

Focus on ... Year 2

This week has been a very exciting one for Year 2! The excitement started on Monday, when we enjoyed dressing up as Rock Stars and competed against each other in a TTRS tournament. Later that day, we had Forest School and used microscopes to look inside different flowers as part of our Science topic on 'Plants'. We also collected an assortment of natural materials from around the field to create 'spring' pictures.

In Music, we have been learning a new song called 'Helping Each Other' and on Thursday we invited Reception into our class and performed the song to them. They were very impressed with our singing and /chime bar playing!

Then, Mrs Cox bravely allowed us to experience measuring capacity and volume first hand, and nobody got wet!



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

Time to reflect



On Wednesday it was the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. This celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of His only son.

We all have a special mission – to be the very best we can be and follow Jesus' example!

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: Mercy	Conduct & Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Shreya	James	Jem – for working really hard on his handwriting
Year 1	Lara	Walter	Bess – for working hard in PE and for being a super support for her peers at the sports event last night
Year 2	Henry S	Lily	Annabelle – Annabelle has been an amazing asset to Y2 from the start!
Year 3	Henry	Isabela M	Jude – for trying super hard in his work and attitude this week
Year 4	Alfie	Izzy	Angel – trying hard in all areas of school
Year 5	Beatrice	Loughlin	Oliver T-P – excellent effort with his writing
Year 6	Edward W	Freddie	Hattie – a stunning piece of Holy Week poetry in RE.

Dear Parents and Carers,

With only four days left, we've certainly packed in plenty of excitement and learning. Monday's TT Rockstars and Numbers Day was a brilliant way to start the week — the costumes were incredible, and the children threw themselves into the fun with so much enthusiasm.

It was also wonderful to welcome so many of you to Parents' Evening. Seeing how proud you are of your children's progress and giving you the chance to look through their work, made the evenings feel really special. A huge thank you to all staff for preparing classrooms and gathering everything needed to share your children's achievements. We've had a week full of trips and experiences, and I've personally had a great time teaching both Year 3 and Year 6. Your children continue to amaze us every day with their curiosity, kindness, and hard work.

Have a lovely weekend,

God bless,

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

Maths Fun Day

On Monday 23rd March, the whole school enjoyed Maths Fun Day. Reception and Year 1 celebrated Number Day, arriving in creative number-themed outfits before joining together for practical Maths challenges and games. Years 2–6 took part in Times Tables Rock Stars Fun Day, with pupils and staff dressed as rock stars while completing a range of TTRS activities to celebrate their multiplication and division progress. It was a brilliant day of Maths fun for everyone.



Year 4 St Nick's Activity Day

Yesterday, Year 4 had a fantastic time at St Nicholas' Catholic High School for an activity day. It was a busy, fun-packed timetable that gave us a real flavour of secondary school life. The day began with an RE lesson about hope, followed by a beautiful reflective service on forgiveness. After break, we visited the Art department to create our names using pop art, characters and shape. Lunch was in the canteen before an action-packed hour of sports in the hall, led by the Year 10 leaders. Our children were wonderful and shone as ambassadors for St Vincent's. Thank you to St Nicholas for a memorable day.



Y2 – Chicks

Welcome to the world, Nigel! For the last 21 days the Y2 children have been excitedly waiting for our little chicks to hatch. And typically, 10 minutes after the children left school, Nigel emerged! Fingers crossed the next two arrive soon!



Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip



On Tuesday morning, Year 6 attended the Crucial Crew event in Macclesfield. The sessions were eye-opening and helped us think about the choices we'll face in high school, the consequences of our actions, and how to stay safe. We met with a magistrate, an alcohol rehabilitation charity, a Network Rail safety officer, a Police officer, school nurses, and housing association support workers to discuss antisocial behaviour. It was a busy morning that gave us plenty to reflect on. Thank you to the parent helpers who joined us.

Year 1 Barnaby Bear Trip

On Thursday, the Year 1 children visited Congleton Town Hall to perform a selection of songs they have been learning over the past six weeks with Love Music Trust. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience of performing alongside other schools in front of an audience and showed great enthusiasm and confidence throughout.

To make the day even more special, the children were delighted to receive a surprise visit from Barnaby Bear, who joined in for a little boogie and added to the excitement of the performance.

We are very proud of all the children for their fantastic effort and wonderful behaviour during this memorable trip.



Payments for 2026 Residential visits

Y4 PETTY POOL: 27th to 29th April 2026 - Payment should be received via Arbor by **Monday 13th April**.

Y3 FOX HOWL: 7th to 8th May 2025 - Payment should be received via Arbor by **Friday 24th April**.

Lenten Prayer

Thank you to all our families, especially grandparents, who have joined us this week for Lenten Prayer. From Monday 30th March, Holy Week, Year 3 to Year 6 will be performing key moments from Holy Week for the whole school - parents and carers of all classes are also very welcome to join us at 9:05 every day.

British Science Week

Our second week of British Science Week saw our Science Ambassadors try out some Science Busking at breaktime with both KS1 and KS2 children. In the beautiful afternoon sunshine on Wednesday, there were lots of fun activities to try out led expertly by our super scientists: string telephones, Newton colour wheel, skittle experiment, paper bird balancing, static electricity demonstration, Newton swing ball etc. Lots of fun and Science talk had by all! In addition, classes carried out investigations linked to the Curious Question theme of British Science Week. From Reception investigating whether toast always lands butter side down, to Year 4 testing their own paper boats, to Year 5 and 6 designing to best flying machine, lots of exploratory Science has taken place over the last two weeks, bringing creativity, wonder and delight to our school. Well done everyone!



Y4 Clarinet performance

What a fantastic concert Year 4 performed to the rest of the school and their parents on Tuesday afternoon. They have only been learning the clarinet since September but already they have learned to read music and mastered enough notes to produce a concert of 5 wonderful pieces, led ably by their teacher Mr Purvis of the Love Music Trust. Learning to play an instrument is an amazing opportunity which we offer to every Year 4 class and it has been lovely to see how much fun our children have had from gaining their new-found skills. They played so well together as a group and the concert was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Well done Year 4!



Knutsford Royal May Day

Knutsford Royal May Day Court still needs four Beefeaters and one footguard aged 7, 8 or 9. If your child is interested, please contact Cath Davies at Preschool for more details.

Mini Vinnie – Raffle



Mini Vinnies will be drawing the raffle next week. Below are pictures of some of the prizes that could be won. They have raised an amazing £115.42, which will go to charity as part of our focus on the Catholic Social Teaching principle of, 'The Common Good'. This means that each person and creation should have enough of what they need to grow and flourish. Our chosen charity is CAFOD.

Thank you to everyone who has donated!

DT Competition

Message from Mrs Webster - As part of our preparations for Easter, we are inviting all children to take part in a special Easter Garden Competition. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' Resurrection while being creative together at home. Just as we display a Nativity scene at Christmas, an Easter Garden helps us remember the events of the first Easter morning. It represents the empty tomb of Jesus and the hope and new life that come from the Resurrection. Children are encouraged to design and create their own Easter Garden using any materials they choose. This could include natural materials such as soil, stones, moss and plants, or recycled craft materials from home. We look forward to seeing the children's creative designs and the thoughtful ways they represent the story of Easter. Please see the attached poster for further details.

Fitness Zone

Please could we remind parents and carers **not to allow children to play on the Fitness Zone** before or after school. For safety reasons, the Fitness Zone should only be used during the school day when it is supervised.

Cafod 'The Big Lent Walk'

So far, we have raised an amazing £745 to help bring clean, safe water to communities around the world. Once you have collected your sponsorship money, please make your donation via the following link: <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-vincent-knutsford>

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO	LOOK WHO
IS	IS
6	8
Florence	Mia

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
19	21	20	22

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

Attendance

Reception	98.9%	Year 4	98.3%
Year 1	99%	Year 5	97.8%
Year 2	97.4%	Year 6	94.1%
Year 3	100%		

WELL DONE YEAR 3 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole School Attendance for this week – 97.9%

Pre-school Holiday Club

Pre-school are running their holiday club during the Easter holidays :

Week 1 - Tuesday 7th April to Thursday 9th April 9.00am - 3.15pm

Week 2 - Monday 13th April to Thursday 16th April 9.00am - 3.00pm - **PLEASE NOTE FINISHING TIME**

Please let Cath know if you want your child to attend if you haven't already done so. They will only open if there is sufficient demand.



The PTA has a few exciting events coming up to add to your diary:

Dates for Your Diary

- School Colour Run – 12th June
- Annual Summer Fair – 4th July

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.

Confirmation

Bishop Mark will celebrate Confirmation at St Vincent's Church on 17th June. The programme of preparation will begin with a meeting for parents and candidates at 7pm on Thursday 30 April and then an all-day session for candidates on Saturday, 9 May beginning at 10am in St Vincent's Parish Hall. Anyone in Year 8 or upwards (who is a baptised Catholic) is welcome to join the group.

Registration forms can be downloaded from St Vincent's website or obtained from Father David.

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 30th March		
Y3 Holy Week Performance, School Hall – All welcome	9:05am	9:20am
Y1 Forest School	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Tuesday 31st March		
Y4 Holy Week Performance, School Hall – All welcome	9:05am	9:20am
Y4 Clarinet Lesson - Love Music Trust		PM
Y3 First Forgiveness, St Vincent's Church – All welcome	7pm	
Wednesday 1st April		
Y5 Holy Week Performance, School Hall – All welcome	9:05am	9:20am
ARTIS performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Y1/Y2 Stay and Read	3:00pm	
Thursday 2nd April		
Y6 Holy Week Performance, School Hall – All welcome	9:05am	9:20am
Rock Steady Concert	2pm	
School closes for Easter Break – No school on Friday	3:25pm	
Monday 20th April		
School reopens	8:55am	
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm

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

Father David and St. Vincent's Church

WALKING WITH JESUS: The Knutsford churches are planning a walk of witness through the town on Good Friday, 3rd April beginning here (St Vincent's Church) at 11.45am and finishing at St Cross. Along the way we will commemorate the events of Jesus's final journey to Calvary with the dramatization of his Crucifixion on the Moor.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will follow 9.30am Mass each Wednesday during Lent.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Saturdays from 11.30am to 12 Noon.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

HOLY THURSDAY: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm

GOOD FRIDAY: Passion of the Lord at 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY: Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter at 8pm

EASTER SUNDAY: Masses at 9am and 11am