

Focus on ... Year 5

This week, Year 5 have continued their exciting learning across the curriculum. In English, we have been learning how to write persuasively to convince a thief to change their ways and do something positive for society. We began by getting into freeze frames and thoroughly enjoyed role-playing different characters to explore their thoughts and feelings.

In RE, we have been learning about the Holy Spirit and how Pentecost links to the sacrament of Confirmation. In RSHE, we impressed Mrs O'Keefe when we learned how to put a casualty into the recovery position, demonstrating maturity and a strong sense of responsibility.

In Science, we have started learning about animal life cycles, while in History we are continuing our learning about the Maya civilisation. We are very excited that Dr Diane, who visited us last week, has chosen us to read her book and review it ahead of its publication in September this year!

The children have shown enthusiasm and engagement in all areas of their learning this week, and we are very proud of their efforts. Well done, 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

Our focus this half term is **Stewardship (Caring for God's gifts)**. This means we are guardians of God's creation, living sustainably and enhancing the wellbeing of our planet. In our world today, let us think about how we can make a difference...



'Our love should not be just words and talk; it must be

true love, which shows itself in action.'

John 3:18

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: Service	Conduct & Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Almar	Theo	Noah – for a fantastic attitude to his rainbow challenges this week
Year 1	Ethan	Heidi	Marcus – for working hard on his reading comprehension and writing
Year 2	Anton	Thomas	Aiden – for amazing Maths – particularly fractions
Year 3	Florence H	Narla	Florence O'K – for showing bravery and resilience after breaking her collar bone and still smiling
Year 4	George	Rose	All of Year 4 – for amazing behaviour and resilience at Petty Pool
Year 5	Zara	Harryett	Matthew – for his thoughtful questions during RE lessons
Year 6	Amelia	Edward C	Mark – for putting his hands up much more in lessons

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderfully busy week it has been in school. We have been especially fortunate with the weather, which made our Year 4 residential to Petty Pool even more memorable for the children. Thank you to Mrs Davies, Mrs Beaver, Mrs Brown and Miss Hughes for giving up their time to enable this residential to happen.

I am hoping the sunshine continues into the weekend as we look forward to one of Knutsford's most treasured traditions – the Royal May Day parade. May Day has always held a very special place in my heart. Over the past twenty years, both my children, John and Lily proudly took part many times while they were pupils here at St Vincent's. John appeared as a best man, a guard, a rugby player and even a cowboy, while Lily was a bridesmaid, a whole variety of flowers, one of Henry VIII's wives, Rule Britannia and countless other characters. Each year brought something new, and the memories we made as a family are ones I will always cherish. Knutsford is truly blessed with such a unique and joyful celebration. Whether your child is in the parade or you are simply watching and cheering from the crowd, I hope you enjoy every moment of this very special day.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend filled with family, friends, sunshine and happy memories.

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School

Y6 Stockport Air Raid Shelters

On Tuesday, Year 6 stepped back to 1939 as they arrived dressed as evacuees and explored the Stockport Air Raid Shelters and Museum. As well as walking through the two miles of tunnels beneath the town centre, the children also tried their hand at household chores from the 1930s and 40s — including laundry, carpet beating and ironing — with some proving more skilled than others. It was a memorable day that brought their World War Two learning to life.



"I really enjoyed dressing up as evacuees for the trip."
- Sadie

"My favourite part was the cleaning and the housework"
- Evie



"My favourite part was trying on different clothes and trying on the gas masks."
- Jane

"It really felt like the 1940s"
- Edward W



Year 4's Residential at Petty Pool

We set off on our residential adventure buzzing with excitement and just a little bit of nervous energy. Over the course of the trip, the children quickly settled into a happy routine of eating well and sleeping well, which gave them the energy they needed to make the most of each day. By the end of the first night, we all settled down to sleep ready for the adventures of the next day.

Throughout the residential, the children showed fantastic teamwork and growing resilience. Whether they were tackling outdoor activities, solving group challenges, or encouraging one another to keep going, they demonstrated a real sense of unity. Many stepped outside their comfort zones and tried completely new experiences—from canoeing to high ropes and climbing wall tasks—discovering strengths they didn't know they had. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they supported each other, bounced back from difficulties, and celebrated every success together.

We were all incredibly proud of each and every one of them – they were a credit to us all.



Netball match: St Vincent's vs Manor Park

Yesterday, our netball team played a brilliant game against Manor Park. It took great communication and teamwork to get such a good win: 16-0! The goals we scored were fantastic shots and we were helped by great defence. Well done everyone – especially our new faces – who represented the school phenomenally!

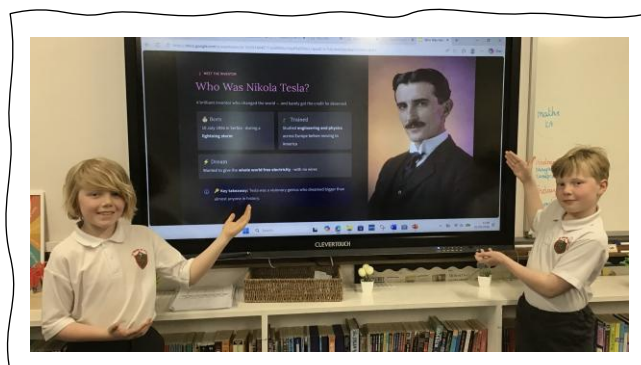
– Sadie and Jane (Y6)

Sword Fencing Demonstration and Afterschool Club

The children were very excited to attend a **Sword Fencing demonstration** earlier this week. We are pleased to share that a **Sword Fencing Afterschool Club** will begin on **Tuesday 9th June**. Places are limited to **28 children** and will be allocated on a **first come, first served basis**.

Science Ambassadors

Two of our Science Ambassadors confidently led an assembly presentation this week, sharing what they had learned about Nikola Tesla and inspiring the whole school with their enthusiasm for scientific discovery.



Class Photographs – Tuesday 5th May

Class photos will be taken on **Tuesday 5th May**. These will be available to purchase from our school photography provider, **Tempest**.

Please ensure children come to school looking smart and wearing the **correct school uniform**. See the attached document for further details.

Football match: St Vincent's vs Manor Park

We are delighted to share that St Vincent's made a fantastic start to the Spring League with a confident win against Manor Park Primary School, with goals from Daniel (3), Milan (1), Theo (2), Thomas (2), Thomas C (3) and Max (1). A special mention goes to our goalkeeper Max for keeping a clean sheet, supported by Joe who stepped in during the final third to help maintain it. It was a brilliant all-round team performance and we are very proud of everyone as we move on to the next round.



St Vincent's Pre-school – Open Afternoon

We are delighted to invite families to our **Open Afternoon on Wednesday 8th July, from 1.30pm to 3.00pm**. If you have a child who would be due to start with us **before September 2027**, we warmly welcome you to join us for an afternoon of fun, exploration and a chance to see our nurturing environment in action. Whether you are looking for the perfect start to your child's early education or are simply curious about what we offer, we would love to meet you.

Please note that **spaces are limited** due to the number of children already on our waiting list.

Booking is advised, but **walk-ins are very welcome**.

Holidays during term time and absence requests

Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless exceptional circumstances are clearly demonstrated. Please see this policy on our website for further details. Please can you ensure that any absence requests (when possible) are put in writing to Miss Groarke at least 4 weeks before the intended dates of absence. **Please note** Cheshire East Local Authority have informed all schools that Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued to parents who take their children out of school without authorisation. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.



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

[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.

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	24	16	18

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

Attendance

Reception	97.9%	Year 4	97.3%
Year 1	98%	Year 5	92.2%
Year 2	99.1%	Year 6	98.7%
Year 3	97.9%		

WELL DONE YEAR 2 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Whole School Attendance for this week – 97.3%

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO IS	LOOK WHO IS
6	11
Sofia	Alice

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 4th May		
BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	ALL	DAY
Tuesday 5th May		
Class Photos	AM	
Y4 Clarinet Lesson - Love Music Trust		PM
Wednesday 6th May		
Whole school Mass – everyone welcome	9:15am	
ARTIS Performing Arts Workshops	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Thursday 7th May		
Y3 Fox Howl Residential	ALL	DAY
Rock Steady	ALL	DAY
Friday 8th May		
Y3 Fox Howl Residential	ALL	DAY
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	3:30pm	4:30pm