinet Lesson	PM	
Mad Science – After school club	3.30	4.30
Wednesday 19th November		
ARTIS performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3.30	4.30
Thursday 20th November		
Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
Friday 21st November		
Year 4 Class Assembly – parents welcome	9.05	
Y5/Y6 Swimming – sign up via ParentPay. Don't forget swimming kits!	PM	
Police Promise Assembly – parents of Mini Police welcome	2.45	
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3.30	4.30

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

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.

CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Every penny given goes directly to help those most in need within our Diocese, providing crisis food vouchers, practical support, and the reassurance of care and compassion when it matters most. You may donate online at: www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk or by using the QR Code on the Poster at the rear of Church.

CATENIANS CHRISTMAS DINNER: You are invited to join Knutsford Catenians at their Christmas Dinner on Friday 5th December at 7:00pm at Cottons Hotel. The cost is £40 per person for a three-course meal and a welcome drink. If you do want to join us, please speak to Stuart Jones or John Long or email us at events@knutsford.p17catenians.org