

Focus on ... Year 4

Year 4 have had another great week and have been busy working hard - we can't believe we are halfway through our half-term already! In English, we have been continuing exploring the story *Arthur and the Golden Rope* and have loved learning about the Viking gods and mythical creatures as preparation for writing our mythical adventure stories about an unexpected hero. The children have planned their writing and are looking forward to completing their stories full of perilous journeys and defeating monstrous beasts. In Science, we had fun experimenting with sound and using the sound meter on the iPads to measure volume. We discovered that the volume of sound decreases the further you move away from it and even used line graphs to present our data. Last Friday we had great fun creating delicious biscuits in DT! We researched and explored different recipes for biscuits and have proven ourselves to be great bakers. In RE this week, we discussed and considered how Jesus chose Peter to be the leader of his church. We discussed what Jesus meant when he said that Peter was the rock on whom he would build his church and how this would have made Peter feel. We have definitely had a productive week filled with learning.



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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 this week is **Humility**.

To have humility is to recognise that everyone has different strengths, and that these are gifts from God. Humility is the first step towards learning, you can't learn until you are humble enough to realise there is something for you to learn. We should remember to apologise to others, accept advice and receive compliments graciously in life. True humility is not looking down on yourself but looking up to God.

"Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart."

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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	Noah	Shreya	Leonel – for completing all his rainbow challenges independently
Year 1	Ralph	Florence	Beth – for her amazing attitude to learning
Year 2	Henry C	Henry S	Thomas – for super attitude and effort in his work
Year 3	Lyra	Florence H	Jude – for trying really hard in Maths lessons and having a positive attitude towards Maths
Year 4	Eva	Evelyn	Elsie – for trying really hard with her reading and spellings
Year 5	Marissa	Ella	Robyn – for her amazing effort and positive attitude to reading
Year 6	Noah	Ethan	Hattie – for giving 100% effort in all she does

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderfully busy and rewarding week in school. On Monday, I had the pleasure of teaching our Reception class for the entire day. Our youngest children were an absolute delight—so well behaved, enthusiastic, and making fantastic progress. We enjoyed Phonics, Maths, painting to music, and plenty of singing. It was a truly joyful start to the week. Later in the week, on Thursday and Friday, I spent time teaching Year 3. Once again, I was incredibly impressed. The children worked with great focus and determination, and it was inspiring to see the progress they are making. I felt very proud to be their headteacher.

It's hard to believe that we have already completed three weeks of this term; time is certainly moving quickly. Yesterday evening, it was lovely to attend the first meeting for this year's Sacramental Programme. Moments like this really highlight the strength of the 'three pillars of support' that guide our children on their faith journey—Home, School, and Parish working together in partnership. We are blessed to have 21 children from our school taking part in the programme this year.

If you are able, please join us for the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday, when this year's group of children will be formally enrolled in the Sacramental Programme. Your presence and support would mean a great deal to them.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

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

Y5 Numbers at Work

On Tuesday, people from Manchester Airport and Tatton Park came in to show us how they use Maths in their everyday lives. They gave us a sheet to fill in on our way around. One of the activities that Tatton Park did was they showed us pictures of some of the rare breeds of animals, taught us about all of the food you eat at their massive hall being homegrown by them, and taught us about the rangers.

After all of this, we did a Maths sheet and they gave us around 7 minutes to do a couple of questions. Then we marked them and filled up 2 questions on our worksheet to carry around with us.

Another activity, but this one was by Manchester Airport, is called Power Outage, where we had some cards and had to sort them into important things and less important things with a budget of £35,000. If the list was over the budget, you would have to minimise the cards in the important pile until it was under that budget.

The 3rd and final activity by Manchester Airport, was booking your holiday, where you would pick a budget and then, depending on it, you would book a holiday with multiple choices. - Thomas (Y5)



Stay and Read – Reception only

Reception will be holding a Stay and Read session on Friday 30th January, from 9:00 to 9:30am. Families are warmly invited to join us for shared reading in the classroom.

Payments for 2026 Residential visits

Thank you for all payments made towards the residentials 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 5 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.

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
21	17	21	20

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

Attendance

Reception	94.4%	Year 4	93.3%
Year 1	99%	Year 5	93.3%
Year 2	92.2%	Year 6	90.3%
Year 3	97.9%		

WELL DONE YEAR 1 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole School Attendance for this week – 94.4%

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS
6	8	10	11
Leon	Lyra	Marissa	Daisy



PTA Movie Night

Friday 30th January, 5:00–7:00pm

Join us for a cosy evening as we screen **Elio (PG)**, a heart-warming Pixar adventure about an imaginative boy who's accidentally beamed into space and mistaken for Earth's ambassador.

Tickets are available on ParentPay for £6 per person, which includes a drink, biscuit and crisps.

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 26th January 2026		
Y4 Forest School	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Card and Board Game club – Year 2 & 3 – sign up ParentPay	3:30pm	4:15pm
Tuesday 27th January		
Year 4 Clarinet Lesson - Love Music Trust	PM	
Wednesday 28th January		
Year 5 & 6 Information session - Robinwood	9:00am	9:30am
Year 6 SATs	9:30am	10:00am
ARTIS performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Thursday 29th January		
Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
Y2/3/4/5/6 – DT and Science Club	3:25pm	4:15pm
PTA meeting – <i>The Angel</i> , Knutsford	7:30pm	
Friday 23rd January		
Stay and Read – Reception only	9am	9:15am
Year 3 and 4 Swimming (Remember swimming kit)	PM	
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
PTA Movie Night – tickets available on ParentPay	5pm	7pm

* 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.