

Focus on ... Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been incredibly busy. The pupils have impressed the adults so much with their learning around fractions, proving they can solve tricky problems using their knowledge and a growth mindset! In English, we have enjoyed reading extracts from *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, learning lots of new vocabulary along the way! In RE, we have been inspired by the life of St Josephine Bakhita, the first person to have been canonized from Sudan. In Computing, we have been using crumble microcontrollers to program different devices - great fun when it works! We had a wonderful afternoon in Forest School, looking at geographical map skills and using nature to create our own arial map of our school! We also had a visit from Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service where they talked about the importance of safety around fires. Half of us got to go into a tent to see the effect of smoke on our vision. Unfortunately, the second half of the class did not get a chance as the fire team were called out on a job – but they will be back. Wow, a great 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

Last Sunday, the gospel focus was 'The Baptism of the Lord' and John the Baptist Matthew 3:13-17. When we are baptised we join God's family. We are all God's children and God loves us very much. In School, we teach our children to show that same love and kindness to each other.



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: Dignity	Conduct & Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Leo	Joshua	Henry – for fantastic number work this week
Year 1	Heidi	Seb	Heath – Super effort in his reading and writing this week
Year 2	Amelia	Theo	For working hard in designing his own creature
Year 3	Jude	Henry	Narla-Rae – for being a good friend to others and showing kindness and respect to others
Year 4	Archie	Harrison	Lola – working hard in Art, shading her work skilfully
Year 5	Stanley	Oliver TP	Amelia -for her fantastic contribution in Maths lessons
Year 6	Amelia	Grace F	Daniel – a fantastic effort with his creepy forest setting

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very busy and exciting week in school. We started with a Mini Police assembly, which really set a positive tone for the days ahead. Throughout the week, children have taken part in a wide range of activities including clarinet lessons, Forest School, baking, and the launch of several new topics across different classrooms. It's certainly been a lively second week back in the new year.

In Monday's assembly, we explored the theme of service. We talked about how the Mini Police will be supporting both our school and the wider community, and how each of us can play our part—whether at school, at home, or in the community. The children engaged brilliantly and showed a real understanding of what it means to help others.

Have a lovely weekend and God bless,

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

Sacramental Programme - First Meeting – Year 3

The first of our Parish meetings for parents and carers of children taking part in the Sacramental programme this year will take place on Wednesday 21st January at 7pm in the Parish Rooms at St. Vincent's Church. All Parents need to attend this meeting with Father David and enrol on the programme if they want their child to make their First Holy Communion in June.

Enrolment Mass

The Enrolment mass for the children on the Sacramental programme is on Sunday 25th January at 11am Mass at St. Vincent's Church. Everyone is welcome.

Mini Police



We met Sergeant Dan and PCSO Carlos to have a talk about our roles and responsibilities as Mini Police and their experience as police officers to prepare us for the graduation assembly in which we would become Mini Police. As I walked into the hall, I began to feel the pressure and excitement of becoming an officer! Then they gave us our promises and did a hat toss, which was one of the most exciting moments I've had in my journey through St. Vincent's! - Sebby (Y5)

When we entered the assembly, I felt really excited but at the same time I felt really scared because your whole community is relying on you to do the best you can. Sergeant Dan did a little speech to the whole school and our parents. After that Carlos gave us a piece of paper that we all had to read: a promise to say we'd be the best we can be. We then did a hat toss and took photos. - Carys (Y5)

Years 2 & 3 – Cards, Connect 4 and Board Game Club

Miss Groarke will be running a Cards, Connect 4 and Board Game after-school club on Mondays for three weeks, starting 26th January, from 3:25pm to 4:15pm. This club offers children a great opportunity to build their thinking skills, practise turn-taking and teamwork, and enjoy a calm, friendly space to make new friends. The games support problem-solving, communication and resilience — all while having plenty of fun.

Places are limited to 20. Please sign up via ParentPay.

Payments for 2026 Residential visits

Thank you for all payments made towards the residential so far. We still have a number of permissions and payments outstanding. Please ensure you log onto ParentPay ASAP and sign your child up.

Please note if you need some financial help, please contact Miss Groarke to make an appointment to discuss this.

Y5/Y6 ROBINWOOD: 25th to 27th February 2026 – less than 6 weeks away!

Please ensure full payment is received via ParentPay by Friday 13th February 2026.

Y4 PETTY POOL: 27th to 29th April 2026

Y3 FOX HOWL: 7th to 8th May 2025

Please ensure that all payments and permissions are made via ParentPay.

Year 3 and 4 Swimming

Swimming lessons for Year 3 and Year 4 began on Friday 16th January 2026 and will run for 5 weeks (not including the INSET day on 13th February and half-term). The total contribution for the block of lessons is £14.70; payment can be made via ParentPay. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit every Friday.

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	18	19	20

Well done to this week's winning houses – St David and St Patrick!

Attendance

Reception	98.9%	Year 4	99.7%
Year 1	97%	Year 5	98.9%
Year 2	100%	Year 6	96.8%
Year 3	98.6%		

WELL DONE YEAR 2 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole School Attendance for this week – 98.5%

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO	LOOK WHO
IS	IS
9	11
Violet Charlie	Evie William

FREE event - Neon Glow Party



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 (1st Knutsford Scout Hut).

The event, as always, is **free** for St. Vincent's children but there are limited places available so booking is essential at **events@knutsford.p17catenians.org**

Pre- School Celebration

In celebration of thirty wonderful years of our Pre-school, they warmly invite parishioners, past staff, parents, and pupils who have moved on from St Vincent's Primary School to join them for a special evening marking three decades of nurturing young minds and building a loving community. The celebration will take place on **Friday 23rd January 2026 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm**, and they would be delighted to see you there as they reflect on thirty years of laughter, learning, and little footsteps. If you have any photographs or videos from your child's time in the Setting and are happy for them to be included in a slideshow or display, they would be very grateful to receive a copy.

Please contact Cath Davies (01565 651948 / cath@stvincentspreschool.co.uk) if you plan to attend or would like further information. Children from the primary school will be visiting during lesson time in the week leading up to the event, so we kindly ask that they are not brought along on Friday evening.

Dangerous junction Higher Downs and Manor Park South

Our first week back after Christmas was eventful again due to the snow on Monday and Tuesday. Manor Park South and Higher Downs are still not on Cheshire East gritting plan. Every year I request being put on the gritting route but we are still not on it! Please could I ask all parents and carers to go online and ask for Manor Park South and Higher Downs to be gritted. This junction and the hill are very dangerous, and many cars skidded and got stuck again last week. The more people who request for it to be gritted the better chance we will have of getting it on the gritting plan. [Gritting and snow clearance \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](http://Gritting and snow clearance (cheshireeast.gov.uk)), select report an issue on TrACE online and then add details. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Change of menu – Thursday 22nd January

Due to a very late delivery from our suppliers, we were unfortunately unable to serve the children Chicken Goujons yesterday for our School Census lunch. Mrs Freeman kindly stepped in and prepared a delicious alternative selection of food for the day.

Chicken Goujons will now be served next Thursday, replacing the planned Chinese Sticky Chicken. All other menu options will remain unchanged.

School safe haven cameras

This is a reminder that the cameras are back in operation during school term-time so please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside school or you may be liable to receive a fixed penalty notice. The traffic warden also issued tickets yesterday to people parked illegally.

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 19th January 2026		
Y4 Forest School	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Tuesday 20th January		
Year 4 Clarinet Lesson - Love Music Trust		
Wednesday 21st January		
ARTIS performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Sacramental Meeting for Parents – St Vincent's Church Hall	7pm	
Thursday 22nd January		
Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
Y2/3/4/5/6 – DT and Science Club	3:25pm	4:15pm
Friday 23rd January		
Year 3 and 4 Swimming (Remember swimming kit)		PM
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Sunday 25th January		
Enrolment Mass – Everyone welcome	11am	

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