

Focus on ... Year 2

Year 2 have worked so hard this week! Not only have we been trying our best in the end of Autumn Term Maths and English assessments, but we have also been learning our parts and practising our Key Stage Nativity. We think you will be very proud of us!

In RE this week, we have listened to the story of Zechariah and how his faith in God changed from questioning God's power to praising and thanking God for his newborn son, John. We are looking forward to learning about John the Baptist next week.

We have also been finding out how Christians prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas and have worked together to create and explain the meaning of our own Advent Wreaths. Then in forest school we worked with Year 1 to make and explain our own natural advent wreaths (it was very messy!). We have also made our own Advent Promises and will be trying really hard to keep them over the coming weeks!

In Science, we have continued our topic on Materials. This week we explored magnets and hunted round school to find objects that were magnetic. We discovered that not all metals are magnetic!

What a week! We are definitely ready for the weekend!



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

Time to reflect

As we prepare for Christmas, our lives are filled with hustle and bustle. In school, we tell our children that Advent is a time for preparing on the inside, in our hearts, as well as on the outside. Amongst all our decorations, do we find a place for a nativity scene and do we think of what we can do for others just as much as we think about ourselves?

This Advent, there have been so many occasions of children engaging in tasks that put others first. Here is a little prayer to guide us through the next two weeks.



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: Justice	Conduct & Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Henry	Matilda	Shreya – for always being such a lovely kind friend
Year 1	Beth	Eliza	Walter – beautiful singing during our Nativity practice
Year 2	Hinav	Aiden	Robyn – for a super attitude to her writing and great effort with assessments this week
Year 3	Dora	Max	Florence H – for consistently living out our Gospel values and being a good role model for others
Year 4	Isla	Evie	Alfie – excellent writing in English
Year 5	Jaxon	Zara	Thomas – for always being helpful and proactive in class – a great role model
Year 6	Alice	Freddie	Grace C – for showing amazing positivity and resilience

Dear Parents and Carers,

The excitement is certainly building here in school, with decorations brightening our classrooms and the sound of singing filling the corridors. It is a joy to see the festive spirit taking hold. I continue to be amazed by the dedication of our children and staff. Their hard work shines not only in lessons but also in the many extra events that take place at this time of year — after school and even at weekends. Their commitment and enthusiasm make this season truly special.

Thank you, as always, for your support. Together, we make this a wonderful place for our children to learn and grow.

Have a lovely weekend. God bless,

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

Travelling Crib

It has been lovely to see that the true meaning of Christmas has been discussed at home. Reception have been reading the Nativity story at home and our KS2 children have written an 'Advent Prayer' focusing on love and kindness for us all. The prayers have been read out in class and placed on our prayer table in the classrooms. We have had a lot of amazing pictures - here are just a few:



Knutsford Crib Service – Saturday 6th December

Can the children singing at the Knutsford Crib Service please meet tomorrow (Saturday) at 3.15pm (no later as we are starting at 3.30pm) outside Lost and Found. Children can wear their own clothes but must wear the school coat they were given. Festive hats and tinsel are very welcome!

Mini Vinnies visit Sharston

Yesterday our Mini Vinnies visited Sharston House and took part in Christmas craft activities with the residents and we finished our visit by singing some Christmas carols. The conversations that took place between the children and residents, and the smiles on everyone's faces, were a joy to watch. Mini Vinnies, we are very proud of you!



Wall of Fame



Today in assembly we announced the work that had been chosen to go on the Wall of Fame - December 2025. Please come and look at their amazing work.

Reception – Joshua – CVC words for baby animals

Year 1 – Charlotte – retelling the Nativity story

Year 2 – Patrick – a diary account of the Annunciation

Year 3 – Sophia – a diary account of the Annunciation from the perspective of Mary

Year 4 – Alfie – Orca welcomed in!

Year 5 – Matthew – Servant Leadership

Year 6 – Yasmin – Flashback Narrative

Jubilee celebration assembly

This morning, our Prayer Leaders led a joyful assembly about the Jubilee year which will be ending on Epiphany – 6th January 2026. We looked back on a Year that had been full of faith, learning and transformative action. We remembered the many things we had achieved, such as making CAFOD paper biscuits, joining CAFOD workshops, doing the 'Big Lent Walk', supporting food banks, visiting the elderly, recycling, caring for the environment, helping at Parish Masses and much more. We also shared the Jubilee message at the Knutsford Christmas lights switch-on. As we draw near to the close of our Jubilee Year, we remember Pope Francis' request that we live as Pilgrims of Hope. This call has now been taken forward by Pope Leo, reminding us that we are all pilgrims together on a journey of faith. We continue to walk with hope, believing that through our actions we can change the world for the better. By caring for one another, supporting those in need, and working for peace and justice, we show that hope is alive in our community and that together we can build a brighter future for everyone. Attached to this newsletter is our Jubilee pledge that was written in July.



Advent Mass – Tuesday 9th December

Please join us for the Advent Mass which will take place in school at 9:15am on Tuesday 9th December. This is a wonderful opportunity to join us as we begin that special journey to Christmas Day.

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	19	25	16

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

Attendance

Reception	95.3%	Year 4	96.7%
Year 1	98.7%	Year 5	93.3%
Year 2	97%	Year 6	95.2%
Year 3	89.3%		

WELL DONE YEAR 1 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole School Attendance for this week – 95%

30 years of Pre-school

In celebration of thirty wonderful years of our Pre-school we warmly invite parishioners, past staff, parents and pupils who have moved on from St Vincent's Primary School to join us to celebrate three decades of nurturing young minds and building a loving community on **Friday 23rd January 2026** from **6.30pm till 8.30pm**. It has been thirty years of laughter, learning and little footsteps and we would be delighted to see you there!

If anyone has any photographs or videos from the time their child/ren were in the Setting and are willing for them to be included in a slide show or displayed, we would be very grateful for a copy.

Please contact Cath Davies 01565651948 or cath@stvincentspreschool.co.uk if you are going to attend or for further information.

Tickets for the Christmas Performances

If you haven't done so already, don't forget to reserve your audience ticket/s for the children's Christmas performances via ParentPay ASAP. Should you want more tickets - initially, try to 'trade' with other Parents. The tickets will still need to be paid for on ParentPay by the original family and then please email Mrs Lees to let her know who you have given the ticket to so that the lists can be updated.

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day – 10th December

On Wednesday 10th December, the school will be holding its annual Christmas Dinner. Please email the school office if your child does not normally have a school dinner but would like to have a Christmas dinner. Please see menu attached. To mark the occasion, pupils are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper for the day. Please note that all other parts of the school uniform must be worn as usual.

Christmas Hampers & 2 BIG raffle prizes: Just a reminder that the tickets for both the hampers and the 2 BIG raffle prizes (a family photo shoot and a 10 Classes @ Unled Fitness, Booths Hall) are all on ParentPay. Buy as many tickets as you like to increase your chances of winning some fantastic prizes.



PE kit reminder

Parents are asked to ensure that children have trainers in their PE bags. A number of pupils have recently come to school without them, and with the weather being unpredictable, suitable footwear is important for outdoor activities.

Catenians' Children's Party – Sunday 18th January

The Catenians would once again like to invite the children of St. Vincent's school and parish to this year's children's party in the New Year. This year we are having a Neon Glow Party. It will be another fun packed afternoon of music, dance and games. This year the party will take place on Sunday 18th January, 2pm to 4pm, at Charlton Lodge on the Moor. The event, as always, is free for St. Vincent's children but there are limited places available so booking is essential at events@knutsford.catenians.org It is open to all year 1 to year 6 pupils. Please see attached flyer.

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

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The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 8th December		
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Tuesday 9th December		
Advent Mass – all welcome	9:15am	10am
KS2 Nativity	2:15pm	
Mad Science – After school club	3:30	4.30
KS2 Nativity	6pm	
Wednesday 10th December		
ARTIS performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Dinner Day	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Thursday 11th December		
Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
Christmas Choir	3:30pm	4:15pm
Reception and KS1 Christmas Craft Club	3:30pm	4:15pm
Y5/Y6 Sports Hall Athletics – Knutsford Academy	2:45pm	5pm
Friday 12th December		
Y5/Y6 Swimming – Don't forget swimming kits!	PM	
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Police Promise Assembly – parents of Mini Police welcome (Provisional)	2:30pm	

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

Children due to start Reception in September 2026

The closing date to make an application for a child to start primary school in September 2026 is Thursday 15th January 2025 – this is for children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022. Late applications may be disadvantaged. Parents who are unable to apply online can apply by telephone on 0300 123 5012. <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/start-school-september.aspx>

School Uniform Reminder

Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform: dark green sweatshirt/cardigan with logo, white polo shirt, grey skirt/pinafore/trousers, grey socks (green/white also allowed) or tights in winter, and black leather shoes (no trainers). To keep our pupils looking smart, nail varnish and hair colours are not permitted. Thank you for helping us uphold high standards.



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.

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.

THE LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCH will be held on Tuesday 9th Dec at 1pm in the church hall. Booking forms will be available during November on Sunday mornings after Mass from Sheila Flynn at 9am and Andrea Ross at 11am. Please return by Sunday 30th November at the latest.